

Music development plan summary: Altham St James Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	April 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	reviewed Jan 2026
Name of the school music lead	Mrs S Bellard
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Lancashire County Council
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.

Our school music curriculum is informed by the Creative Music Scheme (2025) from Charanga. These resources are designed to cover the National Curriculum for Music fully, ensuring teachers meet its statutory requirements while offering creative freedom. The curriculum map shows topics covered for years Reception through to Year 6 with some followed weekly and some taught in a block.

Each week, in Prayer and Praise, all the children have opportunities to engage in voice control and warm ups, to learn to sing for worship, choir and singing schools. Sessions have increased to 20-25 minutes. Singer of the week award for the infants.

Children learn group songs specific for Easter and Christmas and perform these in church or in the school hall. Extra-curricular choir at lunchtimes supports these events.

All the children in LKS2 learn to play the recorder and/or keyboard through whole class teaching to support composition.

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.

Children in the juniors are offered guitar tuition with two groups each Thursday lunchtime.

Lunchtime choirs are available for` periods such as Christmas, Easter and Leavers service.

Keyboards are loaned out occasionally.

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 assemblies are three times each week, with performances for Open the Book events.

Opportunities for children to sing in small groups, duets and/or solos.

Guitar performances for a lunchtime audience are each term.

Music appreciation using BBC ten pieces, Sing up and Charanga are provided.

Two authors have combined music with their visits.

All pupils included in Christmas productions.

Easter Lenten services led by each class.

Leavers in year 6 are encouraged/supported in rewording lyrics for leavers' song and recording as a whole school event.

In the future

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

To work with new year 5/6 teacher.

Provide further opportunities for those who show talent/interest.