LONGTON PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

MUSIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUMMARY

2026–27 • CARE • GROW • SHINE

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OUR SIMPLE MESSAGE

Every child at Longton should have the opportunity to sing, play, create, perform and enjoy music.

A. Curriculum Music

Music is taught as a discrete subject for one hour each week in every year group, delivered by a specialist music teacher. This provides regular, progressive opportunities for pupils to develop musical knowledge, skills and confidence.

In EYFS, music is part of Expressive Arts and Design through adult-led sessions and continuous provision. Children sing songs and rhymes, explore sound using voices and instruments, and respond physically and creatively to music.

- All classes sing in every music lesson, developing vocal confidence, accuracy and enjoyment.
- Pupils use a wide range of tuned and untuned instruments in classrooms and the Music room.
- Kapow Music provides the structure and progression from EYFS to Year 6, enriched by specialist teacher expertise, Sparkyard and Lancashire Music professional development.
- Pupils explore music from different genres, cultures and traditions and develop safe, confident performance techniques.
- Pupils learn instruments including glockenspiel and recorder with opportunities to play individually and in ensembles.
- Year 4 pupils receive whole-class ukulele tuition from a specialist teacher.
- SEND pupils are supported through adapted resources, adult or peer support and flexible ways of recording and participating.
- Pupil Premium pupils have equitable access to practical music-making and performance opportunities.

B. Music Beyond the Curriculum

Longton provides a broad range of opportunities beyond lesson time so that pupils can deepen their musical skills, discover interests and perform with others.

- EYFS children experience singing, movement and simple instrument exploration through play and continuous provision.
- Years 3 to 6 and 5 invited to join the weekly school choir, which rehearses for 45 minutes with the specialist music and singing teacher.
- The choir performs in school and in the wider community, including Christmas fairs, care homes, St Andrew's Church community carols and the Lancashire Music 'Lancashire Sings'.
- Weekly specialist instrumental tuition is available in piano, keyboard, brass and guitar, with support for Pupil Premium pupils including subsidised lessons.
- Rock Steady offers paid weekly band sessions in drums, guitar, bass, voice and keyboard.
- Players provides a paid weekly music and drama after-school opportunity, including performance for families.
- At lunchtime, pupils can use the Music room to explore instruments, compose, rehearse, perform and form ensembles.

C. Musical Experiences

Music is visible and heard across the life of the school. All pupils experience music through singing, performance, live music and shared events.

- Weekly 25-minute singing assemblies for KS1 and KS2, led by the specialist music/singing teacher.
- Songs from different genres, including opportunities to develop harmony and rounds.
- Sparkyard supports seasonal singing and school-value songs for Harvest, Christmas, Easter and other key events.
- A new whole-school song is composed each year and linked to the school's annual focus.
- Workshops and live music experiences, including opportunities such as gospel singing workshops and a trip to hear a live orchestra.
- An annual whole-school pantomime trip gives every pupil access to a professional live performance.
- Visiting performers and specialist instrumental teachers provide opportunities to hear high-quality live music.
- Every pupil takes part in a Key Stage annual school play, developing performance confidence, musicality and teamwork.
- SEND and Pupil Premium pupils are supported so that they can participate fully in performances, trips and workshops.

D. 2026–27 Development Priorities

Our focus for 2026–27 is to maintain the strong breadth of the existing offer while continuing to develop progression, participation and musical confidence.

- Continue to work with Lancashire Music for specialist expertise, professional development and wider opportunities.
- Strengthen progression from curriculum music into choir, instrumental tuition, ensembles and performance.
- Continue to widen opportunities for pupils to perform for different audiences and in different settings.
- Review participation and access so that SEND and Pupil Premium pupils continue to benefit fully from the music offer.
- Continue to develop community and school partnerships that give pupils meaningful musical experiences.
- Continue to celebrate music across school through assemblies, performances, seasonal events and the annual whole-school song.

At a Glance: What Music Looks Like at Longton

1 HOUR	SING	PLAY	PERFORM
weekly curriculum music	every music lesson + weekly singing assembly	instruments, ukulele, choir and tuition	shows, community events and live music

Further information: Lancashire Music provides opportunities to learn an instrument and take part in workshops and ensembles..