

# Music development plan summary: St Augustine's Catholic Nursery and Primary Academy

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	<b>2025-26</b>
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Name of the school music lead	<b>Mrs Frances Moore</b>
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	<b>Liam Sweeney</b>
Name of local music hub	<b>NA</b>
Name of other music education organisation (s) (if partnership in place)	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust Music Provision</b>

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.

Music is taught weekly in every class, following the Our Lady of Lourdes MAT music curriculum. Each lesson lasts a minimum of 40 minutes and is delivered by a music specialist, with support from the class teacher, who uses the sessions as an opportunity to deepen their own subject knowledge. This core provision is enriched through weekly singing assemblies for each key stage (20 minutes), as well as a dedicated 30-minute session as part of the Nottingham Cathedral Singing Project for pupils in Years 4 and 5.

## Part B: Extra-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.

St Augustine's Catholic Nursery and Primary Academy, we currently offer two after-school enrichment clubs, both led by staff members: Choir Club and Musical Theatre Club. We are proud to have a thriving Key Stage 2 Choir, with all ensembles meeting weekly and led by musically skilled staff from within our team. In addition, our whole-school choir meets each week to rehearse hymns, supporting and enriching our Catholic Life and Mission. Individual and small group instrumental lessons are available and typically funded by parents. However, for children eligible for Pupil Premium, these lessons can be fully funded through the school's Pupil Premium allocation. All ensembles are free of charge and open to all pupils in Key Stage 2, ensuring that musical opportunities are inclusive and accessible to all.

## Part C: Musical events

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.

Our school offers a wide range of musical experiences that enrich pupils' learning and contribute to both our school community and the wider local community. These include:

- Cathedral Singing Programme – Pupils in Years 4 and 5 take part in this specialist programme led by the Nottingham Cathedral team.
- Boogie Beats and drumming workshops – Engaging rhythm-based sessions that support musical development across key stages.
- Weekly hymn practice and school choir – All pupils participate in regular hymn singing as part of our Catholic Life and Mission. Our Key Stage 2 Choir also rehearses weekly.
- Performances and concerts:
  - Christmas Concert featuring the school choir and Musical Theatre Club
  - Seasons of Love Concert showcasing soloists, ensembles, and group performances
  - End-of-Year Show performed by Year 6 pupils, including musical numbers and drama
- Community engagement:
  - Performances for Nottingham Hospice, including special visits from the school choir
  - Appearances on BBC Radio Nottingham, where pupils have shared their singing talents with the wider community
- Mass participation – Pupils sing during school and parish Masses, developing confidence and reverence through sacred music.
- Musical Theatre Club – Pupils enjoy acting, singing, and dancing as they prepare for seasonal performances.
- SEND-inclusive music provision – Use of sensory instruments (such as Rainbow Stripes) and adapted musical activities ensures full participation and enjoyment for all learners.

## In the future

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

Looking ahead, our Music Development Plan sets out the following priorities for future improvement and growth:

- Expand the range of instruments available for small group and individual tuition.
- Introduce a structured music scheme to ensure consistency and clear progression from EYFS through to Year 6.
- Implement additional whole-class ensemble projects led by a music specialist.
- Increase opportunities for pupils to perform throughout the school year.
- Strengthen engagement in extra-curricular music activities, with a focus on encouraging participation from Pupil Premium and SEND pupils.
- Establish a dedicated music teaching space to support both ensemble rehearsals and curriculum delivery.