

Music development plan summary: Newham Bridge Primary School

Newham Bridge Primary School works in association with the Richard Shepherd Music Foundation and Sing Education to create its annual music development plan. This document is a summary of the plan for the academic year 2025-26.

Newham Bridge Primary School in association with the Richard Shepherd Music Foundation and Sing Education will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

This summary reflects our school's music provision for the given school year 2025-26 and our plans for the new academic year. Our schools music provision is directly supported by the Richard Shepherd Music Foundation but is also supported by our Legacy Learning Trust Music Network, Music Inc and the Tees Valley Music Service.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Allison Collins
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs Beverley Hewitt-Best
Name of local music hub	Tees Valley Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	RSF– Sing Education TVMS Legacy Learning Music Network

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

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

The Newham Bridge Music Curriculum for each year group is visible on our website. The curriculum is available for all pupils, including disabled pupils and pupils with special educational needs (SEND).

Over the course of the academic year, all pupils will have had the opportunity to access up to 1 hour of weekly Music with our specialist Music teacher Mrs Collins.

- The curriculum has been shaped by the Sing Education to ensure breadth and coverage, as expected within the suggested model curriculum 2021.
- Pupils have the opportunity to experience different forms of Music, and learn to sing or play an instrument (glockenspiel, ukulele, recorder) during lesson time through whole-class ensemble teaching in some year groups.
- Newham Bridge Primary School works with a number of partner agencies to support the Music curriculum, primarily the RSMF – Sing Education, Tees Valley Music and Music Inc. The Legacy Learning Trust holds a Music network to support the sharing of good practice and to facilitate the annual Trust Music event, held in Middlesbrough Town Hall. Mrs Collins is the Music lead, supported by the Headteacher.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

Newham Bridge Primary School provides opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs and ensembles. Enabling pupils to make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

Newham Bridge Primary School has a well-attended choir,

Our choir sing weekly in our music assembly and perform at events throughout the school year

- Carols around the tree (Aut 2: Dec)
- Fountains Court Care Home (Aut 2: Dec)

- TVMS Snappy Christmas (Aut 2: Dec)/ Snappy Easter (Spr 1-2)
- The Legacy Learning Trust Annual Concert (Spr 1: Feb/Mar)
- The Big Sing (July)

At Newham Bridge Primary School, we are committed to providing pupils with a range of musical experiences that enhance and enrich their learning beyond the classroom.

Where staffing permits, members of staff have offered a lunchtime recorder club, providing pupils with the opportunity to develop their musical skills and confidence in performance. All enrichment activities are offered free of charge, and disadvantaged pupils are actively encouraged and supported to participate fully.

The school has previously partnered with **Music Inc.**, supporting pupils to engage with their drum therapy programme and other musical initiatives designed to promote wellbeing, creativity and self-expression. We continue to signpost pupils and families to opportunities provided by **Music Inc.**, **Middlesbrough's Music Education Hub**, as well as programmes delivered through Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) providers and other local arts and music organisations.

Staff also contribute to the wider musical life of the school and Trust community. Members of the Newham Bridge team have participated in **The Legacy Learning Trust Staff Choir**, performing at Trust-wide events and celebrating the value of music as a shared cultural experience. Through these opportunities, we aim to foster a lifelong appreciation of music and encourage pupils to engage with the arts both within and beyond school.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

Newham Bridge Primary School provides many opportunities for our children to participate in singing activities.

- Regular events include daily/ weekly singing in assemblies

Every cohort of children have the opportunity to participate in a school performance

- Early Years Nativity (Aut 2: Dec)
- Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance (Aut 2: Dec)
- Year 3 Christingle in St Chad's Church (Aut 2: Dec)
- Year 4 Carols around the tree (Aut 2: Dec)
- Year 5 and 6 annual production (Sum 2: July)
- Celebration of Learning assemblies (Sum 2: July)

Choir, Performance and Musical Opportunities

Music plays an important role in the life of Newham Bridge Primary School and provides pupils with opportunities to develop confidence, creativity and a love of performance.

Our school choir meets weekly and regularly performs during music assemblies, sharing their enjoyment of singing with the wider school community. Throughout the year, choir members take part in a range of performances, including:

- **Carols Around the Tree** (Autumn Term 2)
- **Fountains Court Care Home Christmas Visit** (Autumn Term 2)
- **TVMS Snappy Christmas** celebrations (Autumn Term 2)
- **TVMS Snappy Easter** celebrations (Spring Terms 1 and 2)
- **The Legacy Learning Trust Annual Concert** (Spring Term 1)

These opportunities enable pupils to perform for a variety of audiences, develop their musical skills and build confidence through shared musical experiences.

Some pupils in Upper Key Stage 2 have also had the opportunity to visit local theatres to support performances by the **Gilbert and Sullivan Society**. These visits allow children to experience live musical theatre and gain a greater appreciation of performance arts. Places are offered free of charge; however, participation is limited due to venue capacity and availability.

A number of pupils also participate in dance, music and musical theatre activities beyond school, and we actively celebrate and encourage these wider achievements.

In addition to our regular performance programme, pupils often showcase their learning through in-school concerts and performances linked to specific curriculum units. For example, Year 5 pupils perform at the conclusion of their **Taiko Drumming** unit, allowing them to demonstrate newly acquired skills and share their learning with peers, staff and families.

Through these varied musical experiences, we aim to develop confident performers, enthusiastic audiences and a lifelong appreciation of music and the performing arts.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

Further Planned Developments

To further enhance the breadth and diversity of musical experiences available to pupils, Newham Bridge Primary School will continue to develop opportunities for

children to engage with a wide range of musical styles, traditions and genres from different cultures and historical periods.

During 2026-2027, we plan to introduce Year 5 pupils to the genre of **opera** through participation in the **Snappy Carmen Project**. This initiative will enable pupils to explore opera through singing, performance and storytelling, broadening their understanding of a musical genre that many children may not otherwise encounter. The project will culminate in opportunities for pupils to perform and celebrate their achievements as part of a wider musical production.

We also aim to strengthen parental and community engagement in music by increasing opportunities for families to attend performances and celebrate pupils' musical achievements. Planned developments include:

- Termly performance opportunities for year groups to showcase their musical learning.
- Additional opportunities for parents and carers to attend concerts, assemblies and celebration events.
- Greater involvement in community performances, including partnerships with local organisations and care homes.
- Increased opportunities for pupils to perform to a range of audiences beyond the school community, building confidence, resilience and performance skills.
- Further choir performances both within school and at Trust and community events.

Alongside this, we will continue to broaden pupils' exposure to a diverse range of musical genres, including opera, classical music, world music, percussion traditions, musical theatre, contemporary music and popular music. Through specialist projects, visiting musicians and live performance experiences, pupils will develop a deeper appreciation of music from different cultures, traditions and time periods.

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Your local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.