Music Development Plan Summary:
St Nicholas CE Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	1st September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Rachel Cunningham
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Rachel Cunningham
Name of local music hub	Sound! Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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 curriculum for music for each year group can be found online: https://stnicholasprimary-org.stackstaging.com/curric-overview/

We use Get Set 4 Music as our scheme of work: https://music.getset4education.co.uk/?publicaccesstoken=fe0G5E72Q%2bmX9HnJIAi6hD6EZLvIWHfbJanXsWdZ2ZQ%3d

Get Set 4 Music is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3.

Music lessons are inclusive and children with disabilities and special educational needs are encouraged to participate fully. We use a wide variety of adaptive teaching strategies to ensure all children make as much progress as possible.

We allocate 30-45 minutes weekly for curriculum music with an additional 20-30 minutes taught singing and hymn practice in our Christian school.

Opportunities pupils have to learn to sing or play an instrument during lesson time include whole-class brass ensemble teaching in Year 5 and guitar in Years 5 and 6. Children who enjoy learning a brass instrument in Year 5 are also invited to continue their studies during a lunchtime in Year 6. Glockenspiels and un-tuned percussion instruments are also used during curriculum time.

Our school works with the Sound! Music Hub to support curriculum music. We access a range of musical activities such as performances for year group choirs, singing playgrounds and access to Sefton orchestras where pupils can join with others from different schools to play.

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.

Our school offers opportunities outside of what is taught in lesson time, including small-group and large-group tuition for instruments and voice. Opportunities pupils have to learn to sing or play an instrument during lesson time include whole-class brass ensemble teaching in Year 5 and guitar in Years 5 and 6. Children who enjoy learning a brass instrument in Year 5 are also invited to continue their studies during a lunchtime in Year 6. We also offer 20-30 minutes taught singing and hymn practice in our Christian school.

Whole class brass tuition and instrument hire are free. Guitar lessons are paid for by parents (see Charging and Remissions Policy which is available on the Parents Information section of our website).

We love to sing in our school and opportunities include Christmas and end of year productions where every child has the opportunity to take part.

Our choir meets weekly for rehearsals and performs regularly, for example in church services, at Christmas at local community events and at the Summer Fair in the Summer term.

Our school partners with the Sound! Music Hub to support co-curricular 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.

A variety of musical experiences are planned for the academic year, including regular events such as singing in assembly, musical performances at Christmas and during class worship, concerts and shows at the school, and trips to concerts, for example Liverpool's Philharmonic Hall outside of the school.

The choir auditioned and were chosen to sing at the Scouse vision in the M&S Arena in Liverpool. The children have also had the opportunity to perform at a variety of venues such as The Atkinson Theatre and Liverpool Convention Centre.

Every child has the opportunity to participate in musical performances, concerts and shows in school, all year groups participate in Christmas plays and class worships. EYFS and Key Stage 1 participate during an orchestral performance at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall. Year 5 play their brass instruments in a performance at the end of the year. Year 6 perform a show at the end of their time in our school which includes plenty of musical numbers.

In the future

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

We are working to ensure that staff are well-equipped to carry out robust checks on learning in music so that they provide pupils with effective help and support that is appropriate to their needs.

We would like to develop the way in which we assess music throughout the school.