



Dinnington First School

Music Development Plan

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Year	2024 – 2025
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Music lead	Claire Tustin
Music Hub	Music Partnership North
Other music partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rocksteady Music School • Freelance musician Louise Brydon (steel pans)

Dinnington is a very musical school!

We offer a wide range of exciting musical experiences for all children, in whole class lessons, (curricular music), additional lessons and clubs (co-curricular) and one off musical experiences.

1. Curricular Music – What we do in class

In Early Years music is experienced daily. It is embedded into the whole curriculum, particularly Communication and Language, Literacy, and Expressive Arts and Design.

In Year 1 – 4, music is taught weekly as a 30 minute lesson, using the Charanga and Sing Up music schemes and BBC Ten Pieces to cover the National Curriculum. Additionally, each Key Stage has a fortnightly 30 minute singing assembly with Ms. Tustin.

All children have the opportunity to perform in a musical event at the end of each term.

Year group	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	Singing nursery rhymes and chants	Learning nativity songs	Singing nursery rhymes and chants, with movement	Singing nursery rhymes and chants with hand percussion	Singing nursery rhymes and chants with hand percussion	Singing nursery rhymes and chants with hand percussion
Reception	Singing a range of songs using movement and dance	Learning nativity songs	Singing range of songs with hand percussion, musical games	Singing range of songs with hand percussion, musical games	Singing range of songs with tuned percussion	Singing range of songs with hand percussion,

						musical games
Year 1	Learning musical concepts through singing (Charanga)	Learning nativity songs	Opera project The Magic Flute with Royal Opera House	Opera project The Magic Flute with Royal Opera House	Glockenspiel Stage 1 (Charanga) instrumental and notation skills	Glockenspiel Stage 1 (Charanga) instrumental and notation skills
Year 2	BBC Little Red Riding Hood Singing and Musical Appraisal	Learning nativity songs	Recorder skills Stage 1	Recorder skills Stage 1	BBC Ten pieces Musical appraisal.	Singing and performance skills
Year 3	Recorder skills using Charanga	Learning nativity songs	Singing and Glockenspiel following Charanga and Sing Up	Singing and glockenspiel following Charanga and Sing Up	The Big Gig. Singing and recorders	The Big Gig. Singing and recorders
Year 4	Notation skills using recorders to learn how to read music	Learning nativity songs	Notation skills using recorders to learn how to read music	Notation skills using recorders to learn how to read music	The Big Gig Singing and recorders	The Big Gig Singing and recorders

2. Co-curricular Music – What we offer outside of lesson time

Activity	When it happens	Who can take part	Who leads it
Instrumental lessons, currently violin, clarinet and ukulele	Weekly in school time	Private lessons paid for by parents, pupil premium children funded by school.	Louise Brydon (uke, clarinet) Richard Scott (violin)
Dinnington Choir	Tuesday after school	Free to all children in Y1- 4	Ms Tustin, Mr Wright and Mrs Neilson.
Dinnington Steel Pan club	Friday afternoons 1-3pm	Paid for by parents or available free to pupil premium funded by school	Louise Brydon
Rocksteady Music School www.rocksteadymusicschool.com	Friday afternoons 1-3pm	Private lessons paid for by parents, pupil premium children funded by school.	Rocksteady Band leader tbc
Gosforth Voices Choir	Weekly, Wednesdays after school at Grange First School	KS2 children	Newcastle Music Service https://musicpartnershipnorthnewcastle.co.uk
Gosforth Band	Weekly, Wednesdays at Archibald First School.	KS2 children who play an instrument	Newcastle Music Service

3. Additional Music Experiences

The Big Gig

Every year all children in Years 3 and 4 learn ten songs to sing and play on their recorders, then go to the Vertu Motors Arena to perform them with hundreds of other children from all over the North East.

School Performances

Each term we have different a celebration event where all children will take part in a musical performance for parents. In December all children perform in the Christmas nativity, at Easter we perform for parents at St Matthew's Church in Dinnington. In the summer children perform for parents at our summer fair.

Rocksteady Performances

At the end of each term the children who take part in Rocksteady Music sessions will perform in their band for parents and other children to share what they have been practicing all term.

Touring Theatre Productions

Each year we try to get at least one touring theatre company to come and perform for children in school, these are usually musical. Recent productions at Dinnington have been *Aladdin*, Little Angel Theatre (*Handa's Surprise*) Alphabetti Theatre (*Puddle and Meggie Magici*).

Opera

In 2024 Year One teachers took part in a training and performance project learning about Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, working with musicians from Music Partnership NE and The Royal Opera House, culminating in a participatory performance at The Civic Centre. The children and staff loved it, and we hope to take part in similar projects in the future.

Dinnington's Got Talent

Each year we host a talent show open to all children, who get to share their fantastic performance skills. The teachers are pretty talented too!

Choir Performances

Each year our fabulous choir perform at a range of settings, our recent gigs have been Newcastle Cathedral, Laing Art gallery, Newcastle Library, Dinnington Village Hall and Dinnington Village Square. We also do a virtual performance each year as part of Newcastle Festival of Languages. 2024's song was Happy by Pharrell Williams.

Staff training

In 2024 Ms. Tustin led music training at Dinnington First School for EYFS teachers in the NE, it was so well attended we struggled to fit everyone into our school hall! All Dinnington teachers will receive staff training and team teaching with Ms. Tustin in 2024-5.

What we plan to do in the future

In 2024/25 we will –

- Lead team teaching and staff training sessions led by Ms. Tustin to further develop the skills of staff leading music sessions.

- Create a bank of repertoire; songs and instrumental pieces to support the teaching of all subjects.
- Develop links with new venues, including The Glasshouse, to maximize performance opportunities and musical experiences for all children at Dinnington.
- Develop links with local organisations who would be interested in hosting performances from our musicians. *If you want our choir to come and perform, get in touch and let us know!*
- Further invest in our instrument bank to increase the capacity for teaching music in school.