



Music Development Plan Summary

Melling St. Wilfrid Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025/26
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026 for the new academic year.
Name of the school music lead	Diane Smith
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	As above
Name of local music hub	Lancashire
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Lancaster Singing Festival, More Music, Lancashire Music Service.

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.

We teach the National Curriculum for Music using Sing up! and a range of other music sources. 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 the Early Years (Reception) as part of the daily activities both inside and outside the curriculum. There are lots of opportunities for singing and making music using a wide range of instruments and environmental objects.

Children in Reception also take part in a mixed-age weekly music lesson with Year 1 & 2. Each lesson is differentiated, providing opportunities for children in Reception to explore and engage in music making, listening and responding to music, singing, dancing and performing solo or in groups.



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Children in KS1 have a mixed-age (Year 1-2) weekly hour-long music lesson, which focuses on building foundational skills through singing, playing instruments, listening, experimenting, creating, selecting and combining sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music. Children use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes, playing tuned and untuned instruments musically, listening with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music

Children in KS2 have a mixed-age (Year 3 - 6) weekly hour-long music lesson, which develops music skills further and focuses on building confidence in singing, playing instruments (solo and ensemble), composing, and active listening. Pupils develop technical skills in pitch, dynamics, tempo, and rhythm, while exploring notation and diverse musical traditions. The goal is to encourage creativity, musical awareness, and a lifelong love of music.

All classes from Reception to Year 6 come together in Summer 2 to develop singing and performance skills as they prepare for a school summer production.

All KS2 children take part every two years in the local Lancaster and District Singing Festival.

KS2 music lessons are all taught by the music subject lead.

Throughout KS1, children begin to explore their skills in playing the glockenspiel through a variety of themes and genres. In KS2, children develop the ability to play the glockenspiel through focused whole class instrumental work taught by the subject leader.

Children in Reception and KS1 have the opportunity to explore a range of untuned percussion instruments throughout the year focusing on pulse and simple rhythmic patterns. In KS2, children explore more complex rhythmic patterns.

Throughout the school, children use technology in a progressive manner using a range of Digital Audio Workstations including resources from Purple Mash (2 Explore, 2 Beat, 2 Sequence) and Charanga (Music Explorer, Rhythm Grids and Graphic Score).

The Music Curriculum Overview has been revised this year to include the use of YuStudio in KS2 to further develop their skills in composition using technology on a 4 year rolling programme. The revised Music Curriculum also provides the opportunity to develop children's instrumental skills on the glockenspiel in a progressive way from Year 1 - 6. Children are also given further opportunities to develop their compositional skills in a progressive way exploring their creativity.



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With small group sizes, we are uniquely placed to provide highly personalised, inclusive, and engaging musical experiences. Music at our school supports the development of the whole child—encouraging self-expression, teamwork, emotional wellbeing, and cultural understanding.

Our Aims:

1. To develop a positive attitude to music.
2. To develop an understanding and enjoyment of music.
3. To develop confidence in performing, creating and composing music.
4. To gain knowledge of appraising when listening to music.
5. To enable children to communicate what they have learned in music.
6. To enable children to interact and collaborate during pair or group activities.
7. To make appropriate use of ICT to explore and record sounds.

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:

Pupils from Year 2 can access 1:1 or small group instrumental lessons on: piano, guitar, violin, ukulele and recorder and are taught by the school music lead. However, if any child would like to have a lesson on another instrument, children can access 1:1 (PDP) or small group instrumental lessons through the Lancashire Music Service, where children are able to take an instrument home.

These extra-curricular lessons are chargeable in line with the schools Charging and Remissions policy.

However, any child who would like to have a lesson but would be prevented from doing so on financial grounds can apply for subsidised tuition. Each case will be taken on its own merits.

Ensembles:



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Children in KS2 have the opportunity to participate in the Lancaster & District Schools Singing Festival and Young Voices Choir on a two year rolling programme. Our school collaborates with Tatham's Fells CE (VC) School to create one choir. This provides children with the opportunity to sing in a larger choir with other schools. Children unite together in song, experiencing the joy of making music as part of a diverse community. There are also opportunities, when they arise, for extra curriculum music performances at St. Wilfrid C. E. Church in Melling throughout the year.

Wider links:

Children are encouraged to attend and get involved with a wider range of ensembles provided by Lancashire Music Service and musical festivals organised by More Music in Morecambe.

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:

Singing is a big part of the life of our school. We sing in our whole school worship (including worship led by Reverend Jane), during a weekly praise, and our Friday celebration assembly.

EYF and KS1 enjoy lots of nursery rhymes / action songs and musical games singing together as a class. There is also opportunity across the curriculum to link music with class themes and projects.

School concerts and shows

All children will take part in two concerts each year to which parents and friends are invited. They are:

EYFS and KS1 Nativity

KS2 Christmas concert One of: - EYFS and KS1 Summer concert - Year 3 – 5 Summer Concert - Year 6 Leavers production All children are included and encouraged to take a full and active part in the rehearsals and productions. Trips - Choir children go to Young Voices each year in Manchester – this allows them to experience live music on a grand scale - Children in Y2 and Y5 take part in the Lancaster Singing Festival which features a live band for accompaniment and showcases the skills of local young people in KS3 and KS4. - We seek to facilitate trips to other events as and when they happen and are advertised e.g. EYFS theatre trips / trips to local concerts or events organised by More Music - When a charge is needed (e.g. for entry to the event or for



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transport) this is in line with the charging and remissions policy. Parents can apply for support if needed.

In the future

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

Future Aims:

- To collaborate with the wider Lune Valley Cluster Schools to enhance musical experiences, providing access to live music and musical workshops by sharing financial costs with the long term aim of creating a rolling programme.
- To develop the use of Digital Audio Workstations such as YuStudio.
- To continue strong links with Lancaster and District Singing Festival organisers.
- To collaborate further with St. Wilfrid's Church to provide opportunities for performing in church.
- To develop provision of after school ensembles including Ukulele and recorder.
- To further develop links with the Lancashire Music Service and More Music.
- To further draw on the musical experience of staff to showcase live music.

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 for support beyond the school.

The Lancashire Music Hub website contains lots of information on music making opportunities across the area along with the development plan:

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

More Music is a music and education charity based in the West End of Morecambe, with 30 years of experience delivering workshops, training, performances and festivals across the district, region and beyond. More Music seeks to build confidence and spirit in individuals and communities through the arts, especially music. More Music is an Arts Council National Portfolio Organisation. Their website has information on music making, after school clubs, family events and a programme of gigs to attend.

<https://moremusic.org.uk/>



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The Governing Body of Melling St Wilfrid CE Primary School and the Governing Body of Tatham Fells CE (VC) Primary School <https://www.tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk/> entered into collaboration with one another on 1st September 2015. From this date, a Collaboration Joint Committee was established to provide for collaborative working between the two schools.

As part of the collaborative arrangements, the governing bodies of the two schools agreed on a model of shared leadership, Mrs Fiona Ip is the Executive Headteacher over both schools in the collaboration.

Working in collaboration with Tatham Fells CE (VC) Primary School, our joint aims and aspirations are:

- To share and develop staff expertise across both schools;
- To try out different and innovative ways of working;
- To raise the aspirations of children, staff, parents and governors;
- To secure strong strategic leadership;
- To maintain and develop individual characters, ethos and distinctiveness of each school but also to use differences to enhance the experience for children from both schools.