Music development plan summary: Wynyard Church of England Primary School

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the national plan for music education:

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	
Date this summary will be reviewed	Autumn term 2025
Name of the school music lead	Amy Lowes
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Tees Valley Music Service
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, 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.

More detail about the music provision at Wynyard Church of England Primary School can be found on our music curriculum page online:

Music - Wynyard Primary School

Children receive the equivalent of one hour per week of Music teaching, which is sometimes 'blocked' and sometimes weekly or fortnightly.

The lessons are carefully planned in accordance with the school's Music curriculum alongside supporting resources from the Kapow scheme of work ensures consistency and progression from EYFS through to Year 6. Children in Years 1 – 6 receive specialist Music teaching from private specialist teachers with Year 1 focusing on tuned percussion, Year 2 and 3 on Ukulele and Years 4 to 6 on Guitar. These instruments are used as a medium to support the Music curriculum.

Music lessons are further supplemented by whole-school or key stage Worships, where children sing together three times a week.

Music lessons are also supplemented by annual Christmas performances whereby the entire school rehearse and perform a number of songs every year.

Children in EYFS sing every day alongside their music sessions.

Part B: Extra-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.

We have a thriving Key Stage 2 choir who rehearse weekly and perform regularly throughout the year, at local events and in-school events. This includes community events, such as in the local care home, and more formal events, such as the Mayor's Carol Service. The choir is non-selective and free of charge.

We have several additional after-school Music clubs throughout the year offered to a range of year groups. This includes percussion, guitar, glockenspiel and musical skills.

Weekly ensemble groups take place with a music specialist for groups in Y5 and Y6 and this involves them rehearsing music together using instruments and voice, sometimes including their own compositions, and performing to school.

Children across the school have the opportunity to take private piano, clarinet, harp, ukulele and drum lessons and these lessons are incredibly popular and offered in school by a specialist. Through this, they are entered into ABRSM exams. Children taking exams perform their pieces to school each term. While these lessons are private and paid for by parents, pupil premium subsidies are available.

Part C: Musical experiences

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.

The children receive a wide range of musical experiences. This starts from watching each other perform as part of choir, ensemble or individually, in Worships on a regular basis.

Children in Y2 attend ‘Snappy Spring’ with TVMS every year and this involves learning a range of songs together and performing alongside hundreds of other children from local schools at Thornaby Pavillion or Hartlepool Borough Hall, attended by a large audience of families and carers. Children in Y4 attend ‘Snappy Christmas’ which involves a wide range of song-types and a full day of rehearsal and performance alongside the other schools and has been attended by the Mayor.

Children across school have attended ‘MusInc’ performances at Middlesbrough Town Hall including a String Quartet.

The full school – including Nursery – attend an off-site Pantomime which involves musical performances.

Year 5 visit London and watch a West End performance of ‘Wicked’ to explore musical theatre.

KS2 Drama Club perform their production every other year at a professional venue – this year ‘The Wizard of Oz’ is performed at Billingham Forum. This gives them the opportunity of performing in a real theatre.

All children from Nursery to Y6 perform a Christmas performance annually which includes singing and sometimes percussion. Children with individual instrument tuition play their instruments as parents arrive.

Year 6 children perform a Leavers’ Performance annually to both school and parents, showcasing singing skills.

Choir perform regularly throughout the year – whether to school, at the local care home, Christmas events. They choose music to link with themed weeks such as anti-bullying week.

Year 6 children visit the local secondary school annually to watch their Musical Production. This year will be 'Legally Blonde Junior.'

In the future

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

Next academic year, Music visits and outreach will be explored further, including opportunities for musicians to visit school and perform and for more year groups to travel to professional venues.

Further liaison with feeder secondaries will help ensure that our children are as best prepared as possible for the KS3 Music curriculum.