

Music Development Plan



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.

Curriculum Music

Music lessons are accessible for all pupils, whatever their level of need. We have at least two adults in music lessons meaning that support can be given to those who need it, to progress at a level that suits them, whether this be working towards expectations, working at the expected standard, or exceeding expected standards.

EYFS weave their music teaching into their daily activities with time set aside to teach explicit musical skills. Children in Years 1-4 have dedicated music lessons with lessons planned by a specialist music teacher.

Our school follows the National Curriculum and the model music curriculum which ensures breadth of knowledge and understanding. Lessons are very practical with lots of opportunities to play instruments, learn to read and write graphic and formal notation and to sing. Performance, composition and improvisation are woven into lessons with active listening and discussions about music a regular feature of lessons.

Additional Music Opportunities

All children in Years 1-4 take part in a lively weekly singing assembly led by our specialist music teacher. Children in KS2 have guitar lessons in school using our school guitars.

Outside of lesson time, all children are invited to a weekly lunchtime music club. In addition, families are invited to sign-up to brass, string, wind, and piano lessons led by peripatetic teachers. We have a small number of instruments on offer, for loan, to families if children would like to learn a string or brass instrument. Disadvantaged children are offered financial support for music lessons.

Rock Steady have started work with our school to run four rock bands with children in Years 1-4. Funded places are supporting some children to access this.

As a school we have a strong link with the Hertfordshire Music Service and have booked specialists to deliver 6-week drumming lessons or individual sessions with a year group.

Jeff Rich (drummer from Status Quo) came to perform and lead workshops in school.



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Musical Experiences

Children in Makaton group regularly teach the school Makaton actions to songs we are learning, and our choir perform in singing assembly. Our Summer Concert showcases all of our musicians with solo and duet performances.

Every term, our KS1 and KS2 children lead assemblies for the school and their families, providing opportunities to rehearse and perform. Our annual Christmas carol service at the local Church is a popular event with the school community and provides an opportunity for children to perform to each other.

EYFS perform at Christmas and Easter, with our KS1 and KS2 children rehearsing and performing a large scale show each year. These regular opportunities to perform give children the chance to develop their confidence and skills in an age-appropriate environment.

Each year we invite live musicians into school to perform for our children. This ranges from folk duets, brass bands, professional drummers, and members of our school community who play an instrument.

In the Future

We have a few plans already in place that will enrich musical learning in the future:

- Music curriculum for Years 1-4 is being re-written to make the best use of resources and support staff professional development within school.
- Megson (professional folk group) have agreed to a request to collaborate for a unique project, such as song writing.
- Caz Wolfson from the Hertfordshire Music Service is going to come and run samba workshops for pupils.



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