

Music development plan summary: Dacre Braithwaite Church of England Primary School Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
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Name of the school music lead	Linnéa Stokes
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	n/a
Name of local music hub	North Yorkshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	n/a

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

- It is our intention that our pupils will:
 - develop an interest and enjoyment for music, as well as recognising and being respectful of a variety of musical styles and genres in the wider community
 - gain an understanding of music is through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres.
 - use their musical skills, knowledge, and experiences to participate in musical opportunities
 - be able to express their personal, emotional, social and cultural identity through music
 - become competent singers and musicians who are able to compose, share and perform using their new knowledge.
- We follow the Sing up music scheme of learning to ensure effective progression.

- We work together with the North Yorkshire Music Hub to offer wider opportunities whole class ensemble and individual lessons and with private music teachers offering individual music tuition at school.
- Our music curriculum is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021), and most children receive a minimum of 1-hour music per week
- In KS2, all children have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument through whole class tuition.
- All children have the opportunity to sing regularly as part of our act of Collective Worship and in class activities.
- Our children take part in a whole annual Christmas Nativity
- Many children have opportunities to join performances in school such as the end of year production, Summer Serenade and performances outside of school including the Harrogate Schools Christmas concert, Young Voices and the Harrogate music festival, where music and song feature heavily.
- Currently, pupils do not work towards individual qualification but the school as a whole has achieved the Music Mark award.
- Pupils across all year groups are able to watch live performances from school and local ensembles.
- Pupils with SEND access music through inclusive teaching and differentiated tasks and instruments where appropriate to ensure that all pupils are able to access, enjoy and participate in music teaching.

Part B: Extra-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 have the opportunity to learn musical instruments through the North Yorkshire Music Hub. This can be subsidised for those children in receipt of pupil premium funding.
- Children in KS2 can attend a weekly choir after school club and lunchtime recorder club
- Children from any year group who are involved in individual lessons, in or out of school, or play in choir or an ensemble can join in with our annual Summer Serenade
- Children are invited with choir and WOP to participate in concerts beyond the school day in local and further afield venues.
- North Yorkshire Music Hubs offer participation for pupils receiving instrumental tuition at Saturday Music Hubs in Harrogate. This allows pupils to perform as an ensemble should they choose to take up the opportunities.

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.

- Dedicated weekly singing assembly
- Church based performances, including Christingle and Leaver's Assembly
- Regular opportunities for singing in our Collective Worship time.
- Whole school Christmas Nativity
- Class 3 end of year performance and mid-year class assemblies for Class 1 and 2.
- Annual pantomime visit
- We share joy in our local community by singing at a Christmas lunch in the community.
- Opportunities for individual and ensemble performances at our annual Summer Serenade in school
- Invitations for musicians to perform in school e.g. The Music Service Peripatetic Teachers and Playground proms
- Bi-annual trip to join 5000 other children at The Young Voices concert in Sheffield
- Opportunities to join other schools in regular concerts such as the Harrogate Schools Christmas Concert and the Rural Schools Concert
- Taking part in the Harrogate Competitive Festival for music, speech and drama
- Joining in with one off occasions such as the North Yorkshire VE day celebration and Platinum jubilee concert featuring the Band of the Grenadier Guards

Most of these opportunities are provided free of charge or at a subsidised rate.

In the future

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

- To increase music lesson curriculum time to ensure that every child receives at least one-hour music tuition each week
- To review the offer of the North Yorkshire Music Service to ensure we provide a broad range of peripatetic lessons
- To consider further musical experiences that can be brought into school and visits to see live professional music for example going to see a concert at the Aldborough Festival
- To consider other opportunities for children to perform in school