

Durham Dales Partnership

Butterknowle, Frosterley, Hamsterley,
St John's Chapel, Wearhead & Woodland
Primary Schools



Music Development Plan Summary

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2027
Date this summary was published	April 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	April 2026
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Rachel Harmer
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Durham Music Services

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.

Throughout the Durham Dales Partnership, we have built a music scheme based on units from the Charanga Music School supplemented with BBC ten pieces and Royal Opera house resources to ensure that our children have access to a range of music across different genres, alongside opportunities to take part in live lessons to enhance our music offer. The Schemes used provide teachers with week-by-week lesson support for each year group in the school. It is ideal for specialist and non-specialist teachers alike and provides support with lesson plans, assessment, clear progression, and engaging and exciting whiteboard resources to support every lesson. The Schemes used support all the requirements of the national curriculum. Each class receives timetabled curriculum music of up to 1 hour per week. In line with the curriculum for music and guidance from Ofsted, our planned Scheme moves away from the previous levels and learning

objective/outcome concepts to an integrated, practical, exploratory and child-led approach to musical learning. Key stage 2 children in each school have access to the first access programme from Durham Music Services learning either recorder or violin.

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.

Durham Music Service offer group tuition in our schools for a range of instruments. Instruments can be hired from DMS and subsidised tuition is available for those pupils in receipt of pupil premium.

Butterknowle:

Children in KS2 are given the opportunity to develop their musical skills further with DMS with the offer of group lessons learning either the flute or the recorder. Currently, we have no pupils accessing this provision.

Frosterley:

Children in KS2 are given the opportunity to develop their musical skills further with DMS with the offer of group violin lessons.

Hamsterley:

Children in KS2 are given the opportunity to develop their musical skills further with DMS with the offer of group lessons learning either the clarinet or the recorder.

Additionally, school offers private cornet lessons delivered by Middleton in Teesdale Silver Band members.

St John's Chapel:

Children in KS2 are given the opportunity to develop their musical skills further with DMS with the offer of group violin or recorder lessons.

Wearhead:

Children in KS2 are given the opportunity to develop their musical skills further with DMS with the offer of group violin or recorder lessons.

Woodland:

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.

Across the Durham Dales Partnership we provide our children with a range of musical events and opportunities for our pupils.

Currently Key stage 2 children in each school have access to the first access programme from Durham Music Services learning either the recorder or the violin. This gives the opportunity for pupils to continue their learning by taking up the instrument through additional music lessons through Durham Music Service.

Throughout the schools the children can appreciate music through:

- Christmas songs/performances
- Exposure to a variety of musical genres through our Assembly Programme
- Music workshops
- PE – dance unit, warmups and cool downs during each lesson
- School discos.
- End of term assemblies

Each term we look at a focus piece of music which the children throughout the school can access and discuss at an age-appropriate level.

KS1 have been given the opportunity to take part in a project with Orchestra of the Age of enlightenment which sees them working collaboratively with other schools and music specialists experiencing a wide range of music. Resulting in a live performance at Bishop Auckland town hall.

In the future

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

It is our aim that from September 2025, we will continue with and expand on the variety of musical visits and experiences which we provide to our pupils. We aim to set up a school choir who can perform termly for the pupils, staff and parents.