



# Music development plan summary: Nonsuch Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Page
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Dr Sanders
Name of local music hub	Birmingham Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rock Steady Music School Kapow Primary Curriculum Trinity College

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 Nonsuch Primary School, we believe that music is for everyone. We are proud to offer a rich and inclusive music curriculum and co-curricular programme, aligned with the Model Music Curriculum. As a one-form entry primary in a high-deprivation area,

we are committed to ensuring that all pupils—regardless of background or need—have access to meaningful, high-quality musical experiences.

### **Curriculum Music**

- In EYFS, music is embedded into daily learning and specifically taught through *Expressive Arts and Design*. Children sing, explore sound, and play classroom instruments. Music is supported by the Kapow Primary scheme.
- Pupils in KS1 and KS2 receive at least one hour of curriculum music weekly.
- Lessons follow the Kapow Primary Music Curriculum, which is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (2021), and cover singing, composition, improvisation, listening, and performance. Music lessons incorporate tuned and untuned percussion, emphasising the development of musical vocabulary (e.g. pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre).
- £6,000 investment in 2025 for musical instruments has been used to purchase musical equipment to run alongside the Kapow programme of study
- In Year 4, pupils receive whole-class ukulele tuition, delivered by specialist teachers from Music Service Birmingham.

### **Access and Inclusion:**

- Lessons are adapted to support pupils with SEND, and planning is inclusive of all abilities and learning needs.

## Part B: Music Provision Beyond the Classroom

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.

### **Music Provision Beyond the Classroom:**

Rocksteady Music School runs weekly band lessons during the school day and before school. Pupils choose to learn keyboard, drums, guitar or vocals in small bands.

- Rocksteady lessons are delivered by music professionals and focus on fun, creativity, and confidence-building. Children perform in termly concerts.
- Pupils who take part are eligible for an Ofqual-regulated music qualification, accredited by Trinity College London, based on weekly participation—no written exams required.
- We currently offer musical instruments outside in the playground for pupils to engage with during social time.

### **Charging and Remission**

- Rocksteady does not carry a fee and is provided through the matched bursary programme and the pupil premium funding.
- Instrumental tuition carries a fee, but subsidies and Pupil Premium funding are used where possible to ensure no child misses out due to financial hardship.

- Parents are encouraged to contact the office confidentially for remission enquiries.

### **Choirs, Ensembles and Music Clubs**

- Our KS2 Choir is open to all children in Years 3–6 and rehearses weekly.
- The choir performs in school events and will participate in a major inter-school concert at Newman University Chapel, alongside 10+ local schools, coordinated by local headteachers.

## **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.

### **School Performances and Concerts:**

- All pupils participate in a termly performance, either class-based or whole school (e.g. Harvest Festival, Nativity, Chinese New Year assembly, Easter assembly, Islam assembly, End of Year 6 performance etc).
- Performances are themed and involve singing, instrumental playing and narration.
- Each year group has the opportunity to perform at least once a year, with family and community members invited to attend.

### **Choir Performances:**

- The KS2 Choir performs in-school and in community events.

- In Summer 2025, the choir will sing in the multi-school choral concert at Newman University Chapel, supported by the local music hub and professional musicians.
- In July 2025, the choir will sing at the Symphony Hall in the city with Birmingham Schools' Primary Choir at the Youth Proms.

#### **Live Music Opportunities:**

- Pupils experience live music at least once per year, either through in-school visits (e.g. Rocksteady concerts, visiting musicians) or school trips.

#### **Charging and Access:**

- Most performances are free to attend, and transport costs are funded through pupil premium.
- Events are planned with accessibility in mind, both for performers and audience members

#### **Partnerships Supporting Music at Nonsuch Primary**

- We work closely with Music Service Birmingham, who deliver ukulele lessons and support training for staff.
- Our link with the local music hub enhances our offer with concert opportunities and instrumental support.
- Rocksteady Music School provides instrumental tuition, concerts and access to music qualifications

## In the future

### **Future plans for music at Nonsuch Primary:**

- We plan to expand to include a Music Technology Club and Songwriting Club in the next academic year.
- We plan to offer DJ experiences and equipment
- We are working to establish new partnerships to attend performances at Symphony Hall as well as continue to perform there
- Offer more opportunities for pupils to gain music qualifications through providers like Rocksteady and Trinity.

## Further information (optional)

[Teaching music in schools - GOV.UK](#)

[Parents - Rocksteady Music School](#)

[Music education: information for parents and young people - GOV.UK](#)