

Music development plan summary: Preston Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	1 st September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	1 st September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Mrs A Pitt
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Tees Valley Music Service (TVMS)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Music Makes Me Ltd Music Monsters

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.

Our curriculum is informed by the DfE's Model Music Curriculum (March 2021). All children receive at least 1 hour of Music teaching a week. Our specialist Music Teacher, Mrs Helen Norris and class teachers deliver our music curriculum.

Singing

Every week, children in both KS1 and KS2 take part in a 30-minute singing lesson with Mrs Norris to consolidate the Music curriculum aims and vocabulary.

Singing assemblies explore lots of aspects about singing including breath control, range and register, diction, warming up our voices/vocal health, part singing, harmony.

Singing lessons encourage children to be “brave” and often invite children to sing solos or in smaller groups. We also discuss the importance of a respectful audience when someone is performing.

Instruments – Performing / Composing

Our music curriculum is split into six blocks, two of these blocks each year are devoted to the teaching and learning of a musical instrument. Mrs Helen Norris teaches these blocks and content is supported by Tees Valley Music Service’s Charanga music resource. Here is a brief overview of the instruments each year group explore:

Nursery and Reception: Percussion (untuned)

Year 1: Glockenspiel

Year 2: Glockenspiel

Year 3: Recorders

Year 4: Recorders

Year 5: Keyboard

Year 6: Keyboard

Instruments are then used in other blocks to support composition elements of the curriculum.

Listening and Appraising

Every week children throughout school listen to the same piece of music ‘Music of the Week’, chosen by members of staff in school. Children focus on this, listen, and appraise at an age appropriate level. The piece of music is played throughout the whole week and then the member of staff who chose the track explains their reason for choosing. Children also have listening elements taught within lessons throughout the year and each year group have additional focus genres

EYFS: Nursery Rhymes

Year 1: Identifying instruments, Mood

Year 2: World Music

Year 3: Orchestra, Classical/ British Composer

Year 4: Genres, Classical/ British Composer

Year 5: Film Music, Classical/ British Composer

Year 6: History and development of music, British Composer

Apollo Music and Tees Valley Music Service

Throughout the year Preston Primary seek opportunities offered by Apollo Music and Tees Valley Music Service (TVMS) or other local opportunities to allow children to perform and consolidate the skills taught in school.

Supporting children with special educational needs (SEND)

Preston Primary music curriculum is inclusive to all children. Targeted support and appropriate differentiation is given to those children who require it. Key takeaways are identified in the refined 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.

There are ample opportunities outside of our directed Music curriculum that children are able to participate in.

Additional Instrument Tuition

A number of children in school years 1- 6 are accessing private musical instrument tuition in school time from Music Monsters.

Ensembles

School Choir - We rehearse and work towards a termly performance: for our Christmas celebrations, at our local care home, and at our Summer Festival on the Field.

Further progress outside of lesson time

We seek opportunities offered by external companies and community organisations by offering opportunities for children to take part in events which involves local school groups and local musicians performing at community events such as SIRF and 'Stockton Sparkles'.

These are free opportunities.

Holiday provision

We signpost children to music holiday clubs that are provided by external companies including Apollo Music.

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.

Assemblies

Parents are invited into school throughout the academic year to watch class assemblies and performances. Songs that have been practised in singing and music lessons are performed during this time.

Performances

Each year group has the opportunity to perform to an audience.

Reception: Christmas Nativity, End of Year Assembly.

Year 1: Christmas Performance, Spring Performance, End of Year Assembly.

Year 2: Christmas Performance, Spring Performance, End of Year Assembly.

Year 3: Christmas Performance at All Saints Church, Spring Performance, End of year Assembly.

Year 4: Christmas Performance at All Saints Church, Spring Performance, End of year Assembly.

Year 5: Christmas Performance at All Saints Church, Spring Performance, End of year Assembly.

Year 6: Christmas Performance at All Saints Church, Spring Performance, End of year Assembly.

Music Trips or Visits

Throughout the school year we take opportunities to visit local theatres to watch or take part in musical events. In 2023/2024 Year 3 performed with The Royal Opera House, other year groups visited 'The Globe' for a Beatles Celebration, and Yarm Auditorium.

Years Reception to Year 6 have the opportunity to attend a Pantomime every year and Year 6 attend at least one West End Musical on the annual London trip.

Apollo Music have visited school to deliver musical workshops including a World Music workshop and a Percussion workshop for years 2 and 4.

Opportunities are taken as they best fit into the curriculum and year groups.

In the future

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

We will continue to seek live performance opportunities across the year as they arise: either for classes to visit performance spaces to listen to live music or for musicians to visit us.

We will look at fundraising opportunities to increase our instrumental offer with the aim of purchasing keyboards.

Further information

For further information about Tees Valley Music Service, see their website:

<https://www.tvms.org.uk/>

There are also ample ensemble opportunities led by this hub for children be part of in the region: <https://www.tvms.org.uk/ensembles>

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.