



# **Music Development Plan, St Wilfrid's Church of England Primary School, Halton, Lancaster.**

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	20 September 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Amy Milner
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mark Curwen (Headteacher)
Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	LMS (Lancashire Music Service) Lancaster Singing Festival

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.**

- At St. Wilfrid's, we aim to build pupil's musical confidence through active engagement with music as performers, music-creators and audience. There is a strong intention that pupils should be 'doing music' as much as possible, including performing their compositions and improvisations. As pupils progress, we aspire to them developing their love of music, refining their individual taste and gaining confidence to be creative musicians with strong aural skills.
- We teach the National Curriculum for Music using the Sing Up Scheme of work, elements of the Charanga whole class recorder teaching units, and a range of the Lancashire Music Service's Music Festival resources. The school music curriculum is informed by the Model music Curriculum (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3.
- Music is introduced in EYFS (Reception) as part of our daily activities both inside and outside of the bespoke music curriculum. In addition to short three-week curriculum music units, the children in Reception have lots of opportunities to sing and make music using a wide range of instruments and environment objects. Singing is also used to inform and consolidate learning in other areas of the curriculum (e.g. phonics songs)

- Class from year 1 to year 6 have a weekly one-hour music lesson which enables new skills to be learned and developed. At the end of Autumn 2 and Summer 2 the children come together through concerts and events to perform their learned singing and instrument skills. Singing is also used to inform and consolidate learning in other areas of the curriculum (e.g. French songs)
- KS1 are taught on a 2-year rolling programme to ensure coverage whilst KS2 use a one year Sing Up scheme.
- Year 2 and year 5 take part each year in the local Lancaster & District Singing Festival giving them a chance to learn and celebrate songs from many different genres, world cultures and share their learning with children from other schools throughout the area.
- Throughout KS2 children develop the ability to play the glockenspiel and recorder through focussed whole class instrumental work.
- We aim that all children in the school have the opportunity to:
  - perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions. They will also explore the works of 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 chance 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:**

We offer 1:1 or small group lessons in:

- Violin, cello and double bass
- Piano

from Year 1 onwards and:

- Guitar

from year 2 onwards.

These are taught by tutors from Lancashire Music Service. These lessons are charged according to the school's policies. Children who are prevented from taking up this opportunity on financial grounds can apply for subsidised or free tuition. Each case will be looked at on its own merits. We also have some instruments in school which are available for children to loan and we are able to borrow instruments from LMS.

### **Ensembles**

We have a KS2 choir which all pupils in KS2 are encouraged to be part in. It meets weekly to rehearse and takes part in a wide range of activities including concerts including Young Voices in Manchester, Community Tea, Christmas Concerts, Community Music Festivals and Charity Christmas Fairs. Choir is free for children to attend.

## 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**

We are a 'singing school'. We sing daily in our worships, we sing in our choir, curriculum lessons and enjoy learning new songs as well as rekindling more familiar ones. We encourage children and teachers to include singing and music across the curriculum. Our new scheme has lots of ideas and the Music Lead will support class teachers where necessary.

Classes come together throughout the school year to practise songs for Harvest, Christmas and other relevant events and celebrations throughout school.

### **School concerts and Shows**

We have an annual KS1 Nativity where all children in KS1 are involved in the singing, some play musical instruments and some have speaking parts.

KS2 practise and perform an annual Christmas Concert in our Parish Church to parents.

In the summer all children across school are involved in the summer concert. Instrumentalists are also invited to share their learning in assemblies throughout the year and two specific performances to the whole school and invited parents.

KS2 children perform either a concert or a play in the summer which included singing and instruments, either by way of, or in addition to the Year 6 Leaver's Event.

## In the future

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

Music at St Wilfrid's runs through all that we do. However, we are always looking for ways to improve our music provision. We review our music curriculum and resources as part of our subject leader's action plan. We are always open to new appropriate opportunities for the children to perform or visit.

Currently under review:

- Setting up a KS1 choir
- Setting up a recorder group for children throughout KS2
- The purchase of a full class set of glockenspiels (we currently have a half set) to enable the Sing Up curriculum to flourish.

## Further information (optional)

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.

Your local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.

If your school is part of a multi-academy trust with a trust-wide music development plan, you may also want to include a link to any published information on this plan.