

Music development plan summary: Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025- 26
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Name of the school music lead	Claire Greenwood/Wendy Thompson
Name of local music hub	North Yorkshire

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 our Federation of schools, we want to create a passion for music in our children that will stay with them in their future lives. We want to ensure that music is an inspiring and engaging experience that enables every child to develop their musical potential and develops an appreciation of the value of music that is deeply personal to them. We want children to have a curiosity for the subject and a respect for the role that music may play in any person's life.

Within our federation we aim to provide a variety of musical experiences through a curriculum which develops learning, improves knowledge and promotes pupil well-

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being through building up the confidence of all children. Music can impact the way that children feel, think and act; we want music to encourage the body and mind to work together, develop motor skills and allow self-expression.

All of our KS2 pupils have access to a weekly music session with a music specialist teacher. Our younger learners have a weekly lesson with their class teachers. All lessons are planned using the model music curriculum as a starting point.

Our music lessons cover the National Curriculum as a minimum. We aim to go beyond the curriculum and ensure children have a wide range of opportunities. Our music curriculum provides wide exposure to musical styles and genres from different times and places and promotes the exploration of the language of music through active listening, performing and composing activities. Music lessons progress from reception up to year 6 learning skills such as: listening and appraise, interrelated dimensions of music, singing, playing instruments, improvisation, composition, perform and share. This approach ensures the children get a rich learning experience covering all aspects of music.

There is a clear progression of skills and knowledge to accompany each unit that sets out exactly how the children progress throughout the year and year on year.

In addition to the music curriculum, children are given the opportunity to learn to play musical instruments

Singing: We have weekly 'Songs of Praise' collective worship assemblies where children sing together a range of songs.

IMPACT

As a result of the music curriculum, children at the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation develop a love of music and increased understanding of the impact that music can have on their own and others' lives.

Children demonstrate progression of knowledge and skills which they continuously build on and embed.

Through music, children develop the fundamental competencies of confidence, curiosity, collaboration, communication, creativity, commitment and craftsmanship.

Children develop an understanding of culture and history in relation to themselves individually, their local music heritage and music from ethnicities from around the world.

All children, including SEND, have the opportunity to take part in music lessons and where possible, action plans and support is provided for children so that they are able to fully access lessons.

For further information visit our music page

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[Music – Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation
\(theupperwharfedaleprimaryfederation.co.uk\)](http://theupperwharfedaleprimaryfederation.co.uk)

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.

Music Tuition Offer

As Federation we offer lots of opportunities for our children to play musical instruments. We currently offer opportunities for our children to learn accordion, all year round which is free for the first 6 lessons, which are subsidised by a grant.

We point children who express an interest in a musical instrument to North Yorkshire Music Services, we currently have children who are learning the piano and guitar.

Extra-Curricular Music Offer

As part of our Federation working day in KS2, the children have the opportunity to attend the Federation Choir which runs over a lunch time. Children then have performed at carol services and Federation events.

Opportunities outside of school

We promote local theatre and music groups such as Grassington Players.

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.

Our children have the opportunity to access a range of musical experiences beyond their music curriculum. The opportunities include:

- Participating annual carol concerts in church to large audiences
- Weekly singing assembly
- End of year productions both in school and as a wider federation Christmas productions
- Music showcases at the end of term- including playing instruments
- Music visitors as a member of an audience
- Theatre visits

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- Singing to the community

Some of these events are charged for example theatre visits. These are subsidised for pupils eligible for free school meals and pupil premium children.

In the future

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

- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your school's music development plan, including links to your local music hub partners, other local music education organisations and contacts.

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 to for support beyond the school.

Your local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.