

Music development plan summary: Thomas Whitehead C E Academy



‘Let your light shine’ Matthew 5:16

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	September 2025-July 2026
Date this summary was published	July 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	June 2026
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Natasha Chiswell
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	N/A
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

Music across the Curriculum

Music plays an important role in the life of Thomas Whitehead C E Academy.

Music is delivered to every child within the school and is inclusive of all abilities.

All classes are timetabled to have a music lesson each week.

The curriculum in place develops the skills, knowledge and understanding needed for the children to become confident performers, composers and listeners. The curriculum

introduces children to music from across the world. Our collective worship music on entry and on exit also allows the children to listen to a range of Genres and Artists from around the world.

Pupils build skills through singing, playing tuned and untuned instruments, improvising, composing and listening and responding to music. They develop an understanding of historical and cultural context of the music they encounter and learn how music can be notated.

Children can achieve awards for their musicality and performing in our weekly assemblies and also showcase their talent.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Musical Events and Occasions.

As we are a Primary School, musical rehearsals take place within the school day and for the most part are structured into the timetable.

We are also a Church school so Worship and hymn singing play a big part in our school life.

Hymn Practice is held weekly and delivered by the specialist Music Teacher. This will include hymns specific to our half-termly 'Values', Church services, seasonal and church calendar events.

Every class or Key Stage take part in a range of musical activities/performances over the school year eg end of year shows

Nursery and Reception class take part in our annual Harvest Festival and sing in front of the whole school on this occasion. They also put on a Nativity at Christmas and an Easter Performance to outside audiences.. Early Years also perform regularly to our local Nursing Home which we visit termly to perform to residents and staff.

Part C: Musical experiences

Over the next Academic Year, the following Musical Opportunities will continue to be held at Thomas Whitehead.

Singing in Church and School Worship will take place on a daily/weekly basis and further embed our status as a Church School.

Autumn 2025

EYFS Visit to Roslyn House for Christmas Performance.

EYFS Christmas Nativity Performance

KS1 Christmas Nativity Performance

KS2 Christmas Service in Church

Spring Term 2026

EYFS Visit to Roslyn House for Easter Performance

EYFS EYFS Easter Performance

Year 4 – 6 Young Voices at Birmingham NEC

Ising pop at St Albans Cathedral – Whole Trust event.

Summer Term 2026

Joint performance with Hadrian Academy and Thomas Whitehead C E Academy
(TBC)

EYFS Visit to Roslyn House for Summer Performance

KS2 Production :

In the future

Over the next Academic Year, (2025-2026), it is proposed that a recent link made with Hadrian Academy, (a local primary school) will continue. Our choir will hopefully visit Hadrian and then we plan to collaborate on some kind of joint performance with ours and their's KS2 Choir.

Children to attend the Harvest Celebration at St Alban's Cathedral.