

Music development plan summary: Millhouse Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-7
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Name of the school music lead	Sally Crouch
Name of local music hub	Barnsley 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.

An outline of our Music Curriculum can be found on our school website. This details our curriculum intent for music and a progression of substantive and disciplinary knowledge taught in music across the school.

<https://www.millhouseprimary.co.uk/music/>

Teachers deliver music following the Music Express programme, designed specifically for the teaching of music in primary schools. It is aligned to the National curriculum programmes of study for music. Music is planned termly using Music Express units.

Our music curriculum is fully inclusive and accessed by all our pupils. Pupils with SEND are supported, as needed, to access the music curriculum. Lessons are well differentiated to cover all needs and abilities. Disadvantaged pupils have access to subsidised instrument tuition.

There are regular timetabled curriculum music lessons in all years plus other provision – it is our aim for all children to have access to one hour of quality music each week (this includes singing assembly).

All pupils learn to play the recorder at upper key stage 2 within their music lessons.

Children have the opportunity to sing during lessons and during singing assembly.

A peripatetic music teacher offers the opportunity for pupils to have lessons in guitar, violin and woodwind.

Barnsley Music Hub provides support for local schools – previously staff have accessed singing CPD. The school has also worked with Barnsley Youth Choir to develop singing provision.

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.

We have a school choir which is made up of children from Year 1 – Year 6. This runs weekly as an after-school club.

Peripatetic music teachers visit school and provide the opportunity for children to learn to play the violin, guitar or woodwind instruments. These lessons are paid for by parents. Children in receipt of pupil premium funding can be supported in this.

As part of this learning, pupils are able to complete graded exams in their instrument. They are also able to join an orchestra and perform with pupils from other schools. Some of our pupils participate in these 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.

All children take part in singing assemblies.

All children participate in an annual harvest and carol concert at the local church.

All pupils in Robins and Puffins classes (YR- Y3) participate in a Nativity performance, where they are provided with the opportunity to sing in front of an audience.

All pupils in Kestrels and Eagles classes (Y4-Y6) participate in a summer production, involving singing before an audience.

Pupils are taken to see a musical pantomime every two years at a local theatre. This visit is provided free of charge, paid for by our FOMS (Friends of Millhouse School) group.

The school choir performs at the local church as part of the harvest and carol concerts. It also performs at the annual village Christmas tree lighting event.

Peripatetic staff from Barnsley Music Service perform concerts at schools, including ours, across Barnsley on a rolling basis.

In the future

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

Provide CPD for staff to raise confidence in teaching music. (2026-28)

Continue to develop the school choir and extend opportunities for it to perform within the community. (2026-28)

At end of each term host a school performance linked to songs focussed on in singing assemblies. (2026-27)

Explore formation of a school ensemble. (2026-27)

Explore community links to widen musical opportunities. (2026-27)

Review music curriculum against new curriculum guidance once published (2026-27).