

Music development plan summary: Preesall Fleetwood's Charity School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	September 2026-July 2027
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Name of the school music lead	Victoria Gladwin
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Blackpool Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady 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.

At Preesall Fleetwood's Charity School, we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups and music and signing are pivotal in our daily worship. We use the Charanga music scheme for our lessons which are aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. When using the scheme and its progressive week-by-week lessons, we are guaranteeing to be meeting all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum and progress is evident through classroom observations, teachers' planning and our progression documents.

Discussions with children have demonstrated an increasing knowledge of key music vocabulary being recalled. Observations have shown all pupils engaged and active during the lessons, including SEND.

We have a wide range of instruments (both tuned and untuned) that can be used in the lessons and our curriculum. Teachers are confident with musical elements and teaching children how to listen and appreciate a piece of music.

We provide after school Music and Singing enrichment clubs and pupils can access one to one music tutoring.

We currently work with and alongside Blackpool Music Service where our pupils access the wider offer throughout the year such as Culturefest 2026 and the Freddie the Seagull KS1 Oracy and Music Programme, which exposes our pupils to the wider benefits of music; from enhancing general learning skills in communication and language to contributing to enhanced well-being and developing confidence in our young people. We also try to incorporate whole class ensemble teaching opportunities, also led by Blackpool Music service. This year, all pupils in Years 3-5 will be learning to play the ukelele.

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.

At Preesall Fleetwood's Charity School, we are fortunate to have many opportunities for the children to develop their music skills and many of our pupils love music!

We have regular singing assemblies for all pupils to enable us to teach a wide range of songs of different genres and styles, including worship songs which are sung each week in worship and performed at special services through the year in church.

Rocksteady Music have now been a school partner for several years and a number of our pupils take weekly lessons. We currently have 4 bands with pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 learning electric guitar, drums, keyboard or vocals. Parents pay monthly, directly to Rocksteady and we are at present able to offer 2 bursary places to disadvantaged pupils.

The bands perform at a concert at the end of each term, for the whole school. The performances are always of exceptionally high quality and it is evident how much the pupils love this activity and how much progress they make.

For many years Preesall Fleetwood's Charity School have been part of the Celebration of Music Concert at the Blackpool Winter Gardens as well as the Wyre and Fylde School Games Partnership's Dance Festival. We sometimes take groups of pupils to Young Voices in Manchester and we have taken part in Lancashire Sings at Lowther Pavilion in Lytham. We are also looking for new experiences for our pupils to take part in!

Throughout the year our EYFS and KS1 children enjoy taking part in a Nativity production and KS2 take part in a Christingle Service at St. Oswald's Church. There are also opportunities for musical performances and singing within class and full school worship and an annual talent show, which is performed to parents and peers. At key points in the year, we use the Church to perform as we believe that using another setting helps and builds confident performers.

We have an annual Christmas Choir who, each year, are asked to perform at various local community events and places in December, including the Knott-End and Preesall Christmas Lights Switch-On; Kepplegate Nursing Home and Knott-End Library's Christmas Coffee Morning. Joining the choir is optional for pupils from Year 2 to Year 6.

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.

Musical experiences, events and trips planned for the academic year:

- Performing at the Christmas Tree Lights switch on event in Knott-End (Year 2 to Year 6)
- Performing at Knott-End Library for their Christmas Coffee Morning
- Performing at the local nursing home at Christmas.
- Performing at regular church services - Harvest, Easter, Christmas etc.(all ages)
- School Productions – EYFS & KS1 Nativity/ KS2 Christingle Service
- Rocksteady Music School performances (Years 1 to Year 6)
- Performing at other school events e.g. Talent Show, Coffee Mornings etc.
- Lancashire Sings and other similar events

These are all free events.

We will also include additional activities and opportunities offered through the year by Blackpool Music Service and related organisations.

In the future

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

In the future at Preesall Fleetwood's Charity School, we would like to:

- Aim to consistently deliver the recommended one hour per week of music lessons for all pupils
- Provide more varied opportunities for ensemble teaching to allow all children to have the experience of learning to play an instrument
- Provide opportunities for pupils who show an interest in learning to play an instrument, to further develop their skills e.g. local bands, attend music sessions organised by Blackpool or Lancashire Music Service
- Encourage more pupils to learn to play and instrument or take part in a singing event
- Provide more opportunities for pupils to compose their own music
- Provide our pupils with inspirational moments – visits from musicians to school; trips out of school linked to musical performances

Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your school's music development plan, including links to your local music hub partners, other local music education organisations and contacts.

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.