# Music development plan summary: *St. Austin’s Roman Catholic Primary School*

## Overview

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| Detail | Information |
| Academic year that this summary covers | 2025-2026 |
| Date this summary was published | June 2025 |
| Date this summary will be reviewed | July 2026 |
| Name of the school music lead | Mrs. Johns |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | Not Applicable |
| Name of local music hub | St. Helens Music Service |
| 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.

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| At St. Austin’s RC Primary music is taught in class every week from Reception to Year 6. Lessons are an hour and are taught by class teacher, with TA support to support SEND children to be inclusive taught within the lessons. It also fully embraces the model music curriculum (March 2021).  Teaching is taught from a specialist planned scheme of work on Charanga which fully covers expectations of the EYFS and National Curriculum. The children follow a progressive and consistent curriculum learning about notation and learning to play musical instruments such as the glockenspiel, the recorder etc. The musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing assemblies in each key stage. Every year group from Nursery to year 6 are given opportunities to perform for to parents throughout their academic year, including Easter assembly performances, Year 6 end of year show, choir performances and Nativity.  We have a school choir who performs both inside and outside of school, led by a class teacher. KS1 and KS2 are invited to join the choir, and it is well attended. |

## 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.

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| At St. Austin’s RC Primary School, we currently offer individual and small-group lessons on violin from St. Helen’s Music Service. Teachers visit the school and teach children in a quiet practise room. The children are given opportunity to take part in St. Helen’s Music Service performances. We have a thriving School Choir which meet weekly and is free and accessible to children and are provided by staff. Children can have parent funded, private tuition for singing and guitar.  The children are given the opportunity to perform at a variety of occasions, within services at St Austin’s Church, community performances, and at our school events. We work closely with St. Helen’s Music Service, to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children. If you have an enquiry regarding instrumental lessons on offer, please visit our school Office or email Enquiries [staustinrc@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:staustinrc@sthelens.org.uk) |

## 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.

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| Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:  • The School Choir performs in school assemblies throughout the year.   * Easter mass in Church with singing performances from groups and individuals.   • All children in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 perform at Christmas Performances.  • All children in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 perform at Easter Performances.  • All children in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Mother’s Day Assembly for Mothers in School.  • Year 6 perform an end of year performance both in school at Highfield St Matthews and for parents and carers.  • The School Choir performs in two local care homes   * Whole School watched musical performance of Pinocchio. * Song Fest in school performances for school and parents to attend. Journey of the Seasons July 2025. |

## In the future

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

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| Use this space to include any information on any improvements you plan to make for subsequent years in curriculum music, co-curricular music or musical experiences, including when you plan to introduce changes.  Also consider including:   * Further develop opportunities for children to listen to Live music, such as Music Live on Youtube and visits and visitors. * Increase the CPD opportunities for staff in music. * Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children. * Further develop CPD opportunities through the Music Hub for St. Helens. * Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children. * Introduction of further whole-class/ small groups and individual projects, such as St. Austin’s got talent or similar events. |