



Music development plan summary: Ashbrook Infant and Nursery School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 / 2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Donna Webster
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	As above
Name of local music hub	Derbyshire Education Music Hub.
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Charanga Music Scheme https://derbyshire.charanga.com/

Part A: Curriculum music

At Ashbrook, we are committed to delivering high-quality music provision to all our Children. We utilise the Charanga Music scheme from Nursery to Year 2, providing a comprehensive musical education. Lessons are taught for one hour per week, focusing on a range of instruments including glockenspiels and claves. The Charanga Musical School Scheme provides teachers with week-by-week lesson support for each year group in our school. It is ideal for specialist and non-specialist teachers and provides lesson plans, assessment, clear progression, and engaging and exciting whiteboard resources to support every lesson. The New Creative Scheme supports all the requirements of the national curriculum and is designed to ensure full coverage of this. It provides wide exposure to musical styles and genres from different times and places and promotes the exploration of the language of music through active listening, performing and composing activities. Lessons incorporate a variety of musical experiences and opportunities, including singing, movement, story-based performance, and ensemble work, while supporting cross-curricular learning, motivating children, and fostering their love of music.

Children are given the opportunity to learn to play musical instruments including recorders (Year 2) and Drumming (available from reception onwards, including as our

children move on to the junior school). In KS1 our children explore tuned percussion instruments such as glockenspiels.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Our children have the opportunity to engage in Drumming Stick fit experiences twice per year through our partnership with 'Rockin' Robins Drum Services' enhancing their rhythmic abilities. Children also have the opportunity to attend additional music lessons designed to nurture their musical abilities during school hours at a cost to parents. Pupil Premium children may choose to benefit from one half term of drumming lessons at no cost.

Mrs Cresswell imparts her knowledge by teaching Year 2 children how to play the recorder, enriching their musical skills every Tuesday- this is a service that she provides to our school as part of her community work. Pupils eligible for pupil premium will have their recorder and music book provided at no incurred cost.

Choir is accessible for children in Year 1 and 2 every Thursday morning where they can express themselves musically and sing to the wider community.

The link below outlines how music opportunities can be accessed beyond the curriculum through the Derbyshire Education Music Hub.

Part C: Musical experiences Events and Performances

Our music programme extends beyond the classroom with school assemblies and performances for parents and carers.

Our children sing in weekly singing assemblies as a whole school. They also sing in celebration assemblies when children's achievements are shared with their families and the whole school. Children from Nursery to Year 2 perform an annual Christmas show to the school and their families. During this performance children sing, dance and perform to a live audience of families and the whole school community.

During Sports week, all our children participate in drumming sessions, showcasing their talent and creativity.

An annual highlight is the Reception Children's visit to a performance of 'The Snowman', enriching our children's cultural awareness and appreciation for the arts.

Children in Year 1 and 2 have the opportunity to visit the pantomime every December, and a theatre company visit school every September, enhancing their musical experiences. This enriching activity not only captivates their imaginations but also exposes them to live theatre, fostering a deeper appreciation for the performing arts. They also actively participate in our annual end-of-year performance in school. This event serves as a platform for showcasing the musical skills they have acquired throughout the academic year. The children dedicate themselves to singing and performing for their families, friends, and the wider community, demonstrating their growth and development in their music education. It is a delightful celebration that highlights their talents and hard work.

Our Music Development Plan ensures that children at Ashbrook have a well-rounded musical education, fostering a love for music that will last a lifetime.

In the future

We would like to seek opportunities in the wider community.