

Music development plan summary: St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School

The purpose of this school development plan is to show how St Wilfrid's School will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences. Our plan takes into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 and 2
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

This summary reflects our music provision from 2025/26. The school is supported by the Wigan Music Service in its provision of music lessons and uses the Charanga scheme of work to ensure curriculum coverage and progression from Early years to Key stage 2.

The school has held the Wigan Music Mark for a number of years due to its links with the Music Service.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Miss Brown-Crowther (Arts)
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	(Headteacher and Wigan Music Service who deliver all Music lessons across the school.)
Name of local music hub	Wigan 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, 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 music 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 St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School we recognise the value of music for its social development, therapeutic value and to fuel our creativity. The School is committed to providing a high standard of music education for all pupils, to develop their talents, and inspire a love and appreciation of music whilst allowing children to express themselves. At St Wilfrid's we follow the award winning Charanga Music Scheme and supplements this with a range of music genres to support other subjects including the RE curriculum.

Each half term the children explore different elements of listening, performing and composing. Each unit of work builds on the previous unit to ensure progression across the year. All units are reviewed and elements are revisited throughout the program.

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The school offers access for all children to music curriculum including pupils with special educational needs (see policy document for SEND).

At St Wilfrid's School the music curriculum is:

- informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3
- Throughout the scheme of learning children have opportunities to learn to sing or play an instrument during lesson time, such as through whole-class ensemble teaching in all year groups. This includes percussion instruments, ukulele and recorders.
- The school partners with the local Wigan Music service for further music opportunities including musical singing performances, experience of the Wigan Youth Orchestra and instrument tuition.

Part B: Extra Curricular music

Pupils have many opportunities to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs and musical performances giving pupils opportunities for children to showcase and perform to an audience.

Through the Wigan Music service pupils can access music tuition outside of what is taught in lesson time, including one-to-one, small-group and large-group tuition for instruments or voice.

In addition to school music lessons the children have access to a school choir and over recent years many children have joined local music ensembles including the Wigan Youth Orchestra.

Pupils can also have access to instrument loans and subsidised music lessons (Pupil Premium). Pupils can also be signposted to additional music opportunities and possible qualifications or awards via the local music service.

- We work closely with the local High School and pupils have access to additional music lessons to support their transition to KS3.
- A variety of spaces around the school are timetabled for rehearse or practice individually or in groups.
- Current lessons provided by Wigan Music Service include: Violin, guitar, piano, percussion and singing. The Music service also teacher Music lessons as a whole class each week across the school in all year groups.

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.

During this academic year our regular events will include:

- All children will participate in singing in assembly, in collective worship and Monthly Stay and Pray.
- Pupils will experience the sights and sounds of Musical performances through the year including visiting musicians (Wigan Music Service) Christmas and Summer Term
- Pupils have the opportunity to participate in termly concerts and shows including Christmas Plays, and Summer Showcase
- Visits to concerts outside of the school including the Local Youth Orchestra and Theatre visit.
- Some musical events will occur a cost, however this will always be kept to a minimum and families with access to PP will be subsidised on request. Our PTA will also support with subsidies for musical performances.

In the future

Over the next twelve months the school are looking to further develop the music offer at St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School.

Plans for Music Development include:

- Increase lesson time to 1 hour per week for each year group
- Increase the opportunities for children in KS2 to learn a variety of new instruments.
- Termly school performances for each Key Stage to include opportunities for singing and playing musical instruments.
- Work with the local High School in offering opportunities to further explore music and musical instruments with music specialists.

Further information (optional)

For further information on music and the development of Music from 2025

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](#) Wigan Music Services also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.

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