Music development plan summary: Springfield Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-27
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Name of the school music lead	Laura Monkman/ Cathryn Lee
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Paula Austin
Name of local music hub	Durham Music Service
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.

- Our children have a high-quality music lesson every week. Our music curriculum is implemented using the Charanga scheme of work and resources.
- Children have the opportunity to sing in lessons.
- Children have the opportunity to sing in our weekly Shine assembly.
- As part of our Charanga music curriculum, children have the opportunity to play a musical instrument in class. (Recorders in Year 5 & 6, ocarinas in Y3 & 4 and glockenspiels in Year 2)
- Nursery and Reception children sing on a daily basis as part of their curriculum.

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, made up of children from across KS2. They regularly perform in the local community singing at local care homes and participating in the annual Darlington Mayor's competition held at the Dolphin Centre.
- We have a hugely popular Performing Arts group which is made up of children from Year 1 to Year 6. This group, led by teaching staff from within our school, work all year on musical and acting skills which then culminates in a 'Summer Show' which is performed to the rest of the school, parents/carers and other stakeholders. This show is held in our Performance Hall with professional standard staging, sound system and lighting rig, ensuring the children have a truly professional experience.
- Our Nursery and Reception class present an annual Christmas Singing Performance to parents and carers whilst KS1 performs a musical nativity play each year.
- Year 6 perform a leavers assembly which always has a significant musical element.
- Children are provided with opportunities to sing in church at key points of the year including Christmas and Easter.

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 have the opportunity to sing in Shine Assembly each week.
- School choir perform regularly throughout the year.
- The school choir rehearse for and perform in an annual town wide singing competition.
- Summer Performance every year, building confidence by creating regular opportunities for pupils to sing solos or in small groups.
- Most children in our school have a theatre trip each academic year. This is often music based providing the opportunity for the children to experience professional musicians performing.
- All children in EYFS/KS1 participate in a musical performance each academic year.
- Local music groups come in to school to perform to our children to share the love of music and encourage wider participation.

- Cross-trust musical performances with schools, working alongside musical specialists, collaborating to provide wider experiences for our children.

In the future

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

- To explore, with Durham Music Service, the opportunities for reinstating 1:1 instrument tuition in school.

- To maintain our current curriculum offer.

- To continue to provide extra-curricular opportunities for children across the school.