

Music Development Plan Summary

St Mary's Catholic Primary

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Sarah Hayes
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Nottingham City Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Our Lady of Lourdes Music Service

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-curricular music and musical events and performances – as well as 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.

Curriculum Music

This section 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.

- The Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL) Music service provide and teach our music curriculum from Foundation 2 (F2) through to Y6 which is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021). In Foundation 1 (F1), our music coordinator teaches our music curriculum which is informed by Musical Development Matters in the Early Years and has been specifically designed to lay the foundations for the teaching of music in the subsequent year groups. In addition, all year groups have paired class singing lessons which are provided by an independent music specialist.

- Children in all year groups have opportunities to sing and play an instrument during lesson times on a weekly basis.

In F1, our music coordinator teaches music during a 20-minute weekly session. They also sing songs and rhymes on a daily basis and have an 'Interactive Music' intervention for our very youngest children and for children who need targeted support. In addition F1 and F2 have a 20 minute weekly paired singing session led by our independent music specialist.

In F2 and KS1, our music specialists from the OLOL music service teach music during a 30-minute weekly session. KS1 also have a 30 minute weekly paired singing session led by our independent music specialist.

In KS2, our music specialists from the OLOL music service teach music during a 1-hour weekly session. In addition, they also have paired class singing sessions, in half termly blocks of time, with our independent music specialist.

- All children have the opportunity to sing and play an instrument through whole class ensemble teaching.

In the Early Years children begin by exploring a wide range of percussion instruments, including djembes.

Building on from this, KS1 are then introduced to glockenspiels, followed by the introduction of recorders and ukuleles in Lower KS2 and boom whackers, guitars, toots, trumpets and flutes in Upper KS2.

We work hard at increasing access for disabled pupils, supporting pupils with special educational needs (SEND) and with English as an Additional Language (EAL). We think carefully about the strategies we can use to scaffold learning to support learners with additional needs and have devised a summary of the strategies we can utilise as required – [Music: Scaffolding SEND Support](#)

and [Music Scaffolding EAL Support](#)

- At St Mary's, we work in partnership with the OLOL Music Service, which is part of Academy Trust. They teach our curriculum music, thus ensuring progression and continuity across the school. We also work in partnership with an independent music specialist who excels at implementing a high-quality music curriculum based specifically on singing – he teaches singing in paired classes and in addition does whole school singing. Additionally, we work closely with the Nottingham Music Hub, attending training based on implementing high-quality music curriculum provision and accessing co-curricular provision and musical experiences provided by their Music Service.

Extra-curricular music

This section is about opportunities at St Mary's 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.

- At St Mary's we provide instrumental lessons for Y5 and 6 children who would like to progress further with a chosen instrument – they can choose from a stringed instrument (guitar), a woodwind instrument (flute) and a brass instrument (trumpet). We offer these lessons at a reduced cost of £37.50 per term for small group tuition and at a subsidised rate of £27.50 per term for children who are eligible for pupil premium which is collected at the beginning of each term. Our children work towards both Grade 1 and can progress to work towards Grade 2 standard.
- We have a number of musical groups that children can be involved in:

All children in Foundation, KS1 and KS2 take part in the Whole School Singing Assemblies which takes place on a weekly basis and is led by our independent music specialist.

In KS1, we have 'Playground Buddies' from Y5 who support our younger children with playing games at break times. This role includes teaching and supporting children with 'Singing Playground' games – the buddies are supported by our music coordinator who teaches and offers new singing game ideas.

In KS2 we have a lunchtime choir which meets on a weekly basis to sing a wide range of songs, including songs which they then lead in assembly. This ensemble is run by our independent music specialist and a musically experienced Teaching Assistant. We also have a lunchtime band which meets on a weekly basis to learn and practise new pieces of music that are then performed at the end of each term. This ensemble is run by the OLOL Music Service teachers. These extra-curricular activities are open to all KS2 children who wish to participate and are free.

Our Y5 and 6 children also have the opportunity to join the Local Area Band which is an ensemble run by the Nottingham Music Hub as an after-school activity. Our music coordinator takes the children to the weekly rehearsal and termly concerts. This activity has a yearly charge of £25 which is charged by the Nottingham Music Hub.

We also sign post our children (age 8+) to the various ensembles run by the Nottingham Music Hub. The Nottingham Music Hub charges a yearly rate of £54 for all Nottingham City residents and a reduced rate of £15 for families who meet a specified criterion or are facing financial difficulties.

All children who wish to join an instrumental ensemble, as well as all our Y5 children, are able to take an instrument home from school in order to practise. A £10 deposit is taken at the beginning of the year and then refunded once the instrument is returned at the end of the year in a serviceable condition.

- We have an area in school, called the 'Rainbow Room' where children can rehearse or practice individually or in groups if requested. The area has a keyboard, as well access to a wide range of instruments.

Musical events and performances

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.

Planned musical experiences:

- OLOL Music Festival – our school choir and others from across the Trust join together to perform as individual choirs and as a collaborative group. This event is free.
- Performance by the Trinity School Ensemble – the children listen to the performance as an audience. Whole School Event.
- Termly Music Assembly – each class performs a vocal or instrumental piece, showcasing part of their learning from the past term. The lunchtime choir and lunchtime band also perform.
- Nottingham Music Hub Termly Concerts – Children who attend the Local Area Band and our KS2 Choir can take part in these concerts that bring together young musicians across the City to perform together. These concerts are free.
- St Mary's Church Mass at school or at the church – Individual classes, specific Key Stages or whole school. Children join sing taught songs as part of the Mass.
- Foundation Christmas Nativity, KS1 Christmas Nativity and KS2 Christmas Carol concert – performed to an audience of parents and carers. Performances include vocal and instrumental elements, as well as drama and dancing.

- Singing in the community – Some of our KS2 children do a Christmas performance for the residents at the local care home or perform outside ASDA
- The Great Orchestra Experiment – The Y4 children take part in this yearly event. Before the event, the children learn a piece of music in class and are visited by a musician from the orchestra. At the event, the children take part in playing and singing in a collaborative performance and also listen to the orchestra play. There is a charge of £2.50 for this event.
- Y3 and 4 Easter Show – performed to an audience of parents and carers. Performances include vocal and instrumental elements, as well as drama and dancing.
- Music Specialist Assemblies – Our 3 music specialists each take to the stage at different times of the year and perform pieces of music for the children to listen to as an audience. These are whole school events.
- Cultural Diversity Day
 - our parents can offer to perform as a group/individually to perform music intrinsic to their culture. Last year parents from the Eritrean community gave us a vocal performance. This is a whole school event.
 - Each class joins together and shares an activity they have been engaged in that day, including vocal and instrumental performances.

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- Y5 and 6 End of Year Show - performed to an audience of parents and carers. Performances include vocal and instrumental elements, as well as drama and dancing.

In the future

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

- Increase the number of children accessing instrumental tuition in Y5 and 6 by offering 3 instruments – Advent Term 2024
 - Gauge initial interest – Pentecost Term 2024
 - Reflect on the success of the instrumental tuition, including pupil voice – Early Pentecost Term 2025
 - Consider offering instrumental tuition in lower KS2, including gauging interest – Pentecost Term 2025
- Introduce an instrumental lesson ‘initial reduced rate’ per term for small group tuition and then a ‘subsidised rate’ per term for children who are eligible for pupil premium – Advent Term 2024
- Broaden the range of music experienced by the children

- reach out to parents and carers for ideas linked to musicians/composers who reflect the music linked to their family's cultural identity - Pentecost Term 2024
- introduce a Musician/Composer of the half term – Lent Term 2025
- encourage parents from a range of different cultures to perform out our Cultural Diversity Day – Pentecost Term 2025
- Pupil Voice to find out about the music they enjoyed listening to in the Academic Year 2024-25 – Pentecost Term 2025
- Train our 'playground buddies' to use 'singing playground' songs with the younger children at break times – Lent Term 2025
- Introduce to and support our music staff with the EAL and SEND scaffolding support strategies crib sheets, to ensure that provision for our most vulnerable is of high quality
- Continue to increase in the number of opportunities to listen to live performances
 - Invite an ensemble from one of the Secondary Schools in our Trust/Trust music teachers to perform in an assembly – Advent 2024

Links to our local music hub partners, other local music education organisations and contacts

- The Department for Education offers a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music, and where they can go to for support beyond the school
- Our Lady of Lourdes Music Service provides information for parents about how young people can get involved in music through the Our Lady of Lourdes Trust: ololmusic.co.uk
- The Nottingham Music Hub website provides information on how parents and young people can get involved in music in Nottingham City: <https://www.nottinghammusichub.org.uk/>
- The Arts Council offers information relating to all local music hubs: [music hub](#)