St Peter's RC Primary School
Music Development Plan

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
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Name of the school music lead	Charlotte Green
Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Charanga Whoops A Daisy Music- 'Let's Go Sing' project.

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 St Peter's we believe that all children are entitled to a music curriculum that inspires creativity and lets them communicate together in a universal language. Our aim is to ensure we deliver a high-quality music curriculum that not only challenges but also instils a life-long appreciation and enjoyment of music. Musical learning has profound benefits for children in terms of their wellbeing, academic achievement, and social and emotional development. At St Peter's our music curriculum comprises of activities focused around listening and appraising, composing and performing. As the children progress at St Peter's, they will learn how music has been shaped by culture and historical changes, whilst listening and appraising the works of great composers/musicians during each unit of work.

The Primary National Curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Perform, listen to, review, and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians.
- Learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence.
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced, and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure, and appropriate musical notations.

In EYFS, children develop their understanding of music through the areas of Communication and Language, Physical Development and Expressive Art and Design. The EYFS framework states that:

'The quality and variety of what children see, hear and participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts.'

At St Peter's the teaching of music is guided by the EYFS framework, The National Curriculum for Music and the Lancashire Primary Music Framework. Lessons are taught using the Charanga Musical School Original Scheme. Our whole school curriculum map has been developed to include these lessons, with additional activities on listening and appraising of great composers/musicians and children are able to progress in their learning of playing different musical instruments.

Children in KS2 classes are currently taught whole class music for 1 hour per week in half termly blocks, to coincide with the teaching of other foundation curriculum subjects. In KS1 classes music is taught for 1 hour a week all year. In addition to this all children attend a weekly whole school singing assembly and are given opportunities to join our school choir and recorder club.

We teach music to all children, with due regard to their ability. Music forms part of our school curriculum policy to provide a broad and balanced education to all children. Teachers will provide learning opportunities matched to the needs of the children with learning difficulties. Work considers specific targets set for children in their Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and teachers will adapt units for the needs of the children with SEND if required.

We are supported in the teaching and learning of our music curriculum and updating staff training through CPD sessions by our local hub- Lancashire Music Service. This year we will also be working in partnership again with Whoopsie Daisy Music who organise the Lancashire schools 'Let's Go Sing' concert, which we will be at King George's Hall, Blackburn in March 2027.

For further information on our music curriculum at St Peter's you can access the following documents at Music | St Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School (stpetersrc.com)

- Music Policy
- Learning Journey for Music
- Year Group Topic Overviews
- Year Group Progression of Knowledge and Skills
- Whole School Curriculum Map
- National Curriculum for Music

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.

In addition to music lessons at St Peter's, all children take part in a whole school weekly singing assembly and regularly sing during our weekly whole school celebration assembly too. Each class performs their own assembly each year, which involves singing and performances. Often classes will also take further opportunities to share their musical learning during assemblies too, such as singing performance poetry during Story Telling/Poetry week.

At St Peter's we have our own 'Singing Stars' choir that is available for all Y2-6 children from all ability groups regardless of SEND and pupil premium eligibility. The children meet weekly for an hour after school to learn and sing a variety of songs from a range of genres. For the past, several years KS2 members of the choir have also been part of the 'Let's Go Sing' project run by 'Whoops A Daisy Music.' During the autumn and spring terms the choir have additional termly music lessons, which is delivered by the 'Whoops A Daisy Music' teachers. After this, they perform at the concert, along with other schools from Lancashire, during the spring term. This year, due to rising costs of transporting the children to the concert venue, parents of KS2 members will be asked to pay a weekly fee of £1 per child to cover these costs during the duration of the club- approx. 22 weeks. (The club will remain free for KS1 children as they will not be attending the concert) In addition to this the whole choir also have regular opportunities to sing in our weekly whole school assemblies and every year they sing Christmas Carols to our community in Rawtenstall.

We offer a free after-school recorder club for KS1 which is delivered by the music lead and another class teacher. These are run weekly for an hour after school during the summer term. Children are allocated recorders to use during the sessions and to practise with at home. In addition to this they are also given free online access to Charanga Music World.

Every year we also hold an 'Enrichment Week' during the spring term. Outside agencies are sourced to teach the children new skills and further develop their understanding. In Music, the children have been taught Beatboxing, Samba music and for the past few years we have held a 'Rock Star Day' where the band 'Rock Kidz' come to teach and perform with the whole school.

Part C: Musical Events

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.

This year all children will continue to be given opportunities to experience and perform music in our weekly whole school parental assemblies all year through:

- Whole school singing
- Whole class assemblies
- Choir performances in school and for our community
- Let's Go Sing Concert for Choir
- Whole-class, group or club instrument ensemble performances

Additional events this year include:

Autumn Term

- 'Singing Stars' choir (Y2-6 children) to perform carol songs at St Peter's Christmas Fair in December 2026 (weekend performance) No charges made- parents are asked to transport to and from the venue.
- All children will be given the opportunity to attend our yearly whole school pantomime trip, which is at Manchester Opera House in December 2026. Parents will be asked to make a voluntary contribution of approx. £21 per child to cover the cost of the event tickets and transport.
- All children in KS1 will practise and perform songs for their Nativity performance in December and parents will be asked to pay a small entry fee of £2 to cover the cost of costumes, props, script and additional lessons from our dance and drama teacher.

Spring Term

- During 'Enrichment Week' we will be holding the ever-popular 'Rock Star Day' for the whole school. The day is delivered by 'Rock Kidz' who teach a rock song to each class in their key stages and then we will hold a whole-school rock star singing event at the end of the day. Funds to cover the cost of this and other enrichment events are raised by our FOSP fundraising group as well as school budget and a sponsored event in the autumn.
- Through our partnership with 'Whoops A Daisy Music,' our 'Singing Stars' choir will be performing at the 'Let's Go Sing' concert in March 2027 at King George's Hall, Blackburn, alongside other schools in Lancashire. School will pay the fee for the 'Let's Go Sing' project, which is £425, and KS2 parents will be asked to pay a weekly fee of £1 during the duration of the club (Approx- 22 weeks) to cover the cost of the coach to transport the children to the venue.

Summer Term

- All children in KS2 will practise and perform songs for their end of year 'Summer Play' in July 2027. Parents will be asked to help with providing costumes for their child and therefore will not be charged an admission fee. School will fund the cost of additional lessons with our dance and drama teacher.

In the future

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

During this next year, we aim to:

- Continue to monitor the teaching and learning of music in the summer term to monitor learning, progression and support CPD needs and quality first teaching. Subject leader to feedback findings to staff and report for governors.
- Endeavours to seek opportunities to facilitate individual/small group parental direct payment tuition have been made and we are now on the waiting list for an available weekly teaching slot with Rock Steady Music School- Home - Rocksteady Music School in the hope that we can give the children further opportunities for instrumental tuition and to be involved in more performances.
- New electronic drums have been sourced for school to update our resources and provide the children with additional instrumental experiences. These were provided by Lancashire Music Service funding scheme (with no cost to school) and these will be implemented initially into KS2 music lessons this year.

Further information

St Peter's is aware of the following and is using these to develop the curriculum accordingly:

- National Curriculum for Music- National curriculum in England: music programmes of study - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
- Non-Statutory Guidance for Music (DfE, 2021) - https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6061f833d3bf7f5ce1060a90/Model_Music_Curriculum_Full.pdf
- Music information for parents and young people- Music education: information for parents and young people - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
- Music Hub- Lancashire Music Service and Charanga Musical School- Lancashire Music Hub | Music Activities In & Out Of Schools
- Let's Go Sing Project- Let's Go Sing! | Whoops A Daisy Music
- DfE Policy Paper: The Power of Music to Change Lives. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/62bc1242d3bf7f292040d364/The_Power_of_Music_to_Change_Lives.pdf (2022)