

Music development plan summary: St Mary's RC Primary School, Littleborough

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025 and 2025-2026
Date this summary was published	June 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	June 2026
Name of the school music lead	Miss Divya Gorasia
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs Carmel Ruane
Name of local music hub	Rochdale
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rochdale 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.

St Mary's RC Primary School aims to encourage the well-being of our pupils to enjoy and value the music curriculum we deliver, by providing a broad and balanced curriculum and develop creativity.

- The total music offer equals 30 minutes per week in KS1 and 30 minutes every fortnight in KS2.
- Our music curriculum is delivered by staff internally using the SingUp scheme – in KS2, this is delivered through rotating subjects.
- This curriculum is informed by the National Curriculum and the Model Music Curriculum.
- During lessons, pupils have the opportunity to play tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments, such as xylophones, djembe drums, triangles, wooden blocks, tambourines.

- In addition, singing is a key topic focus.
- Within all units of work, pupils have the opportunity to listen/appraise music, create compositions and perform for others.
- As part of the scheme, Year 4 have the opportunity to learn the recorders and Year 5 have the opportunity to learn the ukuleles.

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.

- We offer a singing club (KS1) and choir (KS2) as an after-school club, which takes place in the Autumn term.
- Rocksteady lessons are on offer - this is signed up for by parents for a fee.
- Individual and group keyboard or guitar sessions provided by Rochdale Music Service for a small fee.
- Year 3 pupils take part in the Royal Opera House performance programme each year, hosted by the Rochdale Music Service (July 2025 – Carmen Opera).
- We participate in the GM Music Hub Singing Challenge (June 2025 – song tbc).

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.

- We have regular hymn singing assemblies for 30 minutes.
- We hold termly Rocksteady concerts.
- Year 5 watch a Christmas show at St Cuthbert's (feeder high school).
- We have a company at Christmas (pantomime) and at the end of the year to put on a show for the school.
- EYFS and KS1 perform an annual Christmas Nativity to the school and their families.
- Lower KS2 perform an annual Christmas concert to the school and their families.
- Year 5 perform an annual Easter show to the school and their families.
- Year 6 perform an annual Leavers' play to the school and their families.
- Each class has a class assembly over the course of the year, which involves singing a song based on theme of the assembly.
- Pupils in Year 3 perform on stage to a live audience for the Royal Opera Performance designed by the Rochdale Music Service.

- Hymns during Mass at St Mary's Church.

In the future

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

- To ensure the school meets the 7 features of high-quality music provision.
- Develop staff expertise in music.
- Offer a digital music unit using PurpleMash for composition.
- Arrange for classes to perform a piece from their weekly music lessons at the end of the academic year or hold a musical extravaganza to perform to an audience.
- Arrange to sing for the local parish community and local care home at Christmas and Easter.

Further information (optional)

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.

SingUp - <https://www.singup.org/>

[Rochdale Music Service – Rochdale Borough Council](#)