



Music development Plan Tintwistle Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
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Name of the school music lead	Elle Pickering
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Derbyshire Music Partnership
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 Tintwistle Primary School, we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups as well as music appreciation in every class every day. We use the Sparkyard music scheme for our lessons which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. Our 'Whole School Topic Plan' which can be found on the music subject page outlines the units taught in each year group. Children receive the equivalent of one hour per week of Music teaching, which is sometimes 'blocked' and sometimes weekly or fortnightly. The lessons are carefully planned in accordance with the school's music curriculum alongside supporting resources from the scheme of work ensures consistency and progression from EYFS through to Year 6. All children in Year 6 have the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument as part of Wider Opportunities. Music lessons are further supplemented by whole-school or key stage Worships, where children sing

together three or 4 times a week. Music lessons are also supplemented by annual performances, Harvest, Easter and Christmas, whereby the entire school rehearse and perform a number of songs every year. Children in EYFS sing every day alongside their music sessions.

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.

We have a thriving choir; all children can join from Y2 upwards. The choir rehearse weekly and perform regularly throughout the year, at local events such as the Parish Markets and in-school events. We take part in the Young Voices event each year.

Children across the school have the opportunity to take private piano lessons, and these lessons are incredibly popular and offered in school by a specialist. While these lessons are private and paid for by parents, pupil premium subsidies are available.

We love to celebrate the musical talents of our children, they are invited to play for us in our Good News Gathering on a Friday morning.

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.

The children receive a wide range of musical experiences. This starts from watching each other perform as part of choir, ensemble or individually, in Worships on a regular basis.

- Choir perform alongside the dance group at Buxton Opera House which gives children the opportunity of performing at a real theatre
- Pupils who are learning an instrument play with the Halle Orchestra at Bridgewater Hall in Manchester and to parents and the whole school in the summer term
- Onsite Christmas Production – Buxton Opera House musical production
- Glossop Music Festival – annual event performances by musicians and an opportunity to participate.

-All children from Nursery to Y6 perform a Christmas performance annually which includes singing. Our Easter Service at church offers the children the opportunity to show off their recorder skills!

-Year 6 children perform a Leavers' Performance annually to both school and parents, showcasing singing and songwriting skills.

-Choir perform regularly throughout the year – whether to school, at the local high school or Christmas events.

In the future

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

Next academic year we aim to :

- Further explore music visits and outreach including opportunities for musicians to visit school and perform
- Explore the option of year groups to travel to professional venues.
- Explore options to extend our peripatetic music lessons- broaden the range of instruments on offer
- Further liaise with feeder secondaries will help ensure that our children are as best prepared as possible for the KS3 Music curriculum.