

# Music development plan summary: Wendover CE Junior School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	October 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Kate Beck
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Jo Cook
Name of local music hub	Bucks 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.

Music is taught in class every week and is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021). Lessons are 45 minutes and taught by class teachers. A further 20 minutes per week is spent singing during collective worship.

Teaching is underpinned by the comprehensive and varied *Kapow* curriculum scheme of work which is available online. These Kapow units are carefully chosen to ensure progression throughout Lower KS2 and Upper KS2, and several units provide cross-curricular links, for example Holst – The Planets in Yr 5, and Ancient Egyptian music in Yr 4.

This musical learning is further supplemented by singing in whole school worship assemblies, which take place 4 days per week. Further curriculum opportunities are provided for all pupils to sing as an ensemble in the Year 3 Nativity production, and the Year 6 leavers production.

To read in more detail about the provision music at Wendover C of E Junior School, please visit our music curriculum page on the school website.

## 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.

At Wendover C of E Junior School, we currently offer individual and small-group lessons on drums, piano, bass guitar, electric guitar, classical guitar, violin, viola, and brass instruments, through Bucks Music Service. Peripatetic teachers visit the school on allocated afternoons and teach children in our dedicated music practise rooms, for 20 or 30 minute sessions.

Pupils receiving instrumental tuition are invited to take part in the annual Wendover Big Gig, which happens in the school hall one evening during the Spring term and is organised by the music teachers and music lead and hosted by the school PTA. This gig provides a unique performance opportunity for pupils in front of an invited audience of family and friends, using specialist high-tech equipment, backing tracks, amps and so on.

Individual and small group lessons are funded by parents, however for those children who are Pupil Premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium provision. All ensembles are free and accessible to all of Key Stage 2.

We work closely with Bucks Music Service to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children. If you have an enquiry regarding instrumental lessons on offer, please email [admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk](mailto:admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk)

Individual or group music lessons are greatly encouraged at Wendover C of E Junior School and take place during afternoon sessions.

## 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.

Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience a range of high quality, meaningful music this academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:

- Year 2 and 3 'Singing and signing' performance: part of Year 2/3 Transition activities in the summer term.
- Year 3 Nativity production – Autumn term
- Year 4 – visiting theatre company

- Year 5 Hobgoblin Theatre Visit – interaction music and drama workshop, relating to topic work on Ancient Greeks
- Individual / small group performance to parents in the annual class assembly
- Individual / small group performance to children during worship
- The Wendover Big Gig – for instrumental lesson attendees, Spring term
- Year 6 End of Year Production - Summer term
- Harvest Festival singing performances in church – whole school
- Christmas service singing performances in church – whole school
- Community Choir (formerly hosted at Wendover CE Junior)

## In the future

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

Priority plans to further enrich the music provision at Wendover C of E Junior School:

- Encouraging a larger take up of our wide range of instrumental lessons on offer
- Building on our links with feeder infant school, John Hampden, to ensure a clear pathway from music at KS1 to KS2.
- Introduction of more whole-class ensemble projects delivered by a music specialist that can enhance and reinforce curriculum learning.
- Further develop performance opportunities for our young musicians throughout the school year.
- Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children.
- Develop links with local secondary school, the John Colet, to enable our pupils to experience music at KS3 and KS4 from an appreciation perspective, and understand the pathways available to them at the next stage.
- Establish an extra-curricular choir/singing ensemble open to all pupils, led by a music specialist.
- Foster relationships with outside music bodies to provide in house workshops, and performances to enrich our pupils' wider musical education.