# Lawn Primary School — Music Yearly Overview

Charanga Model Music Curriculum Scheme (Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5, Y6) & Original Scheme (EYFS), plus whole-class Strings Tuition (Y4) — 4 units per year group; performance strand covered by existing school concerts

| Year Group | Autumn | Spring | Summer | Improvisation (any time — teacher's discretion) |
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| **EYFS (Reception)** | **Me!**<br>*Foundations: pulse, voice & body percussion* | **Everyone!**<br>*Listening, exploring instruments & singing* | **Big Bear Funk**<br>*Transition unit — prepares for Year 1* | **Not required**<br>*Improvisation is a KS1+ NC requirement — already embedded informally through play* |
| **Year 1** | **Unit 1: My Musical Heartbeat**<br>*Pulse, rhythm & pitch foundations* | **Unit 2: Dance, Sing and Play!**<br>*Ensemble — playing instruments together* | **Unit 3: Exploring Sounds**<br>*Early composing with sound* | **Unit 5: Having Fun with Improvisation**<br>*Dedicated improvisation practice* |
| **Year 2** | **Unit 1: Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch**<br>*Musicianship building* | **Unit 2: Playing in an Orchestra**<br>*Ensemble — playing instruments together* | **Unit 3: Inventing a Musical Story**<br>*Composing with narrative* | **Unit 5: Exploring Improvisation**<br>*Dedicated improvisation practice* |
| **Year 3** | **Unit 1: Writing Music Down**<br>*Formal notation introduced* | **Unit 2: Playing in a Band**<br>*Ensemble — playing instruments together* | **Unit 3: Compose Using Your Imagination**<br>*Composing skills develop* | **Unit 5: Enjoying Improvisation**<br>*Dedicated improvisation practice* |
| **Year 4** | **Derbyshire Music Hub**<br>*Whole-class Violin/Viola tuition (continues all year)* | **Derbyshire Music Hub**<br>*Whole-class Violin/Viola tuition (continues all year)* | **Derbyshire Music Hub**<br>*Violin/Viola tuition continues*<br>**Unit 3 top-up: Compose with Your Friends**<br>*Plugs the composing gap* | **Unit 5 top-up: Improvisation**<br>*Plugs the improvisation gap — taught alongside strings tuition* |
| **Year 5** | **Unit 1: Melody and Harmony in Music**<br>*Advancing notation* | **Unit 2: Sing and Play in Different Styles**<br>*Ensemble — playing instruments together* | **Unit 3: Composing and Chords**<br>*Harmonic composing* | **Unit 5: Freedom to Improvise**<br>*Dedicated improvisation practice (verify exact title in Charanga)* |
| **Year 6** | **Unit 1: Music and Technology**<br>*Notation & technology* | **Unit 2: Developing Ensemble Skills**<br>*Ensemble — playing instruments together* | **Unit 3: Creative Composition**<br>*Independent composing* | **Unit 5: Improvisation**<br>*Dedicated improvisation practice (verify exact title in Charanga)* |

**Musicianship & Notation** (Unit 1) | **Composition** (Unit 3) | **Ensemble / Instrumental Playing** (Unit 2) | **Improvisation** (Unit 5 — flexible timing) | **Whole-class Strings Tuition** (Y4 — Derbyshire Music Hub)

Rationale: Unit 1 (Notation), Unit 2 (Ensemble Playing) and Unit 3 (Composition) are now taught in chronological order — Autumn, Spring, Summer — across every year group following Charanga (Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5, Y6), preserving Charanga's spiral progression naturally. **Unit 6 (concert)** has been removed from curriculum time — existing Christmas/Easter concerts already cover the singing-performance side — freeing the Spring slot for Unit 2, a statutory strand with no slot previously.

**A fourth unit, Unit 5 (Improvisation), has now been added** for every Charanga year group — a statutory strand with no dedicated slot before. Rather than fixing it to a term, it's shown in its own column: teaching teams can deliver it whenever suits their timetable. **EYFS** isn't required to add a fourth unit, since improvisation is a KS1+ requirement already embedded informally through play.

**Year 4** follows Derbyshire Music Hub Violin/Viola tuition all year instead of Charanga — strong on musicianship, ensemble and performance, but not composing or improvising, so both a Unit 3 and a Unit 5 top-up have been added; worth confirming with the strings tutor whether their scheme already covers either.

Unit 4 (listening/styles) still isn't dedicated anywhere. Please verify exact Year 5/6 Unit 5 titles against your Charanga login.