

Music development plan summary: Ashfield Junior School

This summary reflects our school's music provision for this school year and our plans for subsequent years.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Caroline Gibson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Cumbria Music Hub

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

Our music curriculum is built around units and resources from the Charanga scheme which is an integrated, practical, exploratory, inclusive and child-led approach. All pupils receive weekly music lessons every half term lasting for 45 minutes – 1 hour. The school music curriculum is built on the principles of the model music curriculum where all pupils are introduced to a broad repertoire of music through the scheme and research projects carried out focusing on World music. All pupils are introduced to the different disciplines of music including technical skills and creativity. All pupils have the opportunity to learn to play instruments during curriculum music time. These include glockenspiels, recorders, ukuleles and keyboards. All pupils have the opportunity to sing during whole-class ensemble teaching in their year groups. Provision for SEND includes a bespoke curriculum delivered in our resourced provision classroom. SEND provision in our main classrooms are maintained through tailoring the tasks and resources from the main scheme to match learners' needs as well as targeted support through additional adults.

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.

Music assemblies provide the opportunity to sing as a whole school and additional performances during the year give all children the opportunity to sing in classes, year groups and as a whole school. A choir runs each term and is offered to all pupils, leading to performances for a wider audience. Musician of the month focus studies are launched during assemblies where pupils from different classes present to the school. This can take the form of reading, singing and dancing. Follow up work from this encourages our pupils to explore the musicians more widely at home and within class.

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 take place during the latter half of the autumn term for all pupils, as well as some weeks across the spring and summer terms. Content relates to our musician of the month, celebrations and themes within school. Year 6 pupils take part in a school production during the summer term. All year groups have the opportunity to perform as a class, year group or whole school to a wider audience. All pupils get to experience musical theatre each year as part of a whole school visit with a voluntary contribution per pupil. Annually, a theatre company come into school to perform to the whole school. This incurs no cost to pupils. All pupils take part in performances at the end of the Autumn term for families.

In the future

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

Future developments in music will look at the provision of instrumental tuition outside the time tabled music curriculum. Further developments in musical experiences will be developed by getting more visitors into school to work with all pupils. This will make links with other subject areas.