

Music development plan summary: Pendragon Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
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Name of the school music lead	Helen Parsons
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Cambridgeshire
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.

At Pendragon Primary School, we have timetabled music lessons in each year group. We use the Charanga music scheme for our lessons which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. Our units of work have been carefully selected to build progression of skills and knowledge by our music specialist teacher through a two-year rolling curriculum. **The units of work can be viewed on the website under curriculum.** The curriculum is designed to give children a broad experience of playing instruments, learning musical theory and developing appreciation. We have a specialist music teacher who works within phase groups to develop skills and knowledge amongst the staff. This empowers our staff to feel confident in delivering the music curriculum. We monitor our music teaching through observations and pupil voice. All pupils have access to music lessons and adaptations are made for pupils with SEND who may need extra support. This is given on an individual basis depending on the needs of the

child. We ensure our resourcing for music enables our staff and pupils to have access to quality instruments.

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.

At Pendragon children have access to sing and play music through several different avenues including: 1:1 tuition during school hours, in-school clubs and external providers. We have good working relationships with our 1:1 tutors who offer piano, and drumming tuition. We have been successful in securing 1:1 tuition for some disadvantaged pupils who would not have otherwise been able to afford lessons and the uptake for SEND pupils is high. Each term, the children who take part in these sessions are invited to perform for their parents at the musical showcase.

In addition to this we work with external providers Rock Steady who provide opportunities for children to play and perform as part of an ensemble. Rock Steady also provide several Pupil Premium spaces which we have been able to utilise. Pupils build their skills each term for a performance they give to both school and their parents.

Recently we have developed our in-house extra-curricular offers to include lunch-time clubs. We offer recorders for beginners and both choirs for KS1 and KS2. These have been purposefully set for lunchtimes so that any disadvantaged pupils or pupils with SEND who wish to learn an instrument or sing, can do so. Our next steps are to raise the profile of these groups by having them perform either at the showcase or the PTA events.

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.

Throughout their time at Pendragon, pupils will have the following opportunities to take part in musical events:

Termly performances (EYFS Tableaux, Y1/2 Christmas Play, Y3/4 Play, Y5/6 Play)

External providers: Musical Showcase, Rock Steady Concert

Musical Events: Y5 young voices concert

Curriculum enrichment: Panto performances, visitors into school

In the future

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

Over the next few years, we will be looking at how we improve our musical instrument instruction for the school. We will be raising the profile of the choir and recorder clubs through giving performances in assemblies and other events. We will also be developing the range of musical experiences children have access to. We will be continuing to develop CPD for our staff.