

Music development plan summary: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Primary School

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Emma Beckett
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Sue Williams (Chair of Governors)
Name of local music hub	Halton Music 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.

To read more about the provision of music in Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Primary School please visit our music curriculum page:

<https://www.olpsprimary.co.uk/website/music/561709>

Our school uses the National Curriculum descriptors for music as the basis for its curriculum planning. We have adapted the national scheme so that the topics that the children study in music builds upon prior learning.

Through our bespoke Music curriculum, which uses strands of Charanga, children across all stages in our school have opportunities to sing and play a range of instruments. These are embedded within a range of historical periods, genres and cultures.

In EYFS, we relate the musical aspects of the children's work to the objectives set out in the Early Learning Goals (ELGs). Children have opportunities to perform counting songs, as well as songs from different cultures.

In KS1, children focus on recall and remembering short songs and sequences and patterns of sounds. Children develop their early knowledge and understanding of musical instruments by using a variety of percussion instruments, exploring their unique sounds.

In KS2, children use their knowledge of rhythm and pulse to create and perform short musical pieces and songs, in small groups or as a larger ensemble. Children incorporate musical instruments into their performance by making appropriate choices to enhance their pieces.

The school uses their link with Halton Music Hub to enhance the curriculum through a wide range of additional music opportunities, which further develop their understanding of music within a variety cultures and genres.

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.

In addition to the delivery of the Music curriculum, Our Lady's offer a range of extra-curricular opportunities.

Children within Year 6 are offered small group (groups of 3 or 4) music tuition for guitar. These sessions are on a weekly basis in the summer term.

During the Autumn and Spring terms children can join the Our Lady's Choir, led by the Music lead. The choir have made strong community links with the local care home which enable the school to perform to larger audiences during the festive period. They also sing at the Christmas Bingo again performing to a large audience.

The choir sing at the Spring Concert at St Peter and Paul's High School performing with schools from across the LA.

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 at Our Lady's take part in a wide variety of musical experiences throughout the academic year.

Children in KS1 will take part and perform a nativity in the lead up to Christmas. As well as this, the annual Christmas Carol Service provides an opportunity for the whole of the school to join and create a large ensemble celebrating Advent. This is done in collaboration with the Knights Choir which strengthens links within the parish community as well as links across the generations.

Choir club will have opportunities to further strengthen links within the community by performing at local care homes.

Children in the whole school visit the Pantomime Aladdin at the Brindley.

KS2 children will visit the Philharmonic in Liverpool for the World in One City – A musical journey in March 2025

KS1 will visit the Philharmonic for The Bear Hunt Adventure in June 2025.

All children in the Choir from Y1 to Y6 will take part in the annual Spring Celebration at St. Peter and Paul's Catholic College in March, alongside a number of local primary schools in the area.

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 lessons teaching a wider range of instruments for whole class or individual lessons
- Introduction of further whole- class ensemble projects delivered by a music specialist.
- Further develop performance opportunities for our young musicians through the school year.
- Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children.