

Music development plan summary: Horton Grange Primary School

Overview

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| Academic year that this summary covers | 2025 -2026 |
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| Name of the school music lead | Matthew Worger |
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| Name of local music hub | Bradford Music and Art Service (West Yorkshire 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.

Currently we are using Sing Up for the whole school curriculum, with EY using Development Matters. The Music curriculum is intertwined with other subjects/topics. Across school the original scheme is being taught consistently from years 1 - 6. The Music lessons are timetabled for a minimum 40 minutes with an additionally 20 minutes for singing assemblies. This structure of Music lessons will continue in September. From September 2024, we will transition to Model Music Curriculum using Sing Up. Model Music Curriculum is recommended by the New Music Plan, The Power of Music (2022). Teachers will be able to adapt the lesson plans accordingly to the needs of the children, with clearly sequenced lessons each half term. There are lesson plans, assessment documentation, a clear learning progression, as well as engaging and exciting songs and resources to support every lesson.

This will be implemented for years 1-6. Music is taught by class teachers who will adapt the Model Music curriculum through Sing Up. Focused audio and video clips of children in Music lessons are carried out. This includes singing, listening and appraising, composing and performing Music. This is used to monitor the progress children make during their Music lessons. Self and peer evaluation will be rolled out once Sing Up is fully embedded. This will allow children to become more reflective and independent learners.

The current Whole Class Instrumental Teaching includes instrumental recorder lessons for Year 3 from Autumn 1 to Spring 2. Additionally, whole group instrumental guitar lessons for year 4 for the whole academic year. A number of Year 5 children will continue with guitar lessons on a lunchtime. This was to allow children to experience two different instruments through Key Stage 2.

Children will be loaned free guitars from the music Hub to practise at home to develop greater musical progression and independence. SEND children will be offered priority for these smaller group lessons in addition to children who show interest and enthusiasm for the instrument.

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.

Choirs and Ensembles

From September, 2025, we will have a smaller group of children selected to develop playing the guitars from Year 5. This will happen every week for a full year. The smaller group of children will have an opportunity to progress their musical experience with more guided support from a Music specialist from Bradford and Arts Services in order to develop their instrumental skills further.

We currently attend Young Voices annually, the next visit will be in Manchester in February 2026. This visit has increased children's interest in singing and performance has dramatically increased. This has led to an established choir group within school.

Our choir group meet weekly to develop singing skills and rehearsing for Young Voices (February 2026). The choir group consists of 50 children from Years 4, 5 and 6.

With an established choir group, we intend to create a band in the next academic year consisting of guitar players, a group of children playing glockenspiels and a choir group.

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.

Musical events:

Young Voices is one of the largest school choir concerts in the world, aimed at providing children from different schools the opportunity to sing together in large arenas. In February 2025, 50 children from Key Stage 2 attended one of Young Voices concert at Manchester Arena. A number of parents also attended to support their child. This will take place again in 2026. Participating in Young Voices was an exhilarating experience for our children. It involved extensive rehearsals during weekly choir practice, where children learnt a wide repertoire of songs, ranging from classical pieces to contemporary hits. This event not only enhances musical skills but also promotes teamwork, discipline, and confidence among our children. It fosters a sense of community and provides a platform for the children to express their creativity. There were a number of pupil premium children who attended the event. Following the success of the musical experiences for our children, we will be attending again in February 2026 at Manchester Arena.

Reception – Christmas performance December 2025

Children from Nursery and reception performed a range of Christmas songs for other year groups across school and parents. The young performers were able to remember and perform well in front of a large number of people

Year 1 Christmas Concert December 2025

Year 1 staff arranged a concert for parents. This was a charity event as money raised was given to War Child. An overwhelming number of parents attended the event and was a huge success. Year 1 children performed a number of popular Christmas songs for their parents.

In the future

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

From this September-July

- Develop the Instrumental guitar lessons so children can experience progression on skills learning the guitar. Offer individual tuition for upper stage 2 children with parental contributions.
- Have termly Musical performances across school including Christmas, choir and guitar performance for parents.

- Continue to participate in external Musical performances such as Young Voices.
- Continue to develop a robust Music curriculum across school.
- Liaise with other schools to share good practice in delivering good quality Music.
- Begin to create a school band in addition to our choir group.

Further information (optional)

Individual tuition of guitar lessons for upper key stage 2 subsidised by parents

Y4 guitar performance for parents and local community

Christmas concert performance

Spring 2 Guitar performance for parents

Summer Year 6 end of year productions

Further develop the Model Music Curriculum to ensure embed the musical knowledge and skills through out.

To participate in a wide range of musical experiences for all children whether participating or performing.