

Music development plan summary: Athersley North Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2027
Name of the school music lead	E Hartley
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	E Hartley
Name of local music hub	Barnsley Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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 Athersley North Primary School we aim to offer a high-quality music curriculum that is inclusive to all children.

The music curriculum at Athersley North Primary School aims to ensure that all children are able to showcase their understanding of pulse, rhythm and traditions as well as learn to sing and use their voices technically. Our music curriculum will provide the opportunity to develop their risk taking and resilience skills and create a universal language which celebrates relationships and builds on tolerance. It is vital that children embed a strong understanding of music from different cultures and genres. We expect our children to develop a love of music which will vastly improve their self-confidence, creativity, sense of achievement and encourage their future aspirations. We aim to ensure that all children feel confident performing and expressing themselves in front of others.

Our music curriculum is progressive from EYFS to UKS2 and the EYFS framework has been incorporated into our music long term plan.

Follow the link in order to view our Music Curriculum offer:

[Music – Athersley North \(athersleynorthprimary.co.uk\)](https://athersleynorthprimary.co.uk)

Music sessions are accessible to all children, including those with SEND. Adaptations (such as noise cancelling headphones and quiet spaces) are put in place in order for children with sensory challenges to feel calm within a music session.

Follow the link in order to view our SEND policy and SEND offer:

[Send Information Report/School Offer – Athersley North \(athersleynorthprimary.co.uk\)](https://athersleynorthprimary.co.uk)

At Athersley North, we aim to ensure that we incorporate a range of elements from the Model Music Curriculum. We use the Charanga Scheme of learning in order to ensure that all elements of the Music National Curriculum are taught in a fun and engaging way.

Follow the link to view the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3.

As we use the Charanga scheme of learning, all children have the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument during classroom teaching.

EYFS- children use a range of percussion instruments and voices throughout their music teaching. A main focus is understanding pulse and rhythm as well as learning to sing tunefully.

KS1- children use voice, percussion instruments and learn to use the glockenspiels.

Children focus on pulse, rhythm and simple notation.

LKS2- children develop their understanding of playing the glockenspiels and learn to play the recorders as well as developing their singing abilities.

UKS2- children embed their ability to sing tunefully, play the recorders and glockenspiels.

All children have the opportunity to learn to sing a variety of songs tunefully and develop a strong understanding of pitch.

Barnsley Music Hub supports our school's music development and offers tuition services which will be detailed in Section B of this summary.

Follow the link to find out about Barnsley Music Hub services:

[Music Education | Barnsley Music Service | United Kingdom](#)

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.

Music tuition is offered to all children in Lower KS2 (Year 3 and 4). Specialists from the Barnsley Music Hub offer recorder and ukulele tuition sessions. These sessions are offered to whole classes throughout the year. Children learn a bank of songs that use specific notes children have been taught. These sessions are free of charge.

Brass instrument tuition is offered to children in KS2 in small groups. Free tuition is offered to children who are on the Pupil Premium Register.

Parents who are interested in their child learning to play a brass instrument who are not eligible for Pupil Premium are able to pay for tuition services. Break out rooms are available in order for children to practise in a calm and quiet space.

Contact S.Hood for more information.

A range of After School Music Clubs will be offered this academic year.

KS2 Choir Club will be run by the music lead during Autumn Term. This will focus on developing children's ability to sing tunefully and develop an understanding of pitch and tone. Children will also develop their ability to perform in front of an audience.

KS1 Music Club will be run by the music lead during Spring Term. This will focus on developing children's understanding of pulse, rhythm and pitch. Children will use percussion instruments and practise singing a range of familiar songs.

LKS2 Glockenspiel Ensemble will be run by the music lead during the Summer Term. Children will focus on developing an understanding of musical notation and playing in time.

All after school clubs are free of charge and letters will be sent out in order for children to sign up.

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.

Whole School Music Singing Assemblies

During assemblies, children will sing a range of songs tunefully. Children will learn lyrics to these songs during classroom teaching and they will showcase their learning

as a whole school. Songs have been chosen which will encourage children to build teamworking skills and instil togetherness.

Children will also participate in singing songs which they have learnt in class and perform them during key stage assemblies.

As part of our music sessions in school, children have the opportunity to showcase their in class learning by performing in front of another key stage.

In School Performances:

KS1	LKS2	UKS2
Termly	Termly	Termly
To perform to EYFS and showcase learning from music lessons. Singing/ playing.	To perform to KS1 and showcase learning from music lessons. Singing/ playing.	To perform to LKS2 and showcase learning from music lessons. Singing/ playing.

Musical Themed Concerts

We aim to undertake termly performances to parents

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Harvest festival singing performance	Spring Time Performance	End of year music celebration
KS1, LKS2, UKS2	EYFS, KS1, LKS2, UKS2	Charanga songs
Christmas performance		Playing of instruments
EYFS, KS1, LKS2, UKS2		EYFS, KS1, LKS2, UKS2
		Athersley Variety Performance
		Performance for whole school and parents.

We aim for children to watch and listen to performances from volunteers.

The Old Blowers, a voluntary brass band, have performed successfully in our school previously and we wish for all children to participate in this experience again.

In the future

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

In the future, Athersley North Primary wishes to secure funding in order to allow all children to experience musical workshops and attend musical performances.

During this year, we aim to increase music teaching to one hour a week each term.

During this year, we aim to ensure music singing assemblies are embedded into the school's curriculum.

During this year, we aim to ensure that musical performances for parents are undertaken each term. This will showcase the learning that has taken place throughout the year.

Further information

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

Barnsley Music Hub also offers information for parents/ carers: [Music Education | Barnsley Music Service | United Kingdom](#)