



Music Development Plan Summary: Thornton Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
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Name of the school music lead	Shirley Young
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Shirley Young, SENDCo
Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s)	JSE School of Music (Brass Tuition)

This is a summary of how Thornton Primary School delivers music education to all pupils through curriculum music, co-curricular opportunities and musical experiences. Music is an important part of our curriculum and wider enrichment offer, enabling children to develop confidence, creativity, performance skills and a lifelong appreciation of music.

Part A: Curriculum Music

Further information about our music curriculum can be found on our website:

<https://www.thorntonprimary.lancs.sch.uk/music-curriculum-overview>

At Thornton Primary, we aim to inspire children to develop a love of music and see themselves as musicians. Through our carefully sequenced curriculum, children become confident performers, composers and listeners while developing an understanding of music from a range of cultures, genres and historical periods.

Music is taught weekly throughout the school and all children receive up to one hour of music education each week through a combination of class-based music lessons, specialist teaching and whole school singing in assembly. Our curriculum is delivered using the Kapow Primary Music Scheme, which follows a progressive, spiral curriculum model and fully supports the National Curriculum for Music.

The curriculum is built around five key strands:



- Performing
- Listening
- Composing
- The History of Music
- The Inter-related Dimensions of Music

Children learn to:

- Sing fluently and expressively.
- Play tuned and untuned percussion instruments.
- Develop an understanding of pitch, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture and structure.
- Improvise and compose music.
- Read and interpret simple musical notation.
- Listen critically and respond to a wide range of musical styles and traditional music.

A specialist music teacher teaches music in Key Stage 2, ensuring children develop strong instrumental skills and musical understanding. All pupils have opportunities to perform, compose and evaluate music throughout their primary education.

In addition, pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 receive whole-class brass tuition delivered by **JSE School of Music**, providing children with opportunities to learn brass instruments and develop ensemble performance skills.

Our curriculum has been designed so that all pupils can access and enjoy music learning. Teachers provide appropriate support and adaptation for pupils with SEND, ensuring every child can participate fully and achieve success.

Part B: Co-Curricular Music

Thornton Primary provides a range of opportunities for pupils to develop their musical interests beyond the classroom.

These include:

- Whole-class brass tuition through JSE School of Music for Years 4 to 6.
- Opportunities for pupils to continue instrumental learning beyond whole-class lessons.
- Singing opportunities through school productions, performances and assemblies.
- Musical performance opportunities throughout the academic year.
- Opportunities for children to perform individually or as part of a group to their peers, parents and the wider community.

We actively encourage pupils to continue their musical development and celebrate musical achievements both within and outside school.



Where appropriate, we work alongside Lancashire Music Service and other specialist providers to enhance musical opportunities available to our pupils.

Music resources and instruments are available within school to support rehearsals, practice and performance preparation.

Part C: Musical Experiences

Music plays an important role in the wider life of Thornton Primary School and all children participate in a range of musical experiences throughout the year.

These include:

- Singing in assemblies and celebration events.
- Christmas performances and productions.
- EYFS and Key Stage performances.
- End-of-year productions.
- Class and whole-school performances.
- Opportunities to perform to parents, carers and the wider community.
- Listening to and responding to live and recorded music from a range of genres and traditions.
- Engagement with visiting musicians and specialist music teachers where opportunities arise.
- Opportunities for KS2 children to join the choir with the view to performing with other schools at organised events.

Children regularly perform to an audience, helping to develop confidence, resilience and presentation skills. Musical performances provide valuable opportunities for pupils to showcase the skills and knowledge developed through their curriculum learning.

We aim to ensure that all pupils experience live music and participate in performance opportunities throughout their time at Thornton Primary.

In the Future

Over the next three years, we plan to:

- Continue to develop high-quality curriculum music provision through the Kapow Music Scheme.
- Further strengthen instrumental teaching opportunities through our partnership with JSE School of Music.
- Increase opportunities for ensemble and group performance.
- Expand opportunities for pupils to experience live music performances.
- Continue developing staff confidence and expertise in music teaching through professional development.



- Explore additional opportunities for choir and vocal ensemble provision.
- Further enrich musical experiences through partnerships with Lancashire Music Service and local musicians.
- Ensure all pupils, regardless of background or need, have access to high-quality musical experiences and opportunities.

Further Information

For further information about music at Thornton Primary School, please visit:

Music Curriculum Overview:

<https://www.thorntonprimary.lancs.sch.uk/music-curriculum-overview>

Lancashire Music Service:

<https://www.lancshiremushub.co.uk>