

Music development plan summary: The Gainsborough Parish Church Primary School

We provide opportunities that bring our school community together through whole-school singing, ensemble playing, and performing to the wider community. We develop children's knowledge and understanding through singing, listening, composing, and performing, while nurturing their musicality—an inner set of skills that deepens their ability to respond and connect deeply with music.

Through this, we aim to foster a life-long passion for music and empower children to express themselves with confidence and joy.

'Music has a rare and unique ability to bring people together; music making can make a whole class, school and community feel connected to others and part of something bigger.'

(Music Model Curriculum 2021)

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
Date this summary was published	October 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Danielle Louth
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Lincolnshire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

Our school music curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum, which is designed to introduce our children to a broad repertoire of music worldwide from the Western Classical tradition to the best popular music.

Music is taught weekly, and lessons are 45 minutes long. You can view our music curriculum here [Music | The Gainsborough Parish Church Primary School](#)

Opportunities that our children have during lessons:

- EYFS, Year 1 and 2 children are part of the Infant Music Project with their class teacher. This is a term of music lessons led by a music specialist from the Lincolnshire Music Service
- Year 3 and 4 children take part in whole class samba drumming tuition with their teacher. This is a term of lessons led by a music specialist from the Lincolnshire Music Service
- Year 5 and 6 children participate in a djembe drumming workshop with a highly qualified musician from the Music Service
- Year 1-6 children participate in whole class singing lessons. This is a term of lessons led by Parish Church's music missionary.

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 are pleased to provide opportunities for children to engage in the following:

- Weekly Worship Through Choir practice
- We offer a range of termly music clubs (ukelele, singing)
- Group *strings* or *guitar* instrumental sessions with Lincolnshire Music Service
- 1:1 *strings* or *guitar* instrumental sessions with Lincolnshire Music Service

Please note: Children who receive Free School Meals have a 50% reduction fee for 1:1 or group instrumental tuition. Looked after children receive free 1:1 or group instrumental tuition.

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.

Each academic year, we come together as a whole school community to perform an array of songs to families and friends in our local church. The events include:

- Harvest Festival
- Christmas Service
- Easter Service
- Y6 Leavers Service

Other opportunities for musical experience include:

- Singing in Collective Worships daily
- Weekly choir practice in key stage groups
- KS2 Choir performance at the Christmas Light Switch on in Gainsborough
- KS1 Nativity performance to families of our local Parish Church
- Key Stage 2 perform at Young Voices, which is one of the largest children's choir concerts in the world

In the future

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

This year we will continue to develop our school choir so that children can experience a wider breadth of musical genres, cultures, and ages.

We will continue to promote musical tuition to have over 10% of our school population learning to play an instrument.

Further information (optional)

How does our vision impact the teaching of Music at Parish?

We use our core four, inspired by our Church school vision, to guide us.

Dignity

We teach about the music of other countries and its links to their cultures and beliefs. We show respect and understanding of different genres of music, recognising that some may carry deep resonance and history. Through this, we nurture children's musicality—their inner set of skills that allow them to respond to music with sensitivity and respect.

Community

We teach that learning about music from another age or country opens a window into different cultures and perspectives. This shared experience helps children connect with others and develop their musicality through collaboration and ensemble work.

Hope

We encourage children to creatively explore rhythms and sounds that connect with them personally, helping them develop their musicality as a means of expressing their inner self and finding joy in creativity.

Wisdom

We provide a curriculum that explores instruments and features from a breadth of musical styles. Through singing, listening, composing, and performing, children build knowledge and understanding while deepening their musicality.