



Fowey Primary School

🎵 Global Music Celebration Calendar 2025–26 🎵

This calendar has been created for Fowey Primary School to celebrate and explore music throughout the school year. It supports our vision for a rich, inclusive, and progressive music curriculum that connects pupils to cultures, instruments, and musical genres from around the world.

This Music Celebration Calendar supports whole-school and classroom music engagement throughout the year. It highlights key global music-related days and includes examples of pieces, activities, and progression ideas from EYFS to Year 6, with opportunities to link to Lyfta story worlds and different musical genres.

Month	Event	Description	Suggested Activities (EYFS–Y6 Progression)	Example Music Pieces & Links
September	Classical Music Month	Introducing composers and instruments.	EYFS: 'Peter and the Wolf'. KS1: Tempo and dynamics. KS2: Study Vivaldi or Beethoven.	Prokofiev – 'Peter and the Wolf', Vivaldi – 'Four Seasons'. Lyfta: The Orchestra.
October	Black History Month	Focus on Black musicians and genres.	EYFS: Gospel music. KS1: Call-response songs. LKS2: Motown/Stevie Wonder. UKS2: Blues & hip-hop research.	Aretha Franklin – 'Respect', Stevie Wonder – 'Superstition'.
November	Diwali / Festival of Lights	Explore Indian music and celebrations.	EYFS: Move to tabla. KS1: Explore sitar. KS2: Perform raga patterns.	Ravi Shankar – 'Raga Jog'. Lyfta: A Light for Lakshmi.
December	Christmas Around the World	Seasonal songs from diverse cultures.	EYFS: Action songs. KS1: Songs from	'Feliz Navidad', 'Stille Nacht'.

			other countries. KS2: Multicultural carol concert.	
January	Chinese New Year	Celebration of the lunar new year through music, dance and instruments.	EYFS: Explore drums, gongs, ribbons. KS1: Create rhythmic patterns. KS2: Compose pentatonic melodies.	'Dragon Dance Music', 'Jasmine Flower' (Chinese). Lyfta: Lanterns in the Sky.
February	Reggae Month (Jamaica)	Promoting reggae and cultural heritage.	EYFS: Move to reggae beats. KS1: Identify instruments. LKS2: Learn 'Three Little Birds'. UKS2: Explore syncopation.	Bob Marley – 'Three Little Birds', 'One Love'.
March	St Patrick's Day	Irish music and dance traditions.	EYFS: Move to jigs. KS1: Explore fiddle/tin whistle. KS2: Learn simple Irish reel.	'The Irish Washerwoman', 'Danny Boy'.
April	Jazz Appreciation Month	Celebrating jazz and improvisation.	EYFS: Move to jazz. KS1: Call-response clapping. LKS2: 12-bar blues. UKS2: Improvise swing rhythm.	Louis Armstrong – 'What a Wonderful World', Duke Ellington – 'It Don't Mean a Thing'.
May	Africa Day	Celebrating African music and culture.	EYFS: Djembe drumming. KS1: Sing 'Che Che Kule'. KS2: Layer rhythmic patterns.	'Che Che Kule', 'Siyahamba'. Lyfta: The Rhythm of One.
June	World Music Day	Global celebration of	Whole-school performance:	Global playlist: African

		making music.	each year group plays from a different continent.	drumming, Indian tabla, Samba, Bagpipes.
July	Carnival Season	Exploring samba, steel pans, and dance.	EYFS: Dance with shakers. KS1: Make rainmakers. LKS2: Play samba rhythms. UKS2: Samba ensemble.	Sergio Mendes – ‘Mas Que Nada’, Rio Samba.

Lyfta Story World Links

Theme	Story World	Link/Focus
Global Citizenship	The Rhythm of One (Senegal)	African drumming and community
Diversity	A Light for Lakshmi	Diwali celebration and music
Perseverance & Creativity	Lanterns in the Sky	Chinese New Year
The Arts	The Orchestra	Classical instruments and teamwork
Celebration	Carnival	Samba and joy of performance

