



Music development plan for Ashfield Primary School

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	December 2024
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Date this summary will be reviewed	December 2026
Name of the school music lead	Gemma Loynes
Name of local music hub	West Yorkshire Music Hub-Leeds Art Forms

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: Curricular 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.

Curriculum music is music taught in lesson time to all pupils through the Sing Up music scheme. From the EYFS, music is taught through continuous provision with 30 minutes dedicated music curriculum per week. From Year 1-6 each year group has half an hour a week timetabled curriculum music lessons. Children also have the opportunity to access some paid or subsidised 1:1 instrument tuition weekly.

Our curriculum music lessons are informed by the Model Music Curriculum (non-statutory guidance for music teaching) and provide pupils with opportunities to:

- Listen to and evaluate music from diverse time periods and cultures.
- Learn how to create and control sound using their voices, as well as tuned and un-tuned instruments.
- Understand how music is communicated through various notation systems.
- Improvise and compose music.
- Perform musically in front of audiences of varying sizes.

An instrumental scheme is also delivered by our music teacher and gives the year 5 pupils an opportunity to learn the ukulele for a prolonged period, allowing them to develop technical proficiency on a single instrument.

From September, Ashfield moved fully to the Sing-Up music scheme which lends a wide song bank and resources to support teaching and learning for all our pupils.

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Year group	Time dedicated to curriculum music teaching each week	Time dedicated to curriculum music teaching each week <i>(Local music hub OR instrumental scheme)</i>
EYFS (Rec)	All terms: 45 minutes a week (+ continuous provision)	
Year 1	All terms: 1/2 hour	
Year 2	All terms: 1/2 hour	
Year 3	All terms: 1/2 hour	
Year 4	All terms: 1/2 hour	
Year 5	All terms: 1 hour	1 Hour whole class- Ukelele lessons
Year 6	All terms: 1/2 hour	

Instrument tuition lessons are offered to all students and at a subsidised cost to students with pupil premium. Year 5 have the opportunity to learn ukulele as a whole class once a week with a trained music teacher. Pupils have the opportunity to perform as a class and in small groups and ensembles in autumn term for harvest and at Christmas singing and instrument concerts.

Ashfield utilises staff from PHGS to teach whole class instrument lessons in year 5.

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.

Outside of what is taught in lesson time, Ashfield offers one-to one instrument lessons which happen on a weekly basis.

In spring and summer term, students from KS1(spring) and KS2 (summer) are able to join an after school/ club which is a singing choir group- this will be taught by the music lead and is a free lesson.

Pupils can make progress in music outside of lesson time and can have access to some instrument from school on a loan.

1:1 or group Tuition

Instruments are available on loan for all the below groups. Pupils who receive Free School Meals or Pupil Premium Plus are able to rent their instruments with no charge. Pupils are also able to work towards qualifications with these instruments. The school covers the cost of one instrument per child. There is a small room available for music lessons that can be used as rehearsal spaces.

Music Subject Leaders meet across the CLT to share good practice and enhance provision.

Music Tuition

Instrument	Year group	Details
Piano/Keyboard	Y1 (2 Students) Y2 (6 Students) Y3 (7 Students) Y4 (10 Students) Y5 (6 Students) Y6 (6 students)	Meet Weekly 1:1 Tutoring Beginners Intermediate
Violin	Y3 (1 Student) Year 6 (2 Students)	Meet Weekly 1:1 Tutoring Beginners Intermediate

Musical Ensembles

Ensemble	Year group	Details
Ukulele	Years- 1-4 (4 Students)	Meet weekly Beginners/Intermediate

Guitar	Years 3/4/6 (6 students)	Meet weekly Beginners/Intermediate
Choir	Mixed KS1 and KS2 (31 Students)	Autumn Term
Choir	Mixed KS1 and KS2	Summer Term

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.

Musical Experiences	Year Groups	When?
Harvest Festival- singing in Bridge Church	Reception- Year 6	Autumn Term 1
Christmas shows/Nativity/Christingle	Nursery- Year 6	Autumn 2
Instrument Christmas performances- to individual classes	Individuals/Small group Y1-Y6	Autumn 2
Otley Christmas Tree Festival	KS1 and KS2- Mixed choir	Autumn 2
Ashfield Christmas Tree singing event	Whole school event	Autumn 2
Music appreciation/ Singing Assemblies	Specifically chosen music is played at the beginning of each assembly to introduce composers or artists to the children.	Weekly
End of year leavers performance	Year 6	Summer 2

In the future

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

Objectives:

- Ensure coverage/quality of lessons/resources is being used effectively.
- Ensure staff are able to access Sing Up as teaching resources.
- Review schemes/song bank in the long-term plans to link to each year-groups songs/music to cross curricular learning.
- Showcase music learned from school choir/ after school singing clubs.

Further information (optional)

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.

Our local music hub is West Yorkshire Music Hub. See link for details
<https://artformsleeds.co.uk/networks/leeds-music-education-partnership/>