

Music development plan summary: Robert Shaw Primary and Nursery School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/25
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Ellen Horton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Gareth Denman (Curriculum Lead)
Name of local music hub	NOTTINGHAM CITY
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Sing Nottingham

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

Curriculum Access and Allocation: We publish our music curriculum for each year group online. Our curriculum information specifies the knowledge and skills for expected children in each year group from Nursery to Year 6.

Guidance and Opportunities: Our music curriculum follows the national curriculum for music for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 2. We offer opportunities for pupils to learn singing and instrument playing during lessons, including whole-class ensemble teaching.

Partnerships and Support: We collaborate with local music hubs and other music education organisations to enhance our music program and provide additional support for our students; from September 2025 this includes instrument tuition(strings) from Nottingham City Music Hub for Year 4 children. In future years this will lead to opportunities to join area band and for children to access live music performances to participate and to be part of the audience.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Music Tuition Options: From 2025-26 the school will work in partnership with Nottingham City Music Hub to provide strings tuition in lesson time – this will, in future years allow some of our Year 5 and 6 children the opportunity to carry on their instrument tuition and work towards gradings. It will also give children the opportunity to become part of the hub's area band and attend music camp.

Ensembles and Music Groups: Pupils can join choir outside lesson time. Auditions take place on a regular basis and this is open to all pupils from Y2-6. This runs at no cost to parents.

Progression and Opportunities: Our choir has worked with the Nottingham City Music Hub. Working with the hub and other external providers is an area we continue to develop as a school – this will be enhanced by opportunities for those learning an instrument.

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.

Planned Musical Experiences: The academic year includes regular musical activities such as singing in assemblies, school musical performances, concerts, and shows, along with trips to external concerts. These events are designed to involve pupils from various year groups either as participants or audience members. In 2024/25 the school hosted The Benedetti Foundation, UK Harmony Brigade, Nottingham City Music Hub band and took children to the school's production of 'We will rock you.'

Participation and Support: The school collaborates with local music hubs and music education organisations to enhance these musical experiences. These include opportunities to perform in cross-trust events such as Transform Festivals in autumn and summer.

In the future

Planned Improvements: Future plans include;
Work with Nottingham City Music Hub to develop instrument tuition within school that is accessible to all.

Introduce the new Sing-Up Scheme which seeks to engage pupils from all age groups including EYFS.

Ensure that opportunities for live music and theatre performance are maximised for all pupils within school – both as audience members and participants.

These changes aim to align with the 7 features of high-quality music provision

Implementation Timeline: Specific improvements are scheduled for phased introduction in the coming years, with detailed timelines for each initiative to ensure a structured and effective enhancement of music education and experiences. More information about the improvements can be obtained from the school.

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.

Our local music hub is Nottingham City. Here is a link to their music development plan.

<https://www.nottinghammusichub.org.uk/>

Robert Shaw Primary and Nursery is part of Transform Trust. Here is a link to the trust-wide music development plan [Transform Trust Music Development Plan](#)

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