

# Music development plan summary: Derwent Vale Primary and Nursery School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025/2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Charlotte Rhodes
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Cumbria Music Hub
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.

Music is taught weekly on a Friday afternoon. We use The Kapow & Charanga Schemes of Learning as the basis of our music curriculum. This year the pupils will be learning about the following:

### Early Years

- Celebration Music
- Exploring Sounds
- Music & Movement
- Musical Stories
- Sounds of The Sea
- Big Bands

### Year 1 & 2

- Pulse & Rhythm
- Classical Music
- Pitch and Tempo
- British songs and sounds
- Orchestral instruments

#### Year 3 & 4

- Composition
- Rock and Roll
- Ballads
- Haiku, music and performance
- Samba & Carnival sounds

#### Year 5 & 6

- Looping and remixing
- Blues
- Dynamic, pitch and texture
- Composition – festivals
- South and West African music
- Composition – leavers songs

To further enrich our curriculum offer we work in partnership with Cumbria Music Hub to provide all pupils, including pupils with SEND, in Year1 – 6 the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument. This year pupils are learning to play Djembe Drums, Recorders & Ukuleles.

We also attend music festivals organised by Cumbria Music Hub.

## **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.

School takes part in the Young Voices programme each year. Pupils work as an ensemble choir, learning songs and movement each week in sessions outside of their normal lesson time. The pupils then attend a celebration event held at the Co-Op Live Arena in Manchester where they showcase their musical talents with thousands of other primary aged pupils.

## Part C: Musical Performances

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.

All pupils take part in at least one musical performance in the academic year.

Early Years pupils produce a Christmas performance. Children in Years 1 & 2 also produce a Christmas performance. Children in Year 3 -6 produce a Traditional Christmas Carol service and perform a summer show.

## In the future

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

- We would like to broaden the range of musical instruments that the pupils learn to play.