

# Music development plan summary: Worksop Priory C of E Academy

## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Sarah Abbott
Name of local music hub	Nottinghamshire Inspire

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.

The music curriculum can be found on the school website [Music - Worksop Priory Church of England Primary Academy \(prioryce.notts.sch.uk\)](https://www.prioryce.notts.sch.uk)

This gives information of what is taught throughout the year. The music curriculum reflects the scope and ambition of the National Curriculum.

Within lessons, each child is given the opportunity to make music, listen and appreciate different musical styles and can take part in extra curricular learning outside of their normal lessons. These lessons are mostly delivered by a specialist Music teacher.

Children enjoy weekly opportunities to create, perform and listen to music. They learn to play a range of tuned and untuned instruments as part of a class. This amounts to more than 1 hour a week. They take part in a weekly 'singing assembly' where they learn songs for the coming worship and are taught vocal technique.

There are weekly participation awards for singers, to encourage strong participation in singing assemblies. There is an annual music award presented to the pupil who contributes the most impressively to the musical life of the school.

## 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.

Children at Priory Academy have the opportunity to take part in peripatetic lessons outside of their normal class-based lessons. These are offered to KS2 pupils by Mrs Abbott and instruments offered include piano/keyboard, ukulele, guitar, clarinet, flute, saxophone and voice. There are offered at 10 lessons per term 20 minutes per lesson and are charged at £30 per term for shared lessons and £70 for individual. There is an opportunity for some instruments to be loaned to children and those who excel are invited to take graded exams in their chosen instruments.

There are many opportunities for children to take part in a number of extra-curricular clubs, all of which are free of charge and open to any child, irrespective of ability or experience. These include KS1 choir, KS2 choir, a handbell group and a ukulele group. These groups work towards performing at school events and also the Worksop Music and Drama Festival, at which the school has a very rich history of excellence and success.

Our local music hub is Nottinghamshire Inspire.

## 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 are given the chance to sing in assembly most days with a dedicated singing assembly once a week. Children also perform in various church-based assemblies, at the beginning and end of each term and also festival celebrations such as Easter and Christmas.

Each year group takes part in a music and drama performance once a year. KS1 and reception perform a Nativity play in the Christmas term, Year 3 & 4 perform at Easter time and Y5 & 6 take part in Theatre Week at the Acorn theatre during the summer term. Every child has the chance to take part in these performances and also watch their peers perform. All pupils are encouraged to audition for main parts, including solo singing.

The school takes part in the Worksop Music Festival during the Spring term. In previous years we have taken choirs from KS1 and KS2, the ukulele and handbell groups. Pupils also take part in the Worksop Priory Church Lunchtime Concert Series, where they have the opportunity to perform to a different audience.

The school has in the past provided opportunities for pupils to sing with renowned A Capella group Voces 8 and to visit venues to hear them in concert. Each time they visit the region, the school participates in events. Pupils are invited annually to attend the secondary school summer production, where they are given a further insight into live performance.

The choir club, which children can sign up to visits our local care homes around Christmas and perform to the residents. Both the children and the audiences really enjoy these trips and they are looked forward to each year.

## In the future

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

At Priory Academy we are aiming to give more pupils the chance to be involved in a number of different musical activities. We hope to introduce more children to the experience of playing a variety of different instruments from as many musical families as possible.

The music curriculum is well-developed, but like all strong curricula, is undergoing constant modification. Leaders aim to ensure that the curriculum helps pupils to develop their musical skills so that they can continue to know more, do more and remember more about their musical experiences.

The children receive the statutory exposure as per the expectations of the National Curriculum and we intend to continue this provision. As and when ad hoc musical opportunities arise, leaders intend to look favourably in prioritising them.