

Music development plan summary: Knuzden St Oswald's Church of England Primary Academy

This Music development plan is a summary of how Knuzden St Oswald's delivers music education across all curriculum areas giving children musical experiences wherever possible

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	October 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Andrea Gray
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.

At Knuzden St Oswald's it is important that high quality music education is delivered to all our children. We understand that it is a universal language and allows children to develop creatively. Our music provision is planned to inspire all pupils regardless of their abilities and to foster a love of music increasing their self-confidence, creativity and a sense of achievement. Our inclusive, engaging curriculum is informed by the Charanga scheme with a development of skills progressing across each year group. This skills progressions is used to assess and monitor children's progress. Within our

broad and balanced curriculum, all musical elements are catered for as well as providing multi-cultural world music and performance through Worship, festivals and important celebrations.

Singing is the golden thread of music through our school and all children are given opportunities and encouraged to sing at many different times throughout the school day, week and year.

We are developing our listening culture and encouraging our children to give their critical views on an extensive variety of musical extracts throughout their school life. Relevant adaptations are made to whole class delivery where necessary to accommodate the needs of all the children.

Singing and practical music making takes place in most curriculum music lessons using our musical resources. The essential skills are built upon as children progress throughout the school, thus ensuring a high quality music offer.

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.

Our pupils have a range of opportunities to perform throughout the year. These include the infant Nativity, Let's go Sing (year 3 and 4), the KS2 Carol Service and the Year 6 show, to which the local community are invited. We also have a voluntary Talent Show in school each year, which is inclusive to all children. Let's Go Sing is open to all children in years 3 and 4, so each pupil had an opportunity to join with schools from all over Lancashire and perform together on a large stage, (either King George's Hall or the cathedral in Blackburn). Specialist music sessions eg, ukuleles, are offered to pupils through a charity who provide free music lessons where available. Children are signposted to extra-curricular instrumental tuition.

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 sing regularly in worship and at other times throughout their school life. We enjoy singing in parts as a whole school sometimes for particular events and celebrations and other times just for fun. Children are confident performers in this area. We also hold our own Forest School Light switch on event each year, where a class will perform carols to an assembly of parents, children, parish and local

community around the campfire. Children also sing around the campfire during forest school sessions. We value traditional singing such as traditional carols and hymns, alongside songs written specifically for children.

In the future

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

Our music offer is organic and will continue to change, grow and make adaptations in line with government recommendations and the needs of the children in our school.