ST THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School
Music Development Plan
2026 - 2027

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026 - 2027
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2027
Name of the school music lead	Allison McGrath
Name of local music hub	Tees Valley Music Services
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

Music is taught in class every week and is informed by the National Curriculum. Teaching is supported by specialist planning from Charanga Musical School Scheme Lessons are a minimum of 40 minutes and are taught by class teachers or the PPA teacher.

Nursery and Reception have a 'First Thing Music' session once a week delivered by Tees Valley Music Services for 25 minutes.

All children will learn an instrument as part of the music scheme. Additionally, children

in Years 4 and 5 learn an instrument which is delivered by Tees Valley Music. Year 4 learn how to play the recorder and Year 5 learn how to play the ukulele in 25 minute sessions for 10 weeks.

Part B: Extra-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.

At St Thomas More Primary School, we currently offer small group violin lessons through Tees Valley Music Services. The specialist visits school and teaches children in the hall. The lessons are funded by parents, however for those children who are Pupil Premium lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium Provision.

We work closely with Tees Valley Music Services to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children. More information about music tuition, both in and out of school, is available on their website.

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 will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year, including:

- Children sing as part of weekly assemblies
- Soloists, ensembles and choir perform at Musical Showcase
- Year 6 trip to London, including attending a musical
- EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity performances
- KS2 children attending NPCAT Remembrance Service
- Key Stage 2 'St Thomas More Xmas Factor' performance
- Key Stage 2 attending 'Snappy Christmas' provided by Tees Valley Music Services
- Key Stage 1 attending 'Snappy Spring' provided by Tees Valley Music Services.
- Year 6 Leavers' production

In the Future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Embedding of the 'Charanga Musical School' scheme to ensure consistency and progression from EYFS through to Year 6.
- Introduction of a wider range of instruments for individuals or small groups.
- Introduction of whole class ensemble projects.
- Develop performance opportunities and musical events and experiences for all children.

Further information

St Thomas More Curriculum page for music which includes a curriculum intention and a long term overview.

Our local Music Hub is Tees Valley Music Services. Their website includes lots of information about the services they provide.

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 for support beyond the school