

# Music development plan summary: Mowbray Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	January 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	January 2026
Name of the school music lead	Helen Ewart
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Music Partnership North
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.

Music is taught in class every week and is informed by the Model Music Curriculum. Lessons are a minimum of 30 minutes and are taught by class teachers or Higher Level Teaching Assistants. Teaching is supported by specialist planning and the Charanga scheme of work supplemented by the use of a range of musical instruments available. Pupils in the Foundation Stage have opportunities throughout the week to engage in music including through singing nursery rhymes and making their own music. Musical learning is further supplemented by weekly whole school singing assemblies lasting 20 minutes.

Children in year 3 learn to play cornets as a whole-class ensemble taught by a music specialist from the local music hub - Music Partnership North. This project lasts throughout the whole year and involves pupils learning how to play the instrument, following musical notation and performing songs. The project also involves pupils

working to achieve the Discover Arts Award.

As part of our work with Music Partnership North and our commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all pupils, we are recognised as a 'Music Mark School'.

## **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.

At Mowbray Primary School, we currently offer weekly individual and small-group lessons on guitar and keyboard to pupils in years 2-6. Specialist teachers visit the school and teach children in our dedicated music practise room.

Individual and small group lessons are funded by parents, however for those children who are Pupil Premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium provision.

## **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.

All pupils from Reception to Year 6 participate in whole singing assemblies once a week. Songs are used from Out of the Ark as well as other hymns and contemporary songs. Pupils learn to sing in harmony as well as singing songs that involve rounds.

From Nursery to year 6 every class performs a play and songs at Christmas to an audience. They also perform songs to parents and carers in Harvest and Easter assemblies. Opportunities are also provided for pupils who have learned instruments to perform.

Connections have been made with the local secondary school to be part of their Christmas concert – a small choir was formed and pupils performed to an audience with pupils from different schools.

## **In the future**

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

In future years we aim to achieve the following to enhance the music provision in our

school:

- Continue to work with Music Partnership North
- Forming more/stronger connections with other schools and the local community to provide more opportunities to perform and experience music as part of ensembles.
- Provide more opportunities for all pupils to experience live, high-quality music
- To develop more opportunities for extra-curricular music opportunities e.g. choir
- Plan and provide CPD opportunities for staff to develop confidence in their delivery of high-quality music provision

## Further information (optional)

Visit the Music Partnership North and Northumberland County Council websites for information on local music opportunities for young people

<https://musicpartnershipnorthnewcastle.co.uk/>

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Music-Service.aspx>