

Music development plan summary: Windermere Primary School

Overview

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| Academic year that this summary covers | 2024-2025 |
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| Name of the school music lead | Miss Sarah Gilliver |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | |
| Name of local music hub | Hertfordshire Music Service |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place) | Rocksteady Music School |

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.

Part A: Curriculum music

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

To read in more details about the music provision at Windermere Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page

<https://www.windermere.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Music&pid=46>

Music is taught in class every week and is informed by the model music curriculum. Lessons are a minimum of 40 minutes and are taught by class teachers. Teaching is supported by specialist planning through the Charanga curriculum scheme of work. Musical learning is supplemented by weekly singing assemblies lasting 20 minutes.

Children in Year 4 have the opportunity to learn an instrument as a whole class ensemble taught by music specialists from Hertfordshire Music Service as part of the First Access programme. Each project lasts a full term and culminates in a performance of learning.

Part B: Co-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

At Windermere Primary School, we are committed to providing a rich and diverse musical education that extends beyond the core curriculum. Our co-curricular music programme is designed to offer pupils opportunities to sing and play music, fostering a lifelong love for the subject.

Whole School Singing Assemblies: an opportunity to sing together and learn new and traditional assembly songs, using the Words on Screen approach to support all abilities to access the songs, to join in and enjoy the singing.

Individual learning: We currently offer individual lessons on piano through Herts Music Service. Teachers visit the school and teach children on our school piano. Children also have opportunities to practice between lessons and perform to the whole school and parents. If you have an enquiry regarding instrumental lessons on offer, please visit the Hertfordshire Music Service website for information and booking.

https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/music-lessons-in-hertfordshire/music-lessons.aspx#DynamicJumpMenuManager_1_Anchor_4

Rocksteady Music Sessions: We also offer rock band tuition on a range of instruments: drums, keyboard, vocals and electric guitar. This is provided through Rocksteady Music School. The sessions are highly engaging and allow pupils to explore different genres of music, fostering creativity and enthusiasm. The hands-on experience with modern instruments also helps to keep pupils motivated and interested in their musical development.

Individual and Rocksteady sessions are funded by parents. However, for those children who are identified as Pupil Premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium Provision.

Choir club: For Key Stage 2 pupils looking to develop their vocal skills, learn how to harmonise and perform in front of audiences, with the aim of performing at St Alban's Abbey and the Alban Arena with other St Albans primary schools. This is provided by staff members.

Part C: Musical performances

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience music as below:

- All children performing at Christmas to each other and to parents
- Choir, ensembles and soloists performing throughout the year in assemblies
- Rocksteady band perform 3 times over the year to whole school and parents
- Year 6 perform in their end of year show to whole school and parents
- Year 4 performing to an audience at the end of their First Access project
- The choir performing at St Alban's Abbey at Christmas and Alban Arena in the Spring

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for small groups or individual lessons
- Introduction of whole-class ensemble projects delivered by specialists or class teachers using the Sing Up scheme.
- Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children.
- Develop a dedicated music teaching space for use by ensembles and specialist instrument teaching.