

Music development plan summary:

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Lizzie Whitmore
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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

The school uses a hybrid of music documents to underpin the teaching of music including the the National Curriculum, the model music curriculum and our own trust curriculum which form our school progression in skills. Pupils in Year 1 to 6 participate in weekly, 30-minute singing assemblies and receive up to 20 hours of taught music lessons across the academic year. These are delivered in line with our [accessibility plan](#) to ensure that our pupils with SEND are well supported to access the full music curriculum.

Pupils have the opportunity to learn to sing through singing assemblies and through performances throughout the year.

Pupils in years 5 and 6 receive whole-class ensemble teaching with the opportunity to play the steel drums.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

The school offers a range of one-to-one, small-group and large-group music tuition beyond the core music curriculum during the school day / after-school. This is provided by a private external guitar tutor, a peripatetic music teacher and iRock. This is paid for by parents, with a £5 per lesson subsidy for pupils in receipt of the pupil premium. This tuition includes opportunities to complete grade examinations with the following instruments: piano, keyboard, violin, clarinet, flute and recorder.

We have keyboards, pianos, guitars and recorders within school that children have access to borrowing for their lessons and practise at home. For children participating in iRock band lessons, all instruments are provided to use within the lesson. When children learn to play the recorder in Year 2, they also loan their recorder for the term to enable them to practice at home.

Pupils in years 3-6 also can join a lunchtime music club which is free to join and allows them to access and play a range of instruments. Pupils in years 3-6 also can join the school choir which is free to join. The choir have the opportunity to perform multiple times throughout the year including: at the Christmas Church Service, at the Blaby District Mayor's Christmas event, at Demontfort Hall as part of the massed choir with Leicestershire Music Hub and during assemblies.

We have designated room for music tuition to take place in. This room is available at lunchtimes for rehearsal and individual practice.

Part C: Musical experiences

Weekly singing assemblies are taken our music lead who is a professionally trained singer and include the opportunity for children to partake in listening appreciation and learning a range of different songs. Children also work towards seasonal performances to parents, including during our annual carol concert in the local church.

The school hosts an annual trip to the pantomime for all children to experience a musical theatre performance. This is subsidised by the PFA (Friends of Greystoke) and supported by parental contributions, with pupils in receipt of the pupil premium attending for free.

Pupils have the following opportunities to perform in concerts throughout their time at our school:

- EYFS: Musical Nativity (December)
- Year 1 and 2: Musical Nativity (December)
- Year 2: Recorder performance (Spring Term)
- Year 3 and 4: Boomwhacker performance (Spring/Summer terms)

- Year 5 and 6: Steel drum performance (Autumn and Summer terms)
- Year 6 Production (June/July)

Pupils taking instrument tuition have opportunities to perform in assemblies throughout the academic year.

Pupils in the school choir have the opportunity to take part in a massed choir event at Demontfort Hall with the Leicestershire Music Hub each year. Parents are asked for contributions to cover the cost of this event and for any pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium funding the cost is covered by the school.

In the future

To further enhance our music provision, the school development plan includes the following aims for 25-26:

- The school and trust are currently refining their curriculum to ensure sufficient coverage of subjects and ensuring these are systematically planned out in line with cognitive science and how we know children learn best. A review of delivering music will form part of this work to ensure 20 hours of music lesson are delivered in all year groups.
- The school wants to enhance opportunities for children to listen to and appreciate a wider range of live music. These will be researched into and planned into the school calendar for this and the following academic year.