

Music development plan summary: St Alphonsus RC Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Miss Nicola Rooney
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	GM hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

For our music curriculum we use the principles from MMC (March 2021) of singing, listening, composing and performing.

This is planned across all key stages to give the children a variety of opportunities, a range of music genres and the chance to perform to an audience.

Music is planned across each term with a specific theme with a specific focus on singing, listening, composing or performing. A range of composers are highlighted across the year groups to showcase different music styles.

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.

15 of our children have clarinet lessons.

We currently offer guitar, flute and recorder lessons on a 1:1 or small group basis.

Part C: Musical experiences and 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 children participate in class assemblies, Christmas assemblies, and instrument assemblies in order to perform to an audience.

The children watch and participate in an annual Christmas pantomime.

Key Stage children link with our local Ascension Church to participate in workshops led by the Royal College of Music.

In the future

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

- We aim to continue our extra-curricular music experiences of guitar, flute and recorder.
- We will offer in 25/26, 15 of our Y4 children the opportunity to learn the clarinet which will continue throughout Key Stage 2.
- We will audit our current list of music that the children listen and respond to so there is more variety in the genre.
- Continue to develop the Key Stage choir