

Music development plan summary: *St Teresa's Catholic Primary School*

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 – 2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Irene James
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Simon Dickie
Name of local music hub	Our Lady of Lourdes Trust Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Street Dance OLoL CMAT Music School Rockin' Robins Nottingham Music Tuition Guidad – Choral Speaking

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.

At St Teresa's, our music curriculum is informed by the National Curriculum. All year groups follow the Model Music Curriculum to develop a love and engagement with music.

In EYFS, music is delivered through holistic practice as an integral part of early development and engagement, sharing a love of music early on. The children access

the music curriculum through listening and singing a range of nursery rhymes and engaging with sound and music in a variety of ways throughout each school day.

In KS1, pupils follow the music scheme Cheranga, which is delivered weekly, teaching pupils some early music theory as well as progressing to provide opportunities to listen to, play and compose using percussion instruments throughout the year.

We follow the Our Lady of Lourdes Trust Music Service model curriculum in Key Stage 2, who provide an hour a week whole class teaching of our music curriculum. We also work in partnership with Peter Davies from St Mary's Church in Nottingham, who leads Years 3 and 4 in singing lessons each week, supporting the teaching of their music curriculum.

All pupils learn to sing and play an instrument during weekly music lessons. Instruments taught in our curriculum are voice, glockenspiels, recorder, toots, flutes and trumpets. Across the school, the curriculum is adapted to suit the needs of all pupils.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 are supported by a spoken language and drama specialist to develop 'Choral Speaking' through whole class teaching. This allows children to learn spoken performance pieces and develop their skills of musicianship, composition and performance.

Regular hymn practices are held to come together as a school and enjoy singing songs linked to our religion. Whole school singing occurs at times of celebration, including mass, liturgies and Christmas celebrations.

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. When it becomes appropriate the Trust Music Service supports pupils through their grade exams.

Our termly listening and appraising curriculum is planned to expose children to a wide range of genres, musicians, historical periods, music from different cultures and locations around the world and instruments. Every week a theme/musical piece is

shared and discussed across the whole school, giving the pupils a chance to appreciate and comment on what they have heard. Where appropriate, themes link with key dates, events, celebrations throughout the year. A particular focus is put on celebrating the music of countries that pupils or their families might have links to.

Our school choir consists of pupils from Upper Key Stage 2. The choir meets weekly to learn new songs, practice their performance skills and prepare for a range of events throughout the year.

Pupils across Key Stage 2 are invited to join Street Dance, meeting weekly to learn a range of dances. These lessons support pupils with their understanding of rhythm, pulse and musicianship.

Rockin' Robins deliver Stick Fit lessons to pupils to develop an understanding of rhythm and beat as well as a high energy method of engagement with music.

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. At St Teresa's Catholic Primary School, children have a wide variety of opportunities to take part in musical performances and experiences beyond the classroom.

These include:

- Participating in class Christmas Assemblies (Whole School)
- Participating in class termly Choral Speaking Assemblies (Whole School)
- Participating in St Mary's church choir lead by Peter Davies (Years 3 and 4)
- Participating in termly singing concert for parents lead by Peter Davies (Years 3 and 4)
- Participating in termly recorder concert lead by Music Trust Service recorder teacher (Years 3 and 4)
- Participating in dance performances led by Street Dance (Years 3, 5 and 6)
- Participating in a violin recital across Key Stage 2 led by Trust Music Service (Key Stage 2)
- Participating in Year 6 end of year production
- Participating in end of year Music Festival for parents with range of acts from across the whole school. This is a show case across the year groups of the musical talents of our pupils and the learning that has taken place throughout the year.
- Participating in Young Voices 2026 (Years 5 and 6 choir)
- Participating in Year 5 and 6 school choir, performing regularly to school community e.g. summer fayre, assemblies and liturgical prayer.
- Participating in whole school masses/liturgies/celebrations to sing together, learning a love and enjoyment of music.
- Attending a live music 'festival' through 'St Teresa's Music Fest', where professional musicians are invited to come and perform to the whole school. This includes a range of instruments and music genres (opera, saxophone, drums, guitar).
- Attending a Christmas Pantomime (whole school)
- Attending Young voices (Year 5/6 choir) – experience of professional artists singing and dancing on stage in a large arena.

Any school performances are free of charge for parents and our school community to ensure there are no barriers to attending.

In the future

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

- We will continue to have our Summer Festival, both inviting professional performers into school **and** performing for the school community to showcase the musical gifts and talents found in our school.
- We will build further links with Trinity Secondary School, building upon our partnership to support musical experiences in our school.

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 2025 – [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.