

Music development plan summary: Newchurch St Nicholas C of E Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 24
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 25
Name of the school music lead	Nicola Suthers
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Lancashire
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.

To read in more detail about the provision music at Newchurch St Nicholas C of E Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page

<https://www.newchurchcofe.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum-1/>

Music is taught in class every week and is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021) which is informed by the non-statutory National Curriculum Guidance. Lessons are a minimum of 40 minutes and are taught by class teachers. Teaching is supported by specialist planning, and the Charanga curriculum scheme of work with a half-termly focus-based approach to support teachers in engaging all our pupils during music lessons.

These lessons include a variety of adult lead and child-initiated activities. Each unit of work has a cross curricular focus and a musical focus, which allows pupils to progress throughout their primary school experience.

Children with SEND are individually supported in class depending on their various requirements, and lessons are differentiated and planned to challenge all pupils depending on their ability.

This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly sing and praise assemblies in each key stage, lasting 20 minutes.

Children in years 4 and 5 learn an instrument as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialists from Lancashire Music Service as part of the Wider Opportunities programme. Teachers visit the school and teach children in their own classroom. Each project lasts 10 weeks and culminates in a concert where children perform songs and pieces together.

We teach music in EYFS as an integral part of the topic work covered during the year and as part of the specific area, Expressive Arts: Being Imaginative, identified in the Foundation Stage Framework (2014). We relate the musical aspects of the children's work to the objectives set out in the Early Learning Goals (ELGs).

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.

At Newchurch St Nicholas C of E Primary School, we only currently offer class lessons on cornet through Lancashire Music Service during lesson time, however in our development plan, we would like to offer specialist teaching of an instrument outside of lesson time.

We have a thriving Key Stage 2 Choir which will take part in various performances throughout the year.

All ensembles meet weekly and are provided by music specialists or musicians on staff. All ensembles are free and accessible to all Key Stage 2.

We work closely with Lancashire Music Hub to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children. If you have an enquiry regarding instrumental lessons on offer, please visit our school page on their website.

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

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. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:

- Year 6 trip Leavers assembly at Manchester Cathedral.
- The choir performing at the Newchurch C of E Primary School Christmas Fair.
- All children from Nursery to Year 6 perform at Christmas, Easter and Summer.
- The choir performing at the Young Voices concert in Manchester.
- Choir, ensembles and soloists performing at our annual summer concert.
- EYFS children's Spring Sing.
- EYFS children's Christmas Sing.

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: -
Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons.

- To offer individual and small lessons on instruments through Lancashire Music Service. These would need to be funded by parents, however for pupils who are Pupil Premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium Provision.
- Introduction of further whole-class ensemble projects delivered by class teachers.
- Further develop performance opportunities for our young musicians throughout the school year.
- Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children.
- Develop a dedicated music teaching space for use by ensembles and class curriculum lessons.