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Music development plan 2026-27
Altarnun Primary School

Local Music Hub – ASONE

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.

Curriculum music

At Altarnun, all children have the right to access, enjoy, be inspired by and create music. All children have access to a range of instruments and children from YR to Y6 have weekly music lessons which reflects our commitment to a broad curriculum where all children can flourish. The curriculum is informed by the National Curriculum and delivered mostly through the Charanga Music. Our curriculum has a spiral approach to musical learning, with children revisiting, building and extending their knowledge and skills incrementally. In this manner, their learning is consolidated and augmented, increasing musical confidence and musicianship skills. During these weekly lessons, children from YR – Y6 have access to 1 hour of music learning every week which may include singing assembly. This time may be broken up for younger year groups and SEND children.

During a unit of work, our music lessons include:
● Understanding Music ● Listening and responding ● Singing ● Playing Instruments ● Improvising ● Composing ● Performing

In addition to weekly lessons, music is incorporated across the school within daily routines and songs, assemblies, curricular links and performances.

Pupils also have the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument provided by the Cornwall Music Service Trust.

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In addition to working with the local music HUB to provide First Access whole class instrument lessons, we also work closely with them to continue our CPD and provide wider musical opportunities at Altarnun Primary as set out in Part B

Part B: Co-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.

Co-Curriculum music

Children at Altarnun Primary School have many opportunities to learn about music and a variety of instruments during their time with us. Through the Cornwall Music Service, children from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument with a specialist musician from the First Access scheme. These form part of the school's music curriculum and as such are free to the children. Should they wish to, children can then also take part in brass, keyboard or guitar lessons with a peripatetic teacher (this does involve a fee to parents); however, children with a pupil premium status can have free or financially subsidised lessons. All of our children have the opportunity to perform solo or with their classmates during Christmas shows or class assemblies. Additionally, they perform at Harvest time in the Autumn, St Piran's Day in the Spring and at our leavers assembly in the Summer Term. Children can put themselves forward to be a 'star performer' and play or sing for the whole school at the end of term if they wish to demonstrate the skills they have gained over the term.

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. Where possible, pupils visit live music events in the local Village Hall or in the Town Hall.

Assemblies and Performances

There are regular opportunities for children to sing, play and perform throughout the year in school. These include but are not limited to:

- Singing Assemblies
- Class Assemblies
- Christmas Performances
- Church Carol Service

• Leavers Assembly
• Topic learning and music

Through the Hub, we gain access to opportunities to hear professional musicians in school and on trips, including through Song Fest. We also aim to have close links with a local community to increase the opportunity of visiting musicians

In the future

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

- In the future, we would like to continue to increase the uptake of Individual music lessons in school, particularly ukulele which are being introduced through First Access. We aim to raise the awareness of the significant subsidies available through CMST for Pupil Premium children as well as a number of other categories and ensure that these are well advertised to families.

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 how to get support beyond the school.

Information on how you can sign up for individual music lessons at Altarnun Primary School can be found here.

Opportunities and work provided through the Cornwall Music Hub – As One – can be found here.

For more opportunities to explore music outside of school, we recommend the Chrome Music Lab.