

Music Development Plan Summary

St Nicolas C of E Academy

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.

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	2027
Name of the school music lead	Mr Martyn Yeo
Name of local music hub	Warwickshire Music Education Hub

Music Curriculum

At St Nicolas, we value Music as an essential part of children's learning experience. Our curriculum enables them to express themselves creatively while also extending their knowledge of the fundamental aspects and rich history of the subject at the same time.

During their musical learning journey, the children are exposed to a range of opportunities to listen, appraise, compose, perform and evaluate their own work and that of others through high quality planning and teaching.

They are also exposed to a range of opportunities to further their knowledge of the interrelated dimensions of Music in increasing depth as they move through the school.

We utilise the multi-award-winning music teaching and learning support tool Charanga to deliver our music curriculum following their new creative music scheme ensuring coverage of all elements of the national curriculum. Each year group has the opportunity to learn a different instrument through whole class teaching.

Music is accessible for all pupils including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Further information can be found here about our music curriculum including our long term plan: <https://www.stnicolas.covmat.org/music/>

Extra-curricular music

We wish to immerse the children in an extensive and diverse range of musical styles, and provide them with exciting musical experiences to continue to engage, challenge and inspire them. The children have access to a wide range of musical instruments to explore and develop skills across the different elements of the subject.

We work alongside Warwickshire County Music to offer one to one and group peripatetic tuition across a range of instruments including guitar, drums, piano, voice and cello outside of music lesson time. This is charged at the rates set by the county with support from school if needed and the instruments are loaned to families during the length of their tuition as part of the service. Children are signposted to further opportunities within the local area through our music hub which are regularly advertised through our newsletter and social media.

We currently offer a weekly key stage 2 after school choir, which is open to all pupils and has a nominal fee that is paid for those receiving Pupil Premium funding

Musical experiences

At St Nicolas we aim to promote a love for Music and everything it embodies, in all of our pupils and staff alike.

Each year group has at least three formal opportunities to perform to the school community both within school and at our local church. In addition, we have an annual performance from Warwickshire County Music tuition pupils sharing their developing skills in their musical instrument playing.

There are a variety of performances across the school years including Nativity, Easter and Harvest. This accumulates in an end of year 6 production held at the local Abbey Theatre.

Children also get the chance to be part of the audience for a number of performances including a World Book Day play and the school summer fayre where each year group showcases their talents on our outdoor stage.

Our collective worship regularly includes opportunities for singing and it has been noted in our SIAMs inspection "Singing together in worship is a unifying experience. Adults treasure singing together with the pupils and being part of something bigger."

In the future

To further enhance our music provision, we have highlighted the following three areas to work on together as a school:

- Build confidence of all staff in the teaching of our music curriculum
- Further signpost co-curricular music opportunities for all students
- Create a school instrument ensemble group that performs to the school community

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Information about our local Music Hub can be found here:

<https://www.warwickshiremusichub.org/>