



Carnforth Christ Church C.E. Primary School

Music Development Plan Summary

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2027 for new academic year
Name of the school music lead	Rebekah Richardson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	As above
Name of local music hub	Lancashire
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	LMS (Lancashire Music Service) Lancaster Singing Festival Rock Steady Young Voices UK

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.

- We teach the National Curriculum for Music using materials from Music Express on Collins Hub and a range of other music sources. The school music curriculum is informed by the non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3.
- Music is introduced in the Early Years (Reception) as part of the daily activities both inside and outside the curriculum. There are lots of opportunities for singing and making music using a wide range of instruments and environmental objects.
- All classes from Years 1 to Year 6 have a weekly hour-long music lesson which gives opportunity for skills to be learned and developed. At one point in the year classes come together to develop singing skills and prepare for concerts and events. This could include Lancaster Singing Festival, Young Voices, End of term show show, Nativity and School Productions.
- Year 2 takes part every 2 years in the local Lancaster and District Singing Festival and Year 6 sing Christmas Carols in local nursing homes and Tesco.
- All music lessons are taught by either class teachers, the headteacher or by teaching assistants covering PPA.
- Throughout Key Stage 2 children develop the ability to play the ocarina through focussed whole class instrumental work taught by the music teacher.
- Our partnerships with Lancashire Music Service (LMS) and Lancaster Singing Festival allow the children to experience a wide experience of music making.

We aim to ensure that all pupils:

- perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians
- learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence
- understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the interrelated dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations

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.

Instrumental lessons:

Pupils from Year 2 can access 1:1 (PDP) or small group instrumental lessons on:

- woodwind instruments (focus on flute and recorder)
- keyboard
- guitar
- percussion (drums)
- vocal skills / singing

They taught by tutors from Lancashire Music Service. All pupils are provided with an instrument that they can take home to practice on. This is promoted through assemblies, concerts and the talent show.

These extra- curricular lessons are chargeable in line with the schools Charging and Remissions policy. However, any child who would like to have a lesson but would be prevented from doing so on financial grounds can apply for subsidised / free tuition. Each case will be taken on its own merits.

Rock Steady Lesson

Pupils from Year 1 can access group “rock music” tuition where they can learn how to play songs on

- keyboard
- drums
- bass guitar
- lead guitar
- vocals

By playing together they learn to listen and become more attuned to being part of a group of musicians. They perform their chosen song termly. One place is available for a child in receipt of Pupil Premium.

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.

Singing in school

Singing is a big part of the life of our school. We sing in our whole school worship and our BIG Sing worship has lots of time to enjoy singing known songs as well as learning new ones.

There are many opportunities across the curriculum to link music with class themes and projects. Some songs are repeated throughout the year groups to emphasise previous learning.

School concerts and shows

School hold many concerts (as well as the Rocksteady assemblies) and a termly talent show.

- EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity
- Key Stage 2 School Production (Musical)

All children from the classes are included and encouraged to take a full and active part.

Staff Expertise

Although no members of staff regularly play musical instruments, they play an active role in promoting the musical development of all pupils.

Trips

- Children in Y2 take part in the Lancaster Singing Festival which features a live band for accompaniment and showcases the skills of local young people in KS3 and KS4.
- We seek to facilitate trips to other events as and when they happen and are advertised e.g. theatre trips / trips to local concerts or events
- Children in the choir have the opportunity to take part in the Rotary Christmas Choir Competition each year.
- When a charge is needed (e.g. for entry to the event or for transport) this is in line with the charging and remissions policy. Parents can apply for support if needed.

Part D: In the future

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

As can be seen in the information contained in this document the school already has a strong musical presence – both in the classroom and in providing extra-curricular opportunities beyond the school day.

We constantly keep the music curriculum under review and look for new resources / materials to use along with opportunities to take part in other music making in the locality (e.g. special events / touring performances etc).

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.

The Lancashire Music Hub website contains lots of information on music making opportunities across the area along with the development plan:

<https://www.lancashiremusichub.co.uk/site/>