

Music Summary

2024/25

At a glance

Music lead: Amy Carline	Review date: September 2025	Instrument lessons: One Education	Local Music Hub: Chorlton High	Syllabus followed: Sing Up
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Our aim

To engage and inspire every child to develop a lifelong love of music.

Music is a massive part of our daily life at Chorlton as it is embedded throughout many of our lessons as a daily learning tool. Our daily routine starts with a whole school wake, shake up and ends with assemblies which include singing. We believe music is not a stand alone subject but something that enriches the children's education. We provide many opportunities for performances, allowing children to showcase their skills and build in confidence.

Music Curriculum

Weekly Lessons

We use the Sing Up music scheme for our weekly lessons. This covers both the optional Model Music Curriculum and the statutory National Curriculum.

Key stage 2 classes receive an hour of music per week; key stage 1 classes receive a minimum of half an hour of music per week. This is then supplemented by both weekly singing assemblies and singing that is embedded in our curriculum.

Instrumental

Instruments we teach as part of the weekly music lessons:

Year 5/ 6 - ukulele

Year 4- trumpet and steel pans

Year 3 - recorder

Year 2 - ocarina

Year 1 - glockenspiel

EYFS - untuned instruments

Performances

- Christmas Carol Concert -Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6
- Brass concerts twice a year- parents and whole school - Y5, Y6 (peripetic lessons) and brass band
- Steel pan and trumpet concerts twice a year- parents and whole school -Y4
- Every class, from nursery to Year 6, performs an assembly (with songs and instruments) yearly
- Guitar and ukulele concerts twice a year Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 (peripetic lessons)
- Summer Fair - all children can perform
- all KS2 children can 'play out' at the end of their music lesson
- KS1 do performances for Easter and Harvest Festival.
- EYFS,Y3/4 and Y6 perform plays yearly
- Daily wake up shake ups - allclasses leading throughout the year

Inclusion of all children

We have adapted many of our instruments to support SEND and those with lower fine motor skills.

- we use adapted recorders with pads you press down as appose to needing to press your finger down on the holes
- we have chord changes for ukulele, which allow children to press buttons rather than holding the strings down, to form chords.

Peripetic lessons and extra curricular

We offer peripetic brass, guitar and ukulele lessons, at an additional cost, as well as, a well attended, weekly brass ensemble.

All KS1/2 children get a chance to attend lunch time music clubs with a variety of instruments: bucket drumming, recorder, ensembles, glockenspiel and choir.

Our choir performs during the Christmas concert and visit nursing homes to sing Christmas Carols.

Every year at least two classes go on trips to listen to live music and be part of the performance- e.g visiting Bridgewater Hall and listening to the Hallé Orchestra, then becoming an active audience singing songs with many other schools.

We work with a parent who owns a recording studio. A different class attend each year to record songs they have sung that year in the studio and then they can purchase their songs to raise funds for the PTA. They learn about how a studio works and can test how their songs could sound.

Organisations we work with

We work closely with Manchester's One Education Music Hub who help us work with different organisations. We have just started a project with English National Opera who are moving to Manchester in 2025 and we regularly attend concerts by the Halle, Chetham's College of Music and the Stoller Hall. We also like to work closely with our parents as we have many talented musicians who are able to perform for us live.