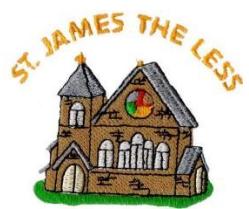


Music development plan summary: St James the Less Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	Autumn 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	Autumn 2026
Name of the school music lead	Rosie Hall
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	As above
Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Kapow Music LMS (Lancashire Music Service) Lancashire Sings

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.

Children receive 60-minute music lessons, delivered weekly by the class teacher on a half term rotation. Our planning is based on the National Curriculum and has been informed by the Kapow scheme of work and the Lancashire Music Hub. The Kapow scheme of work takes a holistic approach to music - the individual strands below are woven together to create engaging and enriching learning experiences:

- Performing
- Listening
- Composing
- The history of music
- The inter-related dimensions of music

Each five-lesson unit combines these strands within a cross-curricular topic designed to capture pupils' imagination and encourage them to explore music enthusiastically.

Over the course of the scheme, children will be taught how to sing fluently and expressively, and play tuned and untuned instruments accurately and with control. They will learn to recognise and name the interrelated dimensions of music – pitch, duration, tempo, timbre, structure, texture and dynamics – and use these expressively in their own improvisations and compositions.

KS2 receive a specialist music teacher from Lancashire Music Service, where they receive guitar lessons. This is rotated on a termly basis.

Children have the opportunity to sing in their music lessons, during weekly whole school worship, and regular class worship, curriculum assemblies and in concerts.

The curriculum is fully inclusive with appropriate scaffolding in place to support the needs of all pupils. All pupil premium children are fully engaged with curriculum music, with additional opportunities included as part of our Pupil Premium Strategy.

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.

A guitar and violin/keyboard teacher from Lancashire music service teach private music lessons once a week (paid for by parents and supported by Pupil Premium Strategy).

A singing choir/group is led by two members of staff who meet to sing/practise once a week. Children perform in church, assemblies and the local community.

Pupils perform in a production throughout the school year. These include the nativity production, KS2 Christmas plays, leavers production and assemblies for school and parents.

Christmas concert for Lower KS2 pupils led by a conservatoire trained, highly experienced teacher and choral conductor.

'Just Imagine UK' deliver annual productions in school for the children to enjoy.

'Just Imagine UK' lead a weekly Musical Theatre group as an enrichment offer. Open to all pupils and supported by our Pupil Premium Strategy.

Children will be taking part in Lancashire Sings June 2026.

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.

Children receive lots of opportunities to listen to music in many different areas of the curriculum.

All our pupils perform in many productions for other children and parents/carers. These include:

EYFS Christmas Jingles

Year 1/2 Christmas nativity

Year 3/4 Christmas carols

Year 5/6 Christmas nativity

Termly Curriculum assemblies – including opportunities to showcase instrument focus for the term

Year 6 leavers production

Children have previously taken part in Young Voices, an extraordinary concert experience for primary school children, which is the largest children's choir concerts in the world, and are looking forward to Lancashire Sings.

In the future

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

We hope to provide further opportunities to the choir to sing in local establishments, such as supermarkets and nursing homes.

We hope to give children the opportunity to watch orchestral performances.

We aim to continue to provide information on extra-curricular groups, workshops, holiday clubs and bands in the local area to signpost parents to so they know what is available for children outside of school.

We aim to further the opportunities to learn a range of instruments.