

Music development plan summary: Westfields Junior School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	July 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Miss Kat Bland
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Miss Jo Redman
Name of local music hub	Hampshire 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 and how much time is spent teaching music.

- Music at Westfields Junior school is taught for one hour a week (this is inclusive of a 20-minute weekly singing assembly)
- Music lessons ensure coverage of the National Curriculum and is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (2021) and supplemented by units from Charanga Music School.
- Music is planned and delivered by a music specialist (and also delivered by two other members of PPA staff)
- Our cross-curricular approach is progressive and exciting and focuses on music from different countries and cultures, genres, artists and composers.
- Our carefully designed 'spiral curriculum' ensures the key skills of playing, performing, listening, composing, improvising (as well as musical history, notation and the inter-related dimensions of music) are re-visited and consolidated over time.

- Pupils have access to a range of instruments including the recorder, glockenspiel, djembe drum and boomwhacker. Year 3 pupils are taught how to play the recorder for one term and the djembe drum for one term as a whole-class ensemble.
- Singing, as a vocal instrument, is developed every term across all year groups in a progressive manner (e.g. Year 3 sing as an ensemble and by Year 6 pupils sing in up to 4 parts and in harmony).
- In partnership with Hampshire Music Service, Year 4 pupils learn how to compose using music technology and access a world music workshop (e.g. Samba, Taiko drumming, steel pans).
- Pupils compose in every year group using music technology (Garageband and composing tools on Charanga).
- Children with SEND are supported via scaffolding, differentiated tasks and adult/peer support.
- Weekly singing assemblies focus on the musical timeline where pupils listen to and sing music by famous composers and artists (and also sing for special events such as Harvest, Christmas etc)
- Westfields has a designated 'Room of Boom' for music lessons.
- Regular performances to parents.

For more information on our music provision at Westfields Junior school, please visit:

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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.

- Whole school choir (small parental contribution/PPF)
- Young Voices choir for Year 5 pupils (small parental contribution/PPF)
- Recorder club (small parental contribution/PPF)
- Peripatetic piano lessons with Music Guru (one-to-one or groups of two) with designated small room for rehearsal. Piano lessons paid for by parents.

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.

- Singing showcases to the whole school and staff in 'Gold Book' assemblies and end of term singing assemblies
- Singing in Harvest Festival and Easter assemblies
- Regular singing and instrumental performances to extended family and local community
- Christmas performance (Year 3)
- Whole-school Christmas carol service at St Swithun's church
- Choir performance at Yateley Christmas Market
- Singing at Yateley Remembrance service and parade
- Year 6 play and end of term concert
- Choir performance at local retirement village
- Young Voices concert at the 02, London (Year 5)
- 'Westfields' Got Talent' showcase
- Live piano concert from Music Guru (Autumn 2024)

In the future

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

In 2024-2025:

- Plan out songs for each year group that fit our progression document and that work with our cross-curricular themes.
- Lead music teacher to attend CPD training for singing and World Music teaching.
- Pupils in Year 4 to use their recorder in curriculum music lessons to build on their learning in Year 3.
- Audition and assign 'Singing Ambassadors' in each year group to raise profile of singing in school and celebrate great singers.
- Work with the infant school on progression and Music Development Plan for the federation.

Longer term:

- Devise a 4-year cycle for singing assembly musical history learning (e.g. listen to and sing music from across the musical timeline, study different genres, artists and composers and music from around the world)
- Increase live music opportunities (e.g. secondary school to perform)
- Offer a band, ensemble or group (e.g. ukulele club or alike)

