

# Music development plan summary: Newton Village Academy

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	Sept 25
Date this summary will be reviewed	Sept 26
Name of the school music lead	Mrs C Cowan
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Cumbria 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.

Newton Village Academy follows the Kapow scheme of music for learning. Every class from Year 1 to Year 6 has a minimum of a 1-hour timetable slot where Music is taught. Pupils are taught to play a variety of instruments.

In the Early Years children are exposed to music through structured and spontaneous play with a variety of instruments and sound makers.

Lessons are based on the 3 skills of Listening & Appraising, Performing and Composing.

## 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.

Newton Village Academy works with the Cumbria Music Hub to teach pupils in KS2 how to play the Ukulele.

Singing is part of our music curriculum and all pupils in school take part in an additional 30-minute singing assembly each week. Songs are sung in Nativities and productions and other events such as Harvest, Easter and other celebration events throughout the school year.

All pupils have the opportunity to attend Young Voices in Manchester each year.

## 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 experiences offered at Newton Village Academy:

- Weekly singing assemblies.
- Children sing at celebration events such as Harvest and Easter.
- Young Voices.
- Performing for the elderly when delivering harvest baskets and at Christmas in a local care home.

## In the future

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

- Introduce a weekly choir after school club.
- Offer small group private instrument lessons for children.
- Take part in more community events/festivals which showcase the talents of music and singing.
- School choir to take leading roles in school services for Harvest, Christmas, Remembrance and Easter.

## Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your school's music development plan, including links to your local music hub partners, other local music education organisations and contacts.

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Your local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.

If your school is part of a multi-academy trust with a trust-wide music development plan, you may also want to include a link to any published information on this plan.