

Music development plan summary: North Lakes School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Emma Ross
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)	

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.

At North Lakes School we are passionate about music. Our music lessons follow the Sing up scheme. Our music lessons take place weekly and are 45minutes long. During these sessions, children develop their musical skills through using their voice and classroom percussion instruments and through exploring a range of musical genres. Children will have the opportunity to learn the recorder, which they will show progression with by the end of KS2. The instrumental teaching is currently taught by the class teacher.

Additionally, children take part in a 20 minute singing assembly each week where they practise skills such as pitch matching and singing in parts using harmonies and rounds as an ensemble.

Our SEND pupils take part in singing assemblies weekly and music sessions either in their mainstream class or within the resource provision area. Just as in mainstream, they access Sing up for lessons.

Additionally, our SEND children receive extra music lessons when visiting Sunbeams fortnightly.

Part B: Co-curricular music

At North Lakes school, we have a school choir which is run during a lunch time on a weekly basis. Children from all year groups are offered places in the choir and it is free of charge. The choir perform each year at a Christmas event alongside other local schools and they also perform each year for the school and parents on Sing up day. Last year, they also performed at our curriculum evening and we aim to provide more opportunities for performances over the coming year. During this academic year, the choir will also take part in Young Voices, which is an exciting opportunity for our children.

We would like to continue to offer an after-school music club with a music teacher from Blue Jam Arts again during the next school year. Several children took part this year and it was a success. The children were able to try out a variety of different instruments to see which they felt most confident with and they had the opportunity to play different instruments each week. We strive to create our own school band.

Part C: Musical Events

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.

Musical events which take place at North Lakes are as follows:

- Singing assembly once per week. Children sit in their teams (Blencathra, Helvellyn, Red Pike and Great Gable) and can earn points through team work, excellent behaviour and enthusiasm when singing.
- Sing up day in June. We gained platinum status from sing up for our fantastic singing. The whole school takes part in Sing up day and we are part of the Digichoir.
- We have bands in to perform (Brass and string quartet)
- We take part in the Christmas choir concert at St Andrew's church with the PSMA.
- Year 3 and Year 4 children take part in a Christmas musical performance.
- Year 5 and Year 6 perform an end of year performance.
- Class assemblies – Each class perform at least once per year and have the chance to sing for the school.

- Year 5 and Year 6 have the opportunity to watch a professional musical. Last years was Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.
- The whole school took part in Cumbria connect concert with Amasing this June.

In the future

At North Lakes, we strive for our children to be confident musicians and instil a lifelong love for music. In order for this happen we aim to:

- Offer 1:1 music tuition – singing/ instruments. There will be interest if lessons are appropriate and sold well.
- Offer more theatre trips, including Year 3 and Year 4 pupils.
- Invite a range of musicians into school so that the children can watch a variety of different performances.
- Take part in the Young Voices competition next year.