



Music
Development Plan
2024-25

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	Kirsty Kennedy
Name of local music hub	Greater Manchester and Blackburn with Darwen Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady

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 the changes that we are planning for the future. 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

Our school's curriculum for Music, including provision for SEND pupils, is detailed in the music curriculum overview on the school website.

Children have weekly music lessons in which they access high quality teaching from Bolton Music Service which covers all aspects of the curriculum including singing, playing instruments, music theory, music production and various other skills and topics. Key Stage 2 pupils also access whole-class lessons in Djembe drumming and teachers from the music service deliver units on playing the glockenspiel.

Our Music curriculum is designed in partnership with Bolton Music Service (BMS) to deliver the National Curriculum (2014) and Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework (2023) to ensure that children have a wide range of opportunities to experience music and develop their knowledge, understanding and skills. Our school implements the curriculum through discreet musical teaching, although links with other subjects are obvious and encouraged. Foundation Stage planning for Expressive Arts and Design shows how we engage our Reception and Nursery children in early musical learning experiences. Staff have access to the advice of BMS teachers and take an active part in Music lessons and this is part of their CPD as they are in all sessions.

As part of our planning process, BMS teachers plan the following:

- A cycle of lessons for each subject, which carefully plans for progression and depth concentrating on the musical skills suited to the age group;
- Challenge questions for pupils to apply their learning in a philosophical/open manner;
- Learning outside the classroom to enhance the learning experience;
- Appropriate curriculum themed home learning tasks which children complete with adults at home;
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Children in KS2 also attend a weekly hymn assembly and singing is embedded into the planning of collective worship for all year groups.

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.

Our school has an active choir which practises weekly and has opportunities to perform throughout the year at events, church services, in assemblies and local music festivals.

We have a Performing Arts club which takes place for one half term per year and allows children to develop knowledge and skills across the performing arts, before performing their work for parents in a concert.

We also provide the opportunity for children to learn musical instruments through the Rocksteady programme which children may choose to take part in and we signpost parents and children to local ensembles and instrumental lessons.

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.

All children have the opportunity to experience the theatre on an annual basis during our Christmas pantomime trips and the choir also have the opportunity to perform with the Halle Orchestra at the Bridgewater Hall once per year. They also take part in a music festival for local schools each year at the Bridgewater Hall. KS2 children all experience choral singing in their weekly hymn assembly. The Choir have also performed at local Charity Events including the Christmas Light a Candle service for Bolton Hospice. Y6 children have attended Musical Performances at local High Schools e.g. Mount St Josephs and St James High School, usually in the Summer term. Y6 lead an end of year assembly/production.

In the future

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

We plan to introduce the following in order to improve and enhance music provision at Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School:

1. Reaching out to the local community to provide performance opportunities for a greater range of children e.g. taking a class/some classes to local care homes/community centres to sing at Christmas.
2. Providing more opportunities for KS1 e.g. introducing a KS1 singing assembly or similar.
3. Providing more opportunities for instrumental lessons for children who would like to learn an instrument
4. Extend the Performing Art Club to providing a second Half term for KS1 children.
5. A termly school showcase accessible to all pupils, whereby pupils would get to prepare and perform in class and then each class would choose two pupils to perform in the final showcase for the rest of the school. This would not only be an opportunity to promote music for all pupils, but also develop and encourage oracy skills.