

Music development plan summary: North Clifton Primary

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	January 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	January 2026
Name of the school music lead	Ilona Sanderson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Lincolnshire/Nottinghamshire
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.

To read in more detail about the provision of music at North Clifton Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page [Curriculum | NCPS](#)

Music is taught in class every week and is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021). Lessons are a minimum of 40 minutes and are taught by class teachers or a music specialist. Teaching is supported by specialist planning, and the Kapow curriculum scheme of work.

Children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 learn an instrument as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialists from Nottinghamshire Music service. In the academic year 2024/2025, children will be learning the Toot (a beginner wind instrument)

In the Early Years and KS1, music is incorporated consistently into daily routines and is used to enhance teaching of the core and wider curriculum.

At North Clifton Primary School, we teach the National Curriculum and have adopted the Kapow scheme of work which takes a holistic approach to music, where the individual strands are woven together to create engaging and enriching learning experiences:

- Performing
- Listening
- Composing
- The history of music
- The inter-related dimensions of music (pitch, duration, tempo, timbre, structure, texture, dynamics)

When using the scheme and its progressive week-by-week lessons, we are guaranteeing to be meeting all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum and progress is evident through observations, floor books and our progression documents. Discussions with children have demonstrated an increasing knowledge of key music vocabulary being recalled. Observations have shown all pupils engaged and active during the lessons, including SEND. We have a wide range of instruments that can be used in the lessons and our curriculum. Our music appreciation ensures a variety of music and genres are listened to and discussed. Teachers are confident with musical elements and teaching children how to listen and appreciate a piece of music.

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.

At North Clifton Primary we are fortunate to have many opportunities for the children to develop their music skills.

Children have the opportunity to work with a peripatetic teacher to learn the piano. Details of charges for this can be obtained from the school office.

Throughout the year our children enjoy taking part in the Harvest Festival and also a Christmas production, which take place at the local church. These productions are open to members of the public, as well as family members.

Children have the opportunity to take part in an extra-curricular club for performing arts, run by an external provider, The Enchanted Theatre Company. During the club, they learn skills such as singing and performing. Children enrol for a block of 11 weeks and perform a final production during our celebration assembly.

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.

Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:

- Whole school visit to the Newark Pantomime.
- Whole school visit to Newstead Abbey (with a musical workshop)
- Whole school performing at Saint George the Martyr Church-Harvest Festival.
- Whole school performing at Saint George the Martyr Church- Nativity
- Celebration assembly – Enchanted Theatre group performance
- Celebration assemblies throughout the year

In the future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons.
- Introduction of further whole-class ensemble projects delivered by a music specialist.
- Further develop performance opportunities for our young musicians throughout the school year.
- Develop a dedicated music teaching space for use by ensembles and class curriculum lessons.