

Music development plan summary: Parochial C of E Primary School. Part of Forward As One CE MAT

Overview 2026-2027

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
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Name of the school music lead	Louise Thompson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Louise Thompson
Name of local music hub	Tameside
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Tameside Music Service

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.

At Parochial, we aim to inspire a love of music in all pupils and develop their talents as musicians. Through our curriculum, we build pupils' self-confidence, creativity, and sense of achievement, ensuring they leave us with a lifelong appreciation for music. Music is taught weekly by Tameside Music Service specialists from Reception to Year 6. The curriculum follows the Model Music Curriculum (2021) and is designed to develop skills in performing, listening, composing, and appraising across a range of musical styles and traditions. Children engage critically with diverse genres and historical periods, including the works of great composers and musicians. In KS2, pupils use 1:1 iPads to support composition, listening, and appraising, reflecting how music is created and shared in the modern world.

In the Early Years, music is taught holistically as part of early development. Reception has a weekly taught session with a Tameside specialist, while Nursery weaves music through its

provision with daily opportunities to sing, explore instruments, and move to music. Music in EYFS builds the early skills that underpin the Model Music Curriculum through Hearing & Listening, Vocalising & Singing, Moving & Dancing, and Exploring & Playing.

All pupils, including those with SEND, access music through adapted approaches using movement, sensory experiences, and technology.

Weekly singing assemblies develop pupils' confidence and enjoyment of performance, while also supporting the school's Christian distinctiveness through hymns linked to the liturgical calendar.

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.

Parochial offers a range of enrichment opportunities that enable pupils to develop their skills and perform to an audience. Current opportunities include:

- School Choir (led by Miss Bright)
- Recorder Club (led by Ms Hill, Tameside Music Service)
- Boom whacker Club (led by Mrs Sells)
- Annual Parochial's Got Talent showcase
- Ocarina club (led by Mrs Evans)
- Weekly Rock Steady band practice and termly concerts.

These opportunities promote teamwork, creativity, and self-belief. Pupils build towards events, developing rehearsal discipline, confidence, and a sense of pride in performance.

We work closely with Tameside 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 the website: <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/instrumentalandvocallessons>

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.

Music is at the heart of the Parochial community. Pupils regularly perform in school and in the wider community, including at St Gabriel's Church for services and Place of Welcome sessions held three times a year. They also take part in the annual Young Voices concert in Manchester

and have performed at Willow Wood Hospice, the Dementia Unit at Tameside Hospital, Parochial's Got Talent and 'A Night at the Musicals' hosted by Tameside Music Service.

All pupils perform publicly at least once a year, whether through class assemblies, church services, or whole-school celebrations such as Christmas, Easter, Harvest, and the Leavers' Service.

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:

We aim to provide all pupils with the opportunities to learn an instrument, sing, perform and explore a wide range of musical styles and cultures. In 'preparing children for the future' we aim to develop opportunities to develop creative thinking through our music provision. We aim to improve this through our work with other schools and within the community.