

Music development plan summary: Pye Bank CE Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Sam Crowder
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Sandie Chatterton
Name of local music hub	Sheffield Music Hub
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.

Pupils at Pye Bank take part in music weekly. Across Key Stage 1 and 2 Music is taught in twelve thirty-minute lessons a week or six one-hour lessons over the course of each term. Children also do an additional thirty-minute singing lesson in class every week. Every term, children perform their own compositions to their peers in other year groups.

Our curriculum is informed by the government's model music curriculum but is adapted to meet our needs and context. It is organised around four key strands: singing, composition, playing instruments and performing. Children have access to a ranged of tuned and untuned percussion instruments to play in lessons.

Our lessons are accessible to all, and allow all children, whatever their needs, to participate fully in all strands of music. Children who learn an instrument outside

of school are encouraged to bring their instruments and share their skills with classmates.

We work with a range of outside partners to ensure excellent provision across the school. For the last two years we have partnered with Sheffield Cathedral to provide singing tuition to Year 3 pupils across the year.

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.

Children at Pye Bank take part in regular singing assemblies led by the music lead. During assemblies, children learn songs in preparation for special celebration assemblies, such as Harvest and Christmas, where they all have the opportunity to perform to parents.

Keen singers can join our school choir. Choir have in the past performed at events in the wider community, including national events like Young Voices, and as part of local festivals like Migration Matters. Each year, we take the choir to sing at the local church as part of their Christmas dinner celebrations.

From September 2026, the school will be offering whole class tuition in the recorder. All children will be provided with an instrument which they can then take home to practise. We hope that this consistent approach to learning an instrument will allow all our children to develop into lifelong musicians.

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.

Our children are given regular opportunities to experience a variety of music outside of their usual lessons. These opportunities vary from year to year, but we aim to give every year group a high-quality music experience every year.

Foundation Stage children participate in a nativity play every Christmas. It is always a fantastic event, giving the children their first taste of performing to an audience.

Year 1 children have attended the Christmas play at the Crucible theatre, giving many of them their first encounter with an important local artistic institution. Children from across the school have attended productions at the Crucible in the past.

This year, Year 2 had the opportunity to work with SBC theatre company to produce their own football chants, which were featured as part of the World Cup celebrations in the city centre.

For the last two years, Year 3 have performed in the eucharist service at Sheffield Cathedral as part of their yearlong singing course with the Cathedral's music program.

Year 5 visited the Sheffield City Hall to watch the world-renowned Halle Orchestra perform in their youth music concert.

Every year, Year 6 rehearse and perform their end of year production to their parents. It is always a fantastic occasion and gives the children memories for life.

In the past, groups from our school have performed at local festivals, taken part in Young Voices at the Sheffield Arena and joined hundreds of young musicians at Music for Youth concert at the Royal Albert Hall in London. We are always on the lookout for fantastic musical experiences for our children. All our experiences are provided free of charge.

In the future

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

We are always making improvements to our music offer at Pye Bank. For the 2026-27 year we are planning the following changes:

- Introducing whole class music tuition for recorders from KS2 up. This will follow the Sing Up scheme of work and will allow all children to have access to their instrument at home.
- Starting a new musical ensemble, a recorder group, drawn from across KS2. This ensemble will have opportunities to perform in assemblies and concerts.
- Introduce termly concerts for parents featuring compositions made by the children, as well as performances by singing and instrumental groups.

- Ensuring that every Year group has the chance to watch a professional live performance of dance, theatre or music by strengthening our ties with local groups.