

# Music development plan summary: Newton Primary School

## Overview

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| Academic year that this summary covers   | 2024-2025   |
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| Name of the school music lead  | Stephanie Mason   |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) |   |
| Name of local music hub  | Derbyshire Music Hub<br><a href="https://www.derbyshiremusichub.org.uk/home.aspx">https://www.derbyshiremusichub.org.uk/home.aspx</a> |
| 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.

To read, in detail, about music at Shirland Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page Music - Newton Primary School

<https://www.newton.derbyshire.sch.uk/music/>

Music is taught, in class, once a week every other half term and is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021). Lessons are a minimum of 30 minutes and are taught by class teachers, High Level Teaching Assistants or a music specialist from

Derby Cathedral. Teaching is supported by specialist planning using the Charanga curriculum scheme of work. The musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing at the beginning of every assembly and additional singing events in class.

Children in one of our KS2 classes have the opportunity to learn to sing as an ensemble taught by a music specialist from Derby Cathedral – Music in School programme. The project lasts the whole school year and culminates in a concert where children perform songs together, with other schools, for their families, in Derby Cathedral.

Pupil Premium are offered the opportunity to learn a variety of instruments as part of the RockSteady programme. This is taught by music specialists who run sessions weekly. Pupils share their achievements and progress through a number of concerts in front of the rest of the school and their families. Children in EYFS-Year 6 have opportunities to learn and play the glockenspiel as part of the Charanga curriculum.

## **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.

At Newton Primary we 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. 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.

Up until recently, we have offered 1-1 piano lessons with a local piano teacher who comes into school weekly to teach children in KS1 and KS2. This was funded by parents, however, for those children who are Pupil Premium, these lessons could be funded by the Pupil Premium provision.

We have a thriving Choir Club, in KS2, who rehearse throughout the year in preparation for performances within our community. This 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 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.

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)
- KS2 theatre trip
- EYFS and KS1 will perform a Nativity for families in December
- All children will perform songs around the Christmas tree at the end of Autumn term
- Lower KS2 will do a Spring/Easter performance for families at the end of Spring term
- Upper KS2 will do a summer production for families at the end of summer term
- Amethyst Class will see Derby Cathedral choir perform live during their final performance in summer term.
- All children will participate in singing assemblies every week
- All children will sing a song from Jigsaw at the beginning of each assembly
- All children taking part in RockSteady (Year 1-Year 6) will perform their band pieces 3 times a year to the whole 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:

- Develop assessment opportunities in Music throughout school to help teachers become more aware of the expectations within the subject and how progress can be measured
- Develop a Music wow day to enhance children's experiences of music from different cultures.
- Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children
- continue to develop staff's confidence when teaching the Model Music Curriculum