



Blackwater

Music Development Plan

2026-27

Music development plan summary: Blackwater Community Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-27
Date this summary was published	Sept 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Stephanie Watson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Marc Hurrell, Head of School
Name of local music hub	Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Music Hub, led by Hall for Cornwall
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Hall for Cornwall and Music Hub delivery partners

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 Blackwater Community Primary School, music is an integral part of our broad and balanced curriculum. It is taught as a compulsory subject throughout Key Stages 1 and 2, with pupils developing progressively as performers, composers and listeners. Teaching includes regular singing and opportunities to play tuned and untuned instruments, while pupils build knowledge of the inter-related dimensions of music through a range of styles, traditions and historical periods. The curriculum journey and unit overviews for each year group are published on the school website.

Teachers adapt instruments, notation, grouping, modelling and the level of adult support so that pupils with SEND and other additional needs can participate successfully. Where appropriate, pupils are given alternative ways to rehearse, record or demonstrate their learning. The school monitors participation and provides additional support so that disadvantage is not a barrier to taking part.

The curriculum is informed by the National Curriculum and the principles of the Model Music Curriculum. The school works with the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Music Hub, led

by Hall for Cornwall from September 2026, to strengthen access to instruments, specialist expertise and wider progression opportunities.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

At Blackwater, pupils can extend their musical learning beyond lessons through the school's wide variety of clubs and musical opportunities. The school has a thriving choir that runs throughout the entire year and includes pupils from across the school with regular performances throughout the year. Other clubs that run throughout the year are ukulele, band club, and digital music club.

The school offers brass instrument lessons and is working to expand the offer of instrumental lessons available to pupils with support from the local Music Hub and its delivery partners.

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.

Music is a part of every day at Blackwater. Pupils sing together in assemblies and take part in performances linked to seasonal celebrations, curriculum learning and key points in the school year. Opportunities include class and whole-school performances, the Christmas and Summer concerts. Individuals or groups also have opportunities to perform in assembly each week as 'Star Performers'.

The school choir performs annually at the Truro and Penwith Academy Trust Musical Showcase at the Hall For Cornwall. We also invite performers into school to play for the children.

In the future

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

- Review curriculum coverage and progression so that singing, instrumental work, composition, listening and musical vocabulary build clearly from Early Years to Year 6.
- Strengthen assessment through concise unit outcomes and regular opportunities for pupils to perform, reflect and improve.

Work with the Music Hub to widen access to instrumental tuition, instrument loans, specialist support and progression routes.

Further information

Local Music Hub: <https://www.hallforcornwall.co.uk/musichub/>

Cornwall Music Service Trust: <https://cmst.co.uk/>