



# Music Development Plan Summary

## Slyne-with-Hest St Luke's Church of England Primary School



September 2025

### Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026 for new academic year
Name of the school music lead	Paul Bowden
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)	LMS (Lancashire Music Service) Lancaster Singing Festival More Music (Morecambe)

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 our own scheme of work which includes materials from Charanga, Music Express online, 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.
- All classes from **Years 1 to Year 6** have a weekly hour long music lesson which gives opportunity for skills to be learned and developed. At two points in the year (Autumn 2 and Summer 2) classes come together to develop singing skills and prepare for concerts and events.
- Year 2 and Year 5 take part each year in the local Lancaster and District Singing Festival
- KS2 music lessons are all taught by the music subject lead.
- Throughout KS2 children develop the ability to play the glockenspiel through focussed whole class instrumental work taught by the subject leader. In Year 3 in 24 – 25 children had two terms of 30 minute woodwind instrumental lessons with a tutor from Lancashire Music Service (LMS). Following this children could choose to continue their woodwind lessons through the rest of KS2 or try a different instrument.
- Our partnerships with Lancashire Music Service (LMS), Lancaster Singing Festival and More Music allow the children to experience a wide experience of music making.

### **We aim 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 interrelated dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations



## **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 (PDP) or small group instrumental lessons on:

- woodwind instruments (focus on flute and recorder)
- keyboard
- guitar
- percussion (drums)
- vocal skills / singing

and are taught by tutors from Lancashire Music Service. All pupils are provided with an instrument that they can take home to practice on.

These extra- curricular lessons are chargeable in line with the schools Charging and Re-missions 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 / free tuition. Each case will be taken on its own merits.

### **Ensembles:**

The school has an established choir which all pupils in KS2 are encouraged to be a part of. It meets weekly to rehearse and takes part in a wide range of activities including concerts, the annual Young Voices in Manchester as well as singing at local events in the village. Pupils in Year 2 are invited to attend in the Summer Term at the end of KS1.

We have an Upper KS2 school band which seeks to use the skills and enthusiasm of pupils who have been learning instruments both within and outside school music lessons. It is an open invitation.

All school music ensembles are free of charge for all pupils to attend.



### **Wider links:**

The school has close links with the local music centre in Lancaster (operated by LMS) and encourages pupils to attend to get involved with a wider range of ensembles. We also promote the wider work of LMS through encouraging pupils to attend taster days / Inspire (beginner ensemble) and concert bands run at the weekend.

Any pupil who attends an LMS activity can benefit from their instrumental loan scheme. Although many LMS sessions are chargeable – the rates are competitive and bursaries can be applied for if finance would prohibit involvement.

## **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 and our Friday assembly has lots of time to enjoy singing known songs as well as learning new ones.

EYFS and Year 1 meet for singing for 30 minutes every Friday afternoon. They enjoy lots of nursery rhymes / action songs and musical games.

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:

One of:

- 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 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.**

As can be seen in the information contained in this document the school already has a strong musical presence – both in the classroom and in providing extra-curricular opportunities beyond the school day.

We constantly keep the music curriculum under review and look for new resources / materials to use along with opportunities to take part in other music making in the locality (e.g. special events / touring performances etc).



## 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 to 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.lancashiremusic hub.co.uk/site/>