

Banks St. Stephen's C of E School

Music development Plan Summary

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	21/05/25
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Name of the school music lead	Michelle Mussell
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Red Admiral Music Charanga Create Music

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 is taught in class every week from Nursery to Y6. Lessons are a minimum of 40 minutes and are taught by class teachers or a teaching assistants. Teaching is supported by specialist planning and the Charanga curriculum scheme of work. Pupils in years 4 and 5 learn to play a brass instrument as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialists from Red Admiral music as part of the Wider Opportunities programme. Pupils who wish to play at a higher standard, have the opportunity to join our school brass band – this includes pupils who have moved to Year 6 and would like to continue playing.

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.

Guitar lessons are available to all children from Years 1 to 6 and are delivered by Create Music and are paid for by parents. Pupils in receipt of pupil premium funding are offered guitar lessons at a reduced rate. We have a thriving KS2 school choir who rehearse after school once a week and have the opportunity to take part in several performances throughout the year. Some examples of this are performing with Banks Brass band twice a year, the TARDIS *performing at Christmas for local community groups and care homes, singing at the 'Let's Go Sing' concert – a project where pupils take part in a performance along with several other schools at venues such as Blackpool Opera House and King George's Hall in Blackburn, singing original songs. As part of the project, specialist teachers visit the children on three occasions to deliver high quality singing tuition and teachers attend three CPD workshops. See <https://www.whoopsadaisymusic.co.uk/letsgosinghomepage> for further information.

All pupils in school perform for parents at Christmas concerts and performances. In the summer term, we have an annual whole school music showcase where every child takes part in singing and those who have instrumental lessons also perform.

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:

- School choir to sing at 'Let's Go Sing' concert at King George's Hall in Blackburn. This project is funded by school.
- Three pupil sessions from 'Let's Go Sing' professional singing teachers to prepare for concert
- Weekly brass lessons for Years 4 and 5 (paid for by school)
- Weekly guitar lessons for Years 1 to 6 (paid for my parents – subsidised for pupil premium)
- Brass players play opening fanfare at Sports Day
- Brass and guitar players perform at Christmas and in the summer.

- All children from Nursery to Year 6 perform at Christmas. EYFS & KS1 perform nativity plays whilst KS2 all take part in a Christmas concert, which includes singing, performance from the brass and guitar groups and the school choir.
- Whole school sings regularly in assemblies and worship.
- Whole school sings in church at Christmas and Easter.
- Year 6 sings during Leavers' Service
- The choir perform at the Brass Banks Band concert in October
- The choir perform at the Brass and Carols service in December
- The choir perform for 'The Nifty Fifties' community group at Christmas
- The choir perform for local care homes (Sutton Grange & Cleveland House) at Christmas
- The choir performing at the village Christmas Fair
- Take part in the annual cluster 'Performing Arts Festival' (brass players and choir have taken part in this).
- Choir, ensembles and soloists performing at our annual summer Musical Showcase.
- EYFS children to attend a live theatre performance including musical performances
- Years 1 to 6 performing with brass instruments, guitars and ukuleles to an audience at the end of Wider Opportunities projects

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.
 - Organise a school visit to watch an orchestra perform.
 - Inclusion of more opportunities to compose music digitally through the curriculum
 - Promote individual and small groups lessons available from Lancashire Music Service to increase the number of instruments available to pupils.
 - Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children.

- Further extend instruments available to use during lessons – eg, use of keyboards for composing and improvising.

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.

Lancashire Music Hub – link for parents -

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