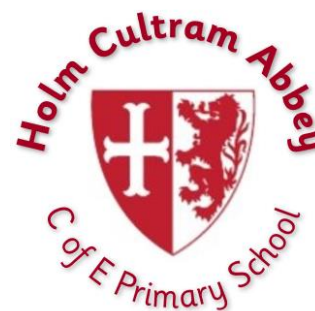


# Music development plan summary: Holm Cultram Abbey CE Primary School



## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 -2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Andrea Worthington Whole Staff
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Cumbria Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Cumberland Music Service

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 music curriculum is delivered through Kapow. Kapow Primary offers full coverage of the KS1 and KS2 Music curriculum, including EYFS. With easy-to-reference documents, we can show how it achieved this, and maps their units to the statutory requirements for the subject. The content of Kapow Primary's Music units has been categorised into five key strands: Listening and evaluating; Creating sound; Notation; Improvising and composing; and performing with opportunities to recognise and apply the inter-related dimensions of music across each strand. We have plotted our Music units against the Development matters statements and the Early learning goals for EYFS, and the national curriculum statements for KS1 and KS2 Music, and identified which of the strands each unit covers.



Currently, we teach the music curriculum for around 30 minutes each week. We also have a choir session for KS2, other opportunities to sing as a class and singing worship sessions each week. In total, we spend at least an hour a week on music teaching and musical activities.

We have a music teacher who delivers 1:1 music lessons to pupils on either the piano or guitar. There is a cost to parents for this, unless they qualify for Pupil Premium, in which case the school will pay for the lessons.

## 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.

As part of our music curriculum offering, we have the following currently running in school:

- A choir for all KS2 pupils which is held weekly during school time. This is led by a member of the community who is a trained music teacher.
- Singing Worship each week and ad hoc class singing sessions
- Music tuition on guitar or piano. This is delivered by a music teacher who comes into school to teach 15-minute lessons weekly to those children who sign up. The lessons are at a cost to parents. However, if a child, who has expressed an interest, is in receipt of the Free School Meals grant, they can have the lessons funded through the Pupil Premium Grant.
- We share posters and information about locally organised arts/music events that children or families might be interested in.
- Each year, the school performs a nativity in the local Abbey for families and members of the local community. This includes songs sung by the whole school or smaller groups.
- The children who have music lessons will perform for the school and parents at least annually to show the progress they are making.
- Whenever we have coffee mornings in school. The children will usually sing in classes for the parents and wider family members. We often theme these events, for example, songs from *The Greatest Showman*. We use these times to try and expose children to a range of songs from the past and by artists they might not have heard about.



## 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.

Below are some of the events and experiences we have been involved in over recent years:

- In 2023 we took part in the Young Voices concert in Manchester. We took Years 5 and 6. We are committing to take part in this event every two years so that all our children get to take part once.
- Our local secondary school offered some brass instrument tuition to our Year 5 and 6 children in 2024. We will continue to engage with them and will join in any activities they offer in the future.
- We have singing assembly one a week in school.
- In 2024, our year 3 and 4 children took part in a cluster school singing event.
- Each year, some of our children visit local nursing homes to sing for the residents there.
- At every coffee morning held in school, we sing for the parents and families who attend. Each class sings one or two songs from the past.



## In the future

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

Our plans for the future involve:

- Looking for opportunities to expose our pupils to professionals performing
- Looking to arrange/take part in cluster events locally
- Exploring having musical clubs for pupils outside of curriculum times.
- Exploring the offer from the local music hub
- Evaluate the Kapow scheme over the year to ensure it meets the needs of the school and the children.

