



# HUNSLET MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

MUSIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2025/26

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# OUR VISION FOR MUSIC



## Why Music Matters at Hunslet Moor Primary School

At Hunslet Moor Primary School, we believe that music plays a vital role in shaping young minds. Through music, children learn valuable life skills that reach far beyond the classroom. It encourages them to pause, listen carefully, and express themselves creatively.

Music provides opportunities for pupils to develop confidence through solo performance and collaboration. Working in bands or larger ensembles helps children understand teamwork, communication, and mutual respect. It also nurtures critical thinking, as pupils learn to listen thoughtfully—whether analysing their own compositions or appreciating the work of others.

Performing on stage gives our pupils the chance to celebrate their achievements and share their talents with the wider community.

Our music curriculum is a central part of school life at Hunslet Moor, and we are proud to champion the joy, creativity, and personal growth that music brings. Through our new Music Development Plan, we aim to ensure every child experiences the power and excitement of making music together.

## Our Vision for Music

At Hunslet Moor Primary School, our vision is for every child to see themselves as a musician. We want music to be a vibrant, inclusive, and joyful part of school life—something that inspires creativity, builds confidence, and brings our community together.

Through our Music Development Plan, we aim to provide a curriculum that is engaging, progressive, and accessible to all. Every pupil, regardless of their background or starting point, will have the opportunity to explore, perform, and create music in a variety of ways.

We believe that music should open doors to self-expression and personal achievement. Our vision is to nurture a lifelong love of music, helping children to develop not only their musical skills but also their resilience, empathy, and ability to work with others.

By investing in high-quality teaching, exciting performance opportunities, and partnerships with local musicians and organisations, we will ensure that music continues to thrive at Hunslet Moor. Together, we will make music a key part of every child's learning journey.

### *Curriculum Music*

All pupils in **Years 1 to 6** receive **weekly, planned music lessons** delivered by our specialist music teacher. Each class enjoys a **30-minute lesson** every week, following our long-term plan (available on the school website). Lessons are carefully designed to build key skills in listening, performing, composing, and appraising music, allowing pupils to make steady progress throughout their primary years.

In addition to class lessons, children take part in a **30-minute weekly singing assembly**, where they learn songs as both small class groups and as larger key stage ensembles. These assemblies help to develop pupils' confidence in singing, performance technique, and musical understanding, culminating in a shared **end-of-term Singing Assembly** where they can perform to their peers and celebrate their achievements.

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## *Music for Children with SEND*

At Hunslet Moor, inclusion is at the heart of everything we do, and we believe that every child should have the opportunity to experience and enjoy music.

Children with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)** are fully supported to take part in class music lessons, with the help of their key workers to ensure learning is accessible and meaningful. In addition, pupils who attend **specialist provisions** throughout the school day have access to a range of tailored music sessions within their daily routines.

Within **Silver Birch**, our dedicated classroom for children with complex communication needs, pupils have opportunities to **explore sound, rhythm, and music creation** in ways that suit their individual strengths and interests.

When performing, children with SEND are encouraged and supported to take part in the way that feels most comfortable for them—either alongside their year group in larger performances or in smaller, more intimate settings for close family and friends.

## **Opportunities in Music**

At Hunslet Moor Primary School, we are proud to offer a wide range of opportunities for children to explore and enjoy music beyond the classroom. Through our Music Development Plan, we aim to inspire pupils to sing, perform, and experience the joy of making music together.

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### *Part B: Extra-Curricular Music*

Music at Hunslet Moor doesn't stop when lessons end. Pupils in Years 3 to 6 are invited to join our **school choir**, led by a music specialist from **ArtForms**. Within the choir, children develop their vocal skills, learn to read sheet music, and explore techniques such as pitch control, two-part harmonies, and solo singing.

Each term—Autumn, Spring, and Summer—the choir performs in front of their peers during our final **singing assembly**, giving children a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their progress and share their love of music.

The choir is offered **free of charge** as part of our **After School Clubs** programme, thanks to funding support from **Leeds City Council**. Rehearsals take place in a supportive and creative environment where children can build confidence, teamwork, and a growing repertoire of songs.

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### *Part C: Musical Experiences*

We are passionate about giving every child the chance to experience live and collaborative music-making. Throughout the year, all pupils take part in **weekly singing assemblies**, where they learn a shared repertoire of songs and develop their collective performance skills.

Each year group performs to peers, families, and carers at least once a year. These performances are key milestones in our school calendar, helping children to showcase their talents and build pride in their achievements.

We are delighted to collaborate with **Cockburn High School**, whose students perform for our pupils during the spring term—giving our children the exciting experience of hearing live music performed by older role models.

In addition, we have introduced a partnership with **iRock Music**, who work with pupils to form bands and small ensembles. Through this programme, children develop musical and social skills, teamwork, and confidence—culminating in a **Christmas performance** for families and friends to celebrate the end of term.

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### *Annual Performance Opportunities*

Every year group at Hunslet Moor has the chance to perform in front of an audience, developing both musical and performance skills:

- **Nursery & Reception** – Winter/Christmas singing performance and curriculum showcase
  - **Year 1 & Year 2** – Winter/Christmas singing performance and curriculum showcase
  - **Year 3 & Year 4** – Winter/Christmas singing performance, curriculum showcase, and a spring show inspired by a classic musical. Children also perform their recorder lessons to the whole school at the end of the unit.
  - **Year 5 & Year 6** – Winter/Christmas singing performance and curriculum showcase– End-of-year **Leavers' Concert**, celebrating their time at Hunslet Moor with family and friends, Winter Performance/ Christmas Performance and Curriculum Showcase. Children also perform their recorder lessons to the whole school at the end of the unit.
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Through these experiences, we ensure that every child—whether performing, composing, or simply enjoying the music—feels included, inspired, and proud to be part of our school's musical community.

## Next Steps

As we continue to develop our Music Curriculum and strengthen opportunities across the school, our next steps are focused on ensuring every child at Hunslet Moor continues to thrive through music.

### Our next steps include:

- **Embedding progression:** Continue to develop our long-term plan so that musical skills and knowledge build clearly from year to year, ensuring consistent progression across the school.
- **Expanding extra-curricular provision:** Explore new clubs, ensembles, and instrument-learning opportunities so that more children can take part in music beyond the classroom.
- **Celebrating performance:** Create further opportunities for pupils to perform—both in school and within the wider community—to showcase their growing confidence and musical abilities.
- **Strengthening partnerships:** Continue to work closely with ArtForms, iRock, and other local music providers to enhance teaching and provide rich, varied experiences for our pupils.

- **Inclusion for all:** Develop tailored approaches and resources to ensure that children with SEND have meaningful and joyful access to all aspects of our music curriculum and performances.
- **Professional development:** Support staff with ongoing training and resources so that music continues to be taught with passion, confidence, and expertise.
- **Engaging families:** Encourage parents and carers to share in the musical journey—through performances, workshops, and community events that celebrate our pupils' achievements.