

Music development plan summary

Water Mill Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	18/10/2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Claire Hoye
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	As above
Name of local music hub	Services for Education
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	CBSO IRock Birmingham BAS Arts School Birmingham Royal Ballet

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.

Water Mill follows the 'Charanga' music curriculum. Music is planned to be progressive over the course of the children's time in school. Key vocabulary is taught through these lessons each week or in a termly block of lessons.

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.

Water Mill Primary school considers music to be an important part of our curriculum. We give many opportunities to our pupils so that they can develop an interest in music outside of school.

There are two choices for instrument tuition:

- Services for Education provide weekly flute lessons to the children in Year 4 and then in subsequent years they can continue the weekly flute lessons for a small fee.
- IRock music provide weekly lessons for pupils in Years 1 - 6. Children can choose from guitar, drums, vocal or keyboard. IRock charge for the lessons however they offer bursaries to identified disadvantaged pupils.

Both of the above are taught during the school day

Water Mill has a school choir. The choir meets each week to rehearse and takes part in various events such as, a Spring Concert, annual Symphony Hall event, Christmas Carol Concert, Concert at a local care home, concert at Selly Oak annual carnival etc

Parents/pupils can request for their child to take part in instrument lessons or to join the choir.

Water Mill works closely with Services for Education, the CBSO, Birmingham BAS Arts School and other arts providers to provide opportunities for the pupils to take part in events within and outside of the classroom

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.

Pupils take part in weekly singing practices in school. They also sing and learn to play instruments through the music curriculum and during assemblies. The school uses the Charanga Music Curriculum for lessons.

Music is also studied through a weekly study of a named composer or period in music.

We have many opportunities for pupils to perform and to play instruments for example:

Spring concert

Termly performances of flute and IRock groups to pupils and parents

Carol Concert

Christmas and summer performances

Class assemblies

Drama Group

CBSO concerts

In the future

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

To further develop our music provision we are planning:

To provide parents with a list of local music schools and providers of instrument tuition

To give opportunities for pupils who learn instruments or sing outside of school to perform in school to peers

For pupils to have the opportunity to attend a live performance at a local venue such as Symphony Hall

To ensure disadvantaged and SEND pupils have the opportunity to participate in instrument tuition and/ or the choir

To further develop class teacher's confidence in delivering our music curriculum through continuing professional development.

All details of our music curriculum can be found on our website in the curriculum section.