Music Long Term Plan 2026-27

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	Nursery rhymes and action songs. Exploring instruments and sound-makers in connection with these.	Songs with simple repetition. Music linked to seasonal celebrations e.g. Bonfire night and Christmas. Keeping a steady beat. *EYFS Christmas Performance*	Songs linked to family, friends, music from around the world / celebrations. Explore using voices in different ways.	Music linked to themes e.g. weather and mini-beasts. Explore using instruments in different ways. Songs to explore tempo and dynamics.	Use own ideas creatively with voices and different instruments. Listen to and talk about a range of music.	Practise and perform: singing and with untuned instruments.
Reception	**Me** Nursery rhymes and action songs about ourselves and other people.	**Christmas** Selection of Christmas songs, building to a performance. *EYFS Christmas Performance*	**My Stories** Songs linked to family, friends, music from around the world / celebrations. Explore using voices and instruments in different ways.	**Everyone** Nursery rhymes and action songs about multiple characters and our world and linked to current themes.	**Our World** Create music with voices and different instruments. Listen to and talk about a range of music.	**Big Bear Funk** Listen to, appraise and sing the song. Compose with riffs and play with tuned and untuned instruments.
Year 1	**My Musical Heartbeat**	**Dance, Sing and Play** *KS1 Nativity* *Christmas Music Concert*	**Exploring Sounds**	**Learning to Listen**	**Having Fun with Improvisation**	**Let's Perform Together** *KS1 Philharmonic Concert*
Year 2	**Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch**	**Playing in an Orchestra** *KS1 Nativity* *Christmas Music Concert*	**Inventing a Musical Story**	**Recognising Different Sounds**	**Exploring Improvisation**	**Our Big Concert** *KS1 Philharmonic Concert*
Year 3	Recorders: Hold recorder in correct position. Produce a clear sound. Perform pieces using B. Play notes A and G.		Recorders: Play the notes G, A, B and C. Perform pieces using 3 notes. Compose simple pieces using 3 notes and perform to class.		Recorders: Play notes E and F. Perform pieces using 3+ notes. Compose simple pieces using 3+ notes and perform to class. Show ability to improvise.	
	Writing Music Down	**Playing in a Band** *Christmas Music Concert*	**Composing Using Your Imagination** *KS2 Philharmonic Concert*	**More Musical Styles**	**Enjoying Improvisation**	**Opening Night**

Year 4	Clarinets: Learn care and maintenance of clarinet (cleaning). Hold clarinet (head joint) in correct position. Produce a clear sound with good posture. Play the notes A and G.		Clarinets: Play the notes E, F, G and A. Perform pieces using these notes. Compose simple pieces and perform to class. Show ability to improvise.		Clarinets: Play the notes C, D, E, F, G and A. Perform pieces using these notes. Compose simple pieces using 5 notes and perform to class.	
	Musical Structures	**Exploring Feelings when you Play** *Christmas Music Concert*	**Compose with your Friends** *KS2 Philharmonic Concert*	**Feelings through Music**	**Expression and Improvisation**	**The Show Must Go On**
Year 5	**Melody and Harmony in Music**	**Sing and Play in Different Styles** *Christmas Music Concert*	**Composing and Chords** *KS2 Philharmonic Concert*	**Enjoying Musical Styles**	**Freedom to Improvise**	**Battle of the Bands**
Year 6	**Music and Technology**	**Developing Ensemble Skills** *Christmas Music Concert*	**Creative Composition** *KS2 Philharmonic Concert*	**Musical Styles Connect Us**	**Improvising with Confidence**	**Farewell Tour** *Year 6 summer production*