



# Lancaster Christ Church C of E Primary School

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## Music development plan

### 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
Name of the school music lead	Jen Smith
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Emma Simpson
Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Lancashire Music Service (LMS) Lancaster Singing Festival Choir Church

*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 a scheme of work that we have developed which includes materials for Charanga and Music Express, as well as Fischy Music.
- Our Music curriculum is planned progressively to allow children to develop skills over time.
- Our curriculum is informed by the [Model Music Curriculum \(2021\)](#) for Key stages 1 to 2.
- In the **Early Years**, children enjoy weekly music lessons, led by the class teacher, as well as having opportunities sing at various points throughout the school day through other curriculum areas, where songs and rhymes are used regularly to support children's learning. Children also have an opportunity to explore making music, both electronically and physically, using Purple Mash, Poisson Rouge, and areas of provision within the classroom.



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- Children in **Years 1 – 6** receive an hour long music lesson per week, taught by a specialist music teacher. Lessons focus on listening to a wide range of genres and styles of music, singing, playing instruments (body percussion, tuned and untuned percussion, ocarina and ukulele), composing and performing.
- At least twice per year, children in **Key stage 2** have an opportunity to come together to perform a concert for parents and families.
- In addition to the weekly music lessons, children in **Years 1 - 6** have a 40 minute Choir Church session each week, led by our Choral Director, Jayne Crowe. During Choir Church sessions, children have the opportunity to singing as part of an ensemble, develop their singing technique, and learning songs to sing as part of our half-termly Eucharist services. Jayne also teaches the children about musical notation, dynamics and expression when singing.
- All children take part in music lessons with adaptations made for those children with SEND for whom the lessons may be a challenge.
- Children in **Years 2 and 4** take part in the Lancaster and District Singing Festival each year.

## **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:**

- Children in **Years 3 – 6** can access peripatetic music tuition in school via Lancashire Music Services.
- There is a broad range of tuition on offer, including: drums, guitar, violin, cello, flute and keyboard.
- All children accessing peripatetic music tuition are provided with an instrument which they can take home to practice on.
- Children who have peripatetic music tuition have at least one opportunity per year to perform to an audience in a Key Stage 2 assembly.

These extra- curricular lessons are chargeable in line with the schools Charging and Remissions 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.

### **Ensembles:**

- Our Choir Church choir meet every Tuesday lunchtime and is open to children in **Years 1 – 6**. Children learn and rehearse a range of hymns which then form the foundation of our half-



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termly Eucharist Service, which is open to all members of our school community, as well as the Christ Church congregation.

- Our Choir Church choir is free to attend.

## Wider links:

- Lancaster Christ Church C of E Primary School is the home of the [Lancashire Music Centre](#), which runs every Thursday evening in term time. Children can access a range of music groups, including: Little Beatz, Crossbows, Singsation, Drum Beatz, Future Beatz, Recorder Rebels, Beat Lab, Fret Friends and Picking Pals and Brass Blasters, as well as individual tuition in acoustic guitar, base guitar, electric guitar, ukulele, piano, keyboard, strings and brass.
- Although Lancaster Music Centre workshops are chargeable, costs are kept as low as possible as they are subsidised by the Music Education Hub grant. For a **termly** charge of £30, children can access as many of the groups as they like each week.
- Support with finance is available for eligible pupils via the [Young Musicians' Fund](#).

## 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:

- Singing is a huge part of our daily school life. **All children** sing every day during Worship, learning and rehearsing new and familiar hymns, both traditional and modern, during our Thursday 'Reflection and Praise' session, in preparation for the week ahead.
- Children in **Years 1 – 6** sing every week during their Choir Church session, with our Choral Director, Mrs Jayne Crowe.

### School Concerts and Shows:

- Children in **Reception and Key stage 1** perform annually to parents / carers and to children in Key Stage 2 in the school Nativity.
- Children in **Years 3 – 6** perform twice per year to parents / carers in a Christmas and Easter concert.
- Children in **Year 6** present a Leavers Production annually to parents / carers and to the other classes in school.

### Trips:



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- Children in **Year 2** and **Year 4** visit the Ashton Hall in Lancaster each year to participate in the Lancaster Schools Singing Festival which features a live band and a performance by an individual or group of KS3 / KS4 pupil(s).
- Children in **Year 5** and **6** visit the Ashton Hall in Lancaster each year to enjoy a concert by the Haffner Orchestra.
- Children who participate in our **Choir Church Choir** visit Blackburn Cathedral for the annual Choir Church Festival, which includes singing with the Cathedral Choir as part of Evensong.
- All of these events are provided free of charge.

## **Wider Opportunities:**

- **All children** are invited to take part in our termly Choir Church Eucharist Service, which is open to all members of our school community, as well as the Christ Church congregation.
- Children who participate in our **Choir Church Choir** are invited to sing each year at Dolphinlee Care Home.
- Children in **Years 5** and **6** sing carols at Marketgate Shopping Centre each year to raise money for North West Air Ambulance.
- Children in **Year 6** sing carols at St. Nicholas Arcade each year.

## **Enrichment Opportunities:**

We seek to facilitate trips to other events when invited / advertised. We are also keen to facilitate opportunities for visitors to come into school to lead assemblies and/or workshop sessions for the children when available.

So far, this academic year, this has included:

- A **whole school** Fischy Music Day, which was provided free of charge to all pupils.

## **In the future**

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

The provision of music already has a high profile at Lancaster Christ Church and we aim to ensure that all children continue to have a positive and rich musical experience as they progress through school.

In the next academic year, we aim to:



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- Develop staff confidence and competence in the teaching of music by investing in a specialist music teacher who can support professional learning opportunities, as well as providing quality-first teaching for all pupils in music.
- Further incorporate Music technology into the curriculum to enable pupils to compose, record and evaluate music using digital tools.
- Increase opportunities for children to experience live performances.

## 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.lancashiremusichub.co.uk/site/>
- Further information about our Music Curriculum can be found on our school website:  
[Music | Lancaster Christ Church CofE Primary School](#)