

Music development plan summary: Shirland Primary School

Overview

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| Name of the school music lead | Mrs J Dolman |
| Name of local music hub | Derby and Derbyshire |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place) | Derbyshire Music Hub |

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.

To read, in detail, about music at Shirland Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page [Music - Shirland Primary School](#)

Music is taught, in class, every week and is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021). In EYFS and KS1, lessons are a minimum of 30 minutes and a minimum of 45 minutes in KS2. Lessons are taught by class teachers, High Level Teaching Assistants or a music specialist from Derbyshire Music Hub. Teaching is supported by specialist planning using the *Charanga* curriculum scheme of work. The musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing assemblies in each key stage, lasting 25 minutes.

Children in Year 3 learn an instrument as a whole-class ensemble taught by a music specialist from Derbyshire Music Partnership as part of the Wider Opportunities programme. The project lasts the whole school year and culminates in a concert where children perform songs and pieces together to the whole school and their families.

Children in Year 6 spend 10 weeks learning a variety of instruments as part of the *Ready2Rock* programme as a whole-class ensemble. This is taught by a music specialist from Derbyshire Music Partnership.

Children in EYFS-Year 6 have opportunities to learn and play the glockenspiel as part of the *Charanga* curriculum.

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.

At Shirland Primary School, we currently offer small-group lessons on brass provided by Derbyshire Music Partnership and we also offer small-group lessons, on a variety of instruments (guitar, bass, piano, singing, keyboard) through our *RockSteady* programme provided by RockSteady. Teachers visit the school and teach children in our dedicated music practise room.

We have a thriving Musical Theatre Club, in KS2, who rehearse weekly in preparation for a performance, on stage, at our local secondary school.

Individual and small-group lessons are funded by parents, however, for those children who are Pupil Premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium provision. Musical Theatre Club is free and accessible to all of our Key Stage 2 children.

We work closely with Derbyshire Music Partnership to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children.

Part C: Musical Performances

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.

Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience high-quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:

- whole-school pantomime performance (outside provider)
- musical club will perform at Young Voices in January 2026
- musical club will go to see a Matilda at the Curve Theatre in October 2025
- musical club will perform with the other schools within the trust in March as part of CNET's joint concert
- EYFS will perform a carol concert for parents in December
- KS1 will perform a Nativity production in December

- Year 3 and 4 will perform a production at Easter
- Year 5 and 6 will perform a production in the Summer term
- all children will participate in a singing assembly, every Tuesday
- children will sing a themed song during assembly on Wednesday and Friday
- Year 3 will perform their ukulele pieces (wider opportunity programme) to parents and the school in February and at the end of the year
- Year 6 will perform their *Ready2Rock* piece in July
- all children taking part in *RockSteady* (EYFS-Year 6) will perform their band pieces in December, April and July to the whole school and their families
- all children taking part in brass lessons will perform in July to the school and their families

In the future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- introduction of further whole-class ensemble projects delivered by a music specialist
- further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children
- develop a dedicated music teaching space for use by ensembles and class curriculum lessons
- continue to develop children's knowledge and understanding of staff notation
- continue to develop staff's confidence when teaching the Model Music Curriculum