



Whole School Music Overview Christ Church Primary School 2026-2027

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EYFS	All About Me and My World - Exploring songs about ourselves and our daily lives. Developing confidence in singing, moving to a beat and playing simple percussion.	Celebrations and Traditions - Learning songs linked to celebrations and traditions. Preparing songs and actions for a Christmas performance.	Transport and Journeys - Singing songs about travelling, exploring beat and rhythm through movement. Adding instruments to show the sounds of different journeys.	Animals and Nature - Exploring animal songs and sound effects. Using voices and instruments to explore tempo, dynamics and rhythm.	Storytelling through Music - Using familiar songs and rhymes to explore character, mood, and setting. Adding sound effects, instruments, and musical contrasts to bring stories to life.	Music in Our World - Exploring different sounds and songs from around the world. Singing community songs together and preparing for a sharing performance.
Year 1	Beat, Rhythm and Sound - Developing awareness of beat, rhythm, pitch and instrument control.	Christmas Performance Project - Preparing festive songs and actions for a performance.	Rhythm, Patterns and Call & Response Songs - Exploring rhythm patterns and participating in group activities.	Rhythm, Patterns and Call & Response Songs - Reinforcing rhythm and building confidence in response singing.	Listening and Appraising - Exploring feelings and ideas inspired by different pieces of music.	Listening and Appraising - Developing critical listening skills and reflecting on different genres of music.
Year 2	Exploring Sounds - Experimenting with sound production through instruments and voices.	Christmas Performance Project - Performing a mix of songs and instrumental pieces to showcase learning.	Exploring Pitch through Chime Bars - Playing simple melodies while identifying high and low sounds.	Exploring Pitch through Chime Bars Development - Expanding skills by playing melodies and improvising on chime bars.	Rhythm and Notation - Learning basic rhythm symbols and reading simple patterns.	Rhythm and Notation Development - Enhancing rhythm reading and performing skills with more complex patterns.
Year 3	Musical Foundations - Introducing key musical concepts like	Christmas Performance Project - Combining singing and instrumental	Recorder Introduction - Learning to produce clear sounds and play	Recorder Development - Advancing recorder techniques and learning to	Recorder Skills/Singing - Building on recorder	Developing Recorder Skills/Singing - Integrating recorder playing with

	dynamics, tempo and timbre.	skills for a performance.	simple tunes on the recorder.	play simple ensemble pieces.	techniques while integrating singing into lessons.	vocal skills in group performances.
Year 4	Musical Foundations - Reinforcing rhythm, pitch and ensemble awareness.	Christmas Performance Project - Practising group coordination and performance etiquette.	Ukulele Introduction - Learning basic chords and strumming patterns to accompany songs.	Ukulele Development - Expanding knowledge of chords, strumming techniques and accompanying songs.	Ensemble Skills - Combining singing, ukulele, and recorder to create cohesive group performances.	Ensemble Skills Development - Refining group performance skills across instruments and voice.
Year 5	Musical Foundations - Exploring melody, harmony, and rhythm through interactive tasks.	Christmas Performance Project - Showcasing creativity and teamwork in a themed performance.	Songwriting/Composition Around a Theme - Creating original lyrics and melodies inspired by a topic.	Songwriting/Composition Around a Theme Development - Developing lyrics, melodies, and arrangements inspired by a theme.	African Drumming Introduction - Learning traditional rhythms and ensemble playing with djembe drums.	African Drumming Development - Refining traditional African drumming patterns and ensemble playing.
Year 6	Musical Foundations - Refining advanced musical skills and concepts through Brazilian samba.	Christmas Performance Project - Bringing together singing, instruments and acting for a group showcase.	Music Technology Introduction - Exploring the basics of digital music creation using iPads to create simple music tracks using loops and digital instruments.	Music Technology Development - Refining digital music production skills to create a project with advanced features and effects.	Production - Collaborating on music and drama for a school production.	Production - Showcasing creativity and teamwork in a final large-scale performance.