

Music Development Plan Summary: Akaal Primary School

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school’s music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Rebecca Kennedy
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Derbyshire Music Education 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.

At Akaal Primary School, our goal is to enhance our students' musical journey by offering a rich, immersive, and ambitious curriculum. Through a combination of both curricular and extra-curricular opportunities, we inspire our students to thrive and achieve excellence in music. You can explore our curriculum maps [here](#).

Our music curriculum is based on the Kapow Scheme of Learning, a spiral and progressive framework that continuously builds on essential skills and knowledge year after year. Aligned with our school ethos, the Kapow curriculum strives for excellence while being adaptive to the needs of all students, including those with Special Educational Needs, ensuring every child can engage with and excel in music.

Singing is a fundamental part of every student's musical experience at Akaal Primary School. Through the Kapow Scheme of Learning and daily classroom activities, singing is woven into the fabric of school life from EYFS to Year 6. Whether it's during weekly singing assemblies, music lessons, cross-curricular activities, or enrichment opportunities, students are consistently encouraged to develop their vocal skills. Additionally, Year 4 students benefit from a year of whole-class instrumental tuition, giving them the chance to learn and master an instrument over time.

Each week, all students participate in a 40-minute music lesson and a 20-minute singing assembly, ensuring the statutory hour of music education is fulfilled.

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.

Akaal Primary School's offer is a dynamic music club that provides students with enriching activities aimed at nurturing a passion for music while developing their musical abilities. Students will have the opportunity to:

Join the Choir: Students can become part of the school choir, where they learn to sing harmoniously, explore diverse musical genres, and perform at school events and local

community gatherings. This experience builds their confidence, teamwork, and vocal techniques.

Learn to Read Music: The club introduces students to the fundamentals of music theory, teaching them how to read sheet music, understand musical notation, rhythms, and scales—enabling them to perform with greater accuracy and understanding.

Compose Music: Creativity flourishes as students are encouraged to compose their own music. They learn the basics of songwriting, including melody, harmony, and structure, with opportunities to share and perform their original compositions.

Additionally, the musical journey at Akaal Primary School culminates with the Year 6 end-of-year production. This event allows Year 6 students to integrate their singing and acting skills into a final performance, applying their learning from music and drama classes to enhance their stage presence and confidence during rehearsals and live performances.

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.

A range of musical experiences are planned for the coming academic year which are as follows:

- Weekly Singing Assemblies
- EYFS Christmas Nativity
- KS1 Christmas Carol Concert and Community Carol Singing (Years 1&2)
- Year 6 Leavers Production (Year 6)
- Christmas Carol Concert (Whole School)
- Arts Enrichment Days
- Whole School Pantomime Experience

In the future

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

In the future we hope to grow the number of instrumental lessons and widen the range of instruments on offer thus allowing a greater choice of instruments to learn within Akaal Primary School.

In subsequent years, we plan to provide opportunities for a KS1 and KS2 production provided as an after-school club which will encompass all areas of the Arts such as Music, Drama, Dance, Art and Technical Sound and Lighting.