

Music development plan summary: 2024-2025

North Park Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	January 2026
Name of the school music lead	J. Summerill
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	E Roffe
Name of local music hub	Durham Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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 North Park Primary School it is our intention that learning in Music should give all pupils the opportunity to experience and enjoy a wide range of musical forms.

We aim to enable pupils to develop their own musical skills, creative expression and abilities, whilst fostering an appreciation of music and an understanding of how it contributes to culture and society.

We do this by following a broad and balanced music curriculum that builds on previous learning and provides both support and challenge for learners.

We want pupils to learn to express ideas in a wide variety of ways, to think critically and creatively, to give opinions and to build their own confidence and enjoyment of music through the range of activities offered in school.

We want pupils to develop their emotional literacy through music, helping them to express, appreciate, interpret and communicate what they think and feel.

Our whole school approach to learning in Music is delivered through half-termly units. We use the Kapow Primary Scheme for Music to support teaching and enable children to meet the requirements of the National Curriculum. Our Music lessons focus on the following key areas;

- Performing
- Listening
- Composing
- History of music (KS2)

Learning builds upon the foundations laid down in Early Years where the focus is on listening and responding to music through movement, singing rhymes and simple songs, and playing percussion instruments.

In Year 3, the music curriculum is taught through full class Recorder tuition delivered by Durham Music Service. This continues into Year 4, giving pupils the time to become proficient and consolidate their skills.

In year 5, pupils receive one term of guitar delivered by a music specialist in school.

Follow the link below to see our long-term plan.

[Music LTP 2024-2025.docx](#)

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.

We are lucky to have the expertise of Durham Music Service and this academic year we have begun to offer small group tuition in clarinet. This has been offered initially to Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and we hope to extend this to include Year 4. For Pupil Premium children, school funds lessons through Pupil Premium provision. Pupils who are not funded in this way have their lessons subsidised by school. Participants have the opportunity to hire an instrument to take home. When they reach an appropriate standard, pupils are invited to attend a DMS Stars group at a local feeder school and

work towards grades. Further information about Durham Music Service instrumental tuition can be found by following the link below.

<https://www.durhammusic.org.uk/sign-up>

North Park currently offers music clubs after school including guitar, hand bells and KS2 choir. Choir represents the school at the local church's Christmas and Summer fairs and carol-singing at Asda.

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 Assembly – Key Stage 2 (weekly)

Christmas singalong for parents and carers (Nursery)

Nativity for parents and carers – (Reception)

Christmas Carol Service for parents and carers (KS2)

Christingle for parents and carers (Year 2)

Christmas X- Factor (Key stage 2)

Harvest Festival for parents and carers (Year 1)

Easter Service for parents and carers (KS2)

Leavers' Service for parents and carers (Y6)

Christmas concert delivered by Durham Music Service (whole school)

Performance by a band from Streets of Brass (whole school)

In the future

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

- Increase the number of pupils accessing small group clarinet lessons
- Provide opportunities for recorder and clarinet players to perform
- Introduce a KS1 Singing Assembly