

Music development plan summary: Quethiock C of E School



Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Melanie Patterson
Name of local music hub	Cornwall Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady, ASONE Cornwall

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

At Quethiock CofE Primary School, we believe music is a vital spark that ignites creativity and self-expression in every pupil. Our curriculum is thoughtfully structured to ensure that musical knowledge and confidence flourish as children progress through the school.

Our Musical Journey

Music is a core part of our weekly routine. Pupils in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 engage in at least one dedicated music lesson per week, utilizing the Charanga programme to develop a deep understanding of:

Performing: Finding their voice and mastering instruments.

Composing: Creating original sounds and sequences.

Listening & Appraising: Analysing works from diverse cultures and eras.

Beyond the classroom, music resonates through our daily life, with regular singing during collective worship and spirited school performances that bring our community together.



Practical & Specialised Learning

Our pupils don't just learn about music; they make it. Through our partnership with the local Music Hub, specific year groups benefit from whole-class ensemble teaching led by specialist instructors. We maintain a diverse inventory of instruments on-site, ensuring that every child has the hands-on resources they need to explore their potential.

An Inclusive Harmony

At Quethiock, we are dedicated to making music accessible to everyone. We take pride in supporting pupils with SEND and disabilities by providing:

Tailored Resources: Differentiated materials and scaffolded tasks.

Adaptive Equipment: Specialised instruments to ensure full participation.

Targeted Support: Dedicated adult assistance to foster confidence.

Through this blend of expert partnerships, inclusive teaching, and frequent performance opportunities, Quethiock CofE Primary School fosters a lifelong love of music and the skills to appreciate it for years to come.

Part B: Music tuition, choirs and ensembles

At Quethiock CofE Primary School, we believe that musical growth shouldn't be confined to the classroom. We provide a rich variety of extracurricular opportunities that allow our pupils to refine their talents, find their rhythm, and share their passion with the wider community.

Instrumental & Vocal Tuition

We partner with our local **Music Hub** and a team of visiting specialists to offer high-quality one-to-one and small-group lessons during the school day.

Variety: Depending on interest, pupils can learn instruments such as guitar, keyboard, drums, and various orchestral or band instruments.

Equity of Access: We are deeply committed to inclusive music-making. To ensure financial circumstances are never a barrier, we provide **fully funded places** for disadvantaged pupils, including those eligible for Pupil Premium funding.

Beyond the Classroom: Choirs & Bands



Our pupils have numerous avenues to explore music as part of a team:

- **School Choir:** Open to Key Stage 2, our choir meets regularly to develop vocal technique and performs for both school events and local community gatherings.
- **Singing Assemblies:** Guided by visiting musicians, our regular singing assemblies ensure every child develops a strong vocal foundation and experiences the joy of collective song.
- **SongFest:** A true highlight of our musical year is participating in **SongFest**. This large-scale choral event brings Quethiock pupils together with hundreds of other young singers from across the region. Performing in a professional venue under the baton of expert conductors, our children experience the power of harmony and the immense pride of being part of a massive, unified sound.

Community Connections & Performance

Performance is the heartbeat of Quethiock's musical culture. We pride ourselves on creating a "musical pathway" that connects school life with our local heritage.

Local Partnerships: We actively encourage and support pupils who participate in local community ensembles, fostering a transition from school-based learning to wider musical involvement. Our pupils often showcase their skills at PTA fundraisers, village events, and special church services.

Celebrating Achievement

Throughout the year, our pupils have a stage to call their own. From curriculum-linked performances showcasing our learning every term to our major Christmas, Easter, and Summer productions, children are given regular opportunities to showcase their progress. These events aren't just about music; they are about building resilience, confidence, and the pure joy of collaborative performance.

Part C: Musical experiences

At Quethiock CofE Primary School, music is woven into the very fabric of our school life. We believe that a truly musical education happens both inside and outside the classroom, providing every child with a rich calendar of inspiring events and live performances.

The Heartbeat of Our School: Singing & Worship

Singing is a daily thread that connects our school community. During **collective worship**, pupils from all year groups gather to lift their voices together.

- **Building Skills:** These sessions are more than just a tradition; they are active rehearsals where children develop their pitch, harmony, and musical memory.
- **Diverse Repertoire:** Our pupils explore a vibrant mix of traditional hymns and contemporary songs, fostering a shared sense of spirit and belonging.



A Stage for Every Child

Performance is a vital part of building confidence at Quethiock. Throughout the academic year, we host a variety of shows where every child has the chance to shine:

- **Seasonal Productions:** From our heart-warming **Christmas and Easter services** to our vibrant Spring and Summer shows.
- **Curriculum Showcases:** Opportunities for classes to present musical work linked to their studies in other subjects.
- **Growth & Leadership:** While younger children flourish in ensemble singing, our older pupils are encouraged to take on solo roles or lead small-group performances, building resilience and stagecraft.

Broadening Horizons: Live Music & Culture

We want our pupils to be inspired by the best. We actively seek out opportunities for children to experience professional live music, both in school and at local venues.

Community Connections

We are proud to maintain close links with local musicians and ensembles, including visiting brass bands and theatre companies, who perform for and alongside our pupils.

A West End Experience

For our older pupils, our residential trip to **London** is a landmark event. Attending a **West End musical** provides a front-row seat to world-class professional performance, deepening their understanding of music, drama, and the arts.

Inclusion & Accessibility

We believe that every child deserves to be inspired by the arts, regardless of their background.

Our Commitment

We work hard to keep the costs of trips and visiting performers to a minimum. Through subsidies and financial support—including for pupils eligible for **Pupil Premium**—we ensure that every Quethiock pupil can take part in these life-changing cultural experiences.



In the future

At **Quethiock CofE Primary School**, we are dedicated to the continuous growth of our musical provision. We hold the highest aspirations for our pupils, ensuring our music education aligns with the very best practices. Over the next two academic years, we are excited to build upon our foundations to create an even more resonant musical culture.

Investing in Expertise

We believe that inspired teachers inspire pupils. To further enhance the quality of our classroom teaching, we are committed to:

1. **Targeted CPD:** Providing our staff with specialised training to boost confidence in delivering engaging lessons across singing, composing, and instrumental work.
2. **Mastering Resources:** Deepening our expertise in the **Charanga** curriculum and other high-quality musical tools.
3. **Subject Depth:** Expanding staff knowledge across a vast array of musical genres, historical eras, and global traditions, ensuring every lesson is delivered with depth and enthusiasm.

Expanding Horizons & Ambition

To bring the world of music even closer to our pupils, we are planning to:

1. **Live Experiences**
Increase the frequency of workshops with visiting musicians and trips to professional live performances.
2. **Trust Collaborations**
Work closely with our partner schools within the **Trust** on joint musical projects and shared rehearsals.
3. **Recognised Milestones**
Explore pathways for pupils to achieve **recognised musical awards** and certifications.

A Lifelong Legacy

Through these strategic developments, Quethiock CofE Primary School ensures that every child receives an aspirational and inclusive music education. By providing clear routes for progression and strengthening our community partnerships, we aim to gift every pupil a lifelong love of music and the confidence to pursue it.