

Music development plan summary: St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary Academy

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Sarah Sweeney-McGinty
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Sarah sweeney-McGinty
Name of local music hub	Our Lady of Lourdes Trust Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	OLOL Trust Music Service

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum music

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

- Our school music curriculum is informed by the national curriculum. We follow the Our Lady of Lourdes Trust Music Service model curriculum, and this is well established in our school.
- We work in partnership with the Our Lady of Lourdes Trust Music Service who provide 1 hour a week whole class teaching of our music curriculum.
- Pupils have the opportunity to learn to sing and play an instrument during lessons as the curriculum from Year 1 to Year 6 includes whole class ensemble. Instruments taught in our curriculum are voice, glockenspiels, recorder, toot and trumpet.
- Music lessons take place weekly for each class.
- Additional to our formal lessons, we have a weekly singing assembly in which the pupils are taught musical concepts, musical vocabulary and the importance of performance skills in music.

Part B: Co-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

- The Our Lady of Lourdes Trust Music Service provide individual music lessons, paid for by parents, for those pupils who wish to develop their musical talent further. Lessons are available on percussion, woodwind, brass, string and piano/keyboard. If it became appropriate, the Trust Music Service would support pupils through their grade exams.
- Our school choir consists of pupils from Key Stage 1 and 2. The choir meets weekly to learn new songs, practice their performance skills and prepare for the termly concerts throughout the year.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

Musical events and performances – At St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary Academy, children will have a wide variety of opportunities to take part in musical performances and experience music beyond the classroom.

- Children will have the opportunity to sing weekly in our singing liturgy and in Celebration of the Word.
- We sing regularly at Church during Masses.
- All pupils are invited to sing at our parish Carol Concert.
- Children take part in a Nativity play in Nursery and KS1, First Holy Communion in Year 3, an Easter play in 4 and 5 and an end of year music production in Year 6.
- Our Year 6 pupils record one song each year, where children can experience recording music using specialist recording equipment.
- At the end of each half term, children will have the opportunity to perform in class the music they have been working on.
- At the end of our academic year, a special music concert is held to showcase the music and singing that has taken place throughout the year. With every year group from Nursery to Year 6 involved, and all parents and wider community invited, it is a great opportunity to showcase our wonderful music throughout our school.
- We ensure that performance and workshops are planned into our enrichment offer where possible. Previous performances and workshops in school have included; our Trust music specialists and an RAF Band.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

- We will also draw upon our partnership with the Our Lady of Lourdes Trust Music Service to support musical experience in our school.
- We will seek further opportunities for our pupils to experience music outside of our school and trust community such as; attending theatre events, concerts and workshops that further enhance our pupils' cultural capital.

Further information (optional)

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Our local [music hub](#) have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 – [Nottingham City Music Hub](#).

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy [Trust Music Service](#) have further information on their website regarding their offer and development plan.