



Whole School MUSIC Development Plan - The Arts

Bowerham Primary and Nursery School



Overview

Details	Information
Academic Year that this summary covers	2025-26
Date this summary will be published	July 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	April 2026
Name of the school music lead	Anna Orford/Sarah Woodruff
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Nick Haughton
Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	More Music

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-Curriculum-1 (3).pdf

Our whole school music curriculum can be found above. The aim the music curriculum here at Bowerham, is to ensure all year groups receive consistent, high-quality music education on a weekly basis. This is achieved through the following:

- Scheduled music lessons, four per half term, for all students across key stages. These is aligned with the national curriculum and incorporates both theory and practical music-making.



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- Ensure that all teachers are equipped with the training, knowledge and resources needed to deliver high-quality music lessons and make use of the new instruments and resources effectively.
- Provide early years children with daily, hands-on opportunities to explore music through a variety of resources and activities.
- Provide structured instrument lessons to enhance musical skills and knowledge in both key stages.
- Regularly assessing the effectiveness of the music program and make necessary adjustments to ensure continuous improvement.
- Working towards the Artsmark Gold award, helping to us with a clear focus and direction for now and the future.
- Provide opportunities for children to achieve extra-curricular awards, such as LAMDA awards.
- Going forward, we are working towards being able to offer children the opportunity to achieve music awards through 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 Bowerham, music is an integral part of school life, offering pupils a wide range of opportunities to perform and develop their musical talents. From Harvest songs and Christmas choir performances to our festive carol service, music brings the school community together throughout the year. Children regularly sing at local venues including hospitals and care homes, spreading joy through their performances. Weekly celebration assemblies feature student performances, while special assemblies—such as the music celebration, awards, and leavers assemblies—highlight musical achievements. Pupils also enjoy participating in events such as Bowerham's Got Talent, the Year 6 End of Year Performance, and the Year 2 and Year 5 Singing Festival. Our auditioned choir has performed for charitable events like Children in Need, and children can take part in choral speaking linked to current events. We also offer peripatetic music lessons through the Lancashire Music Service in flute, guitar, and piano. Initiatives like the Bowerham Busk and a six-week creative project with More Music help connect music with wider curriculum themes such as climate change and the arts



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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.

- Music plays a vibrant and valued role in life at our school, with a wide variety of opportunities for children to express themselves and build confidence through performance. As well as the experiences offered through our broad and engaging curriculum, we also provide a wide range of musical opportunities beyond the classroom. Pupils share their music with the wider community by singing in local care homes and hospitals, helping to build connections and spread joy. Weekly celebration assemblies feature student performances, and children also contribute to special events such as the music celebration, awards, and leavers assemblies. Annual highlights include the Year 2 and Year 5 Singing Festival, the Year 6 End of Year Performance, and our much-loved annual trip to the pantomime at Lytham—a joyful experience that brings the whole school together. Children can also join our auditioned choir, which has previously performed for Children in Need. Peripatetic music lessons in flute, guitar, and piano are available through the Lancashire Music Service, and the Bowerham Busk brings the whole school together in a fun and creative musical event. In addition, our partnership with More Music provides an exciting six-week programme linked to curriculum topics such as climate change, giving pupils the chance to explore music in innovative and meaningful ways.

In the future

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

As we look to the future, we are committed to further enhancing our music provision across the school. In the upcoming academic year, we will continue offering instrument loans and provide whole-class instrument learning opportunities. We have recently taken part in a recorder provision survey in collaboration with Rachel Hughes from Lancashire Music Service and we look forward to hearing about the outcome of this. We are excited to introduce the Arts Award and work towards achieving the Gold ArtsMark, highlighting our dedication to a broad and balanced arts education. From September, £500 of funding will be available from Lancashire Music Service to purchase new instruments, with further details to be shared with families and staff during the Autumn term. We will also begin our first full academic year using the new Charanga music curriculum, ensuring consistency and progression in music education across all year groups. To support this, training will be provided for both teachers and teaching assistants in Autumn Term 1, helping staff deliver a varied and engaging music curriculum. Additionally, every classroom will feature a



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permanent music display that includes key vocabulary and age-appropriate musical notation, helping to embed musical learning across the school environment.

Further information (optional)

For any more information about curriculum music across school or for individual year groups can be found on the school website or our social media pages:

<https://www.bowerham.lancs.sch.uk/>



Instagram - bowerhamschool (CIN 2022 Highlight)



X (Formerly known as Twitter) - @bowerhamschool



Facebook - Bowerham Primary and Nursery School and Baby Unit https://www.facebook.com/bowerham/?locale=en_GB

For parents and pupils, please look on Showbie for music experiences and work that shows the progression and opportunities that have taken place in school.