

Music Development Plan Summary

Wymondham College Prep 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	October 2025
Name of the school music lead	Sarah Bates
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub
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.

- Our Music Curriculum can be found on our school website.
- It is our aim for children to have access to one hour of quality music each week, which is made up of class lesson time (40-45 minutes depending on year group) and singing assemblies.
- We have used inspiration from the Model Music Curriculum, as well as non-statutory guidance for teaching music for Key Stages 1 and 2.
- We have subscriptions to Charanga, Sing-up and Musical Futures.
- Children have the opportunity to sing within lessons and in assemblies.
- Children have the opportunity to play musical instruments in each year group during class music lessons. KS2 have one term of learning a tuned instrument each year. There are musical instruments available in the EYFS outdoor area and in Forest School.

- We are lucky enough to have class sets of percussions instruments, glockenspiels, ukeleles, claves and bucket drums, as well as a selection of other instruments.
- Music technology is used in some KS2 lessons, such as creating computer game sound effects on iPads in Year 3
- We work in partnership with the Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub. We have a specialist subject Music teacher from the hub teaching Years 2-4 and a Music teacher from Wymondham College teaching Year 5 and 6.
- A class TA is present in all Music lessons, enabling SEND children to access lessons.
- We have a designated subject specialist room which is used to teach class music.
- CPD is accessed regularly through the Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub
- We have a close link with the Music department at our Secondary feeder school, Wymondham College

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 wide range of peripatetic music teachers offering lessons to learn the piano, woodwind, brass, drums and guitar, as well as vocal lessons.
- These teachers either use our instrumental teaching room or the Wymondham College Music department (who we share a site with).
- Parents pay privately for these lessons.
- Subsidised lessons are available for Pupil Premium children
- Most Peripatetic teachers have instruments for hire or can signpost parents to where they can hire a suitable instrument from.
- We offer a wide range of musical ensembles and activities as part of our ECA (Extra Curricular Activity) programme, most of which are free, unless run by an external provider –WCPS orchestra (Y3-6), School Choir (Y2-6), Recorder Club, Percussion and Drums (external provider), String Club (external provider) and later in the year an EYFS music and singing club and a Senior Choir (Y5-8 – mixed with some secondary pupils). Pupil Premium children are able to attend paid clubs using their funding.
- Many boarders have 1:1 instrumental lessons and they have a designated area in their boarding house where they can practise their instrument.

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.

- Year 5 and 6 are all given the opportunity to sing in the Young Voices concert at the O2 each year. There is a voluntary contribution from parents for this to cover the coach travel and entry fees. A concert will be held prior to this so that parents can hear the songs and further funds can be raised to cover the trip.
- We hold an annual summer concert which includes many of our pupils performing as soloists and in ensembles, as well as some whole class instrumental performances. This is a free event.
- We hold an annual summer fair which is open to the public and offer an afternoon of musical performances in our school hall (many of our pupils perform as soloists, in ensembles and there are also class instrumental performances). This is a free event and lots of our pupils also enjoy coming to watch.
- We have the opportunity to perform at the Norfolk Show and the Wymondham College ArtsFest – it varies which year groups and ensembles perform at these. These are free for the pupils to attend. We also get to experience watching lots of musical performances from other schools.
- We hold an annual whole school Christingle Service where the whole school performs songs learnt in singing assemblies to the parents in our woods.
- Each year group has a chance to perform to parents and the rest of the school during the year eg Reception performs a Nativity, KS1 does a Spring Musical performance. Songs for these shows are learnt in class in addition to Music lessons.
- The whole school enjoys a trip to the pantomime at Norwich Theatre Royal each year. This is funded by the parents (voluntary contribution).
- We take advantage of free live music concerts streamed through the Music hub at various points through the year eg the annual pantomime and a performance for Black Lives Matter month.
- Music students from Wymondham College come and play for our pupils at various points throughout the year eg during Wellbeing week, certain assemblies.
- We have a demonstration of different brass instruments available to learn by Wymondham College brass students and their teacher each year.
- The pupils have the opportunity to go and watch the annual musical at Wymondham College.
- The Music Lead works closely with the Music department at our feeder secondary school (Wymondham College) and sharing a site means that Year 6 have lots of opportunities to join in with events before transitioning to Year 7.

In the future

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

- We aim to grow the WCPS school orchestra, which has just been established in September 2024
- We aim to make sure there is a termly school performance, with the main one being the Summer Concert and the other two opportunities to play in an assembly.
- We aim to include more live performances from visitors in assemblies

Further information

We are members of the Norfolk and Suffolk Music hub. The Music Service offers a range of services and products supporting schools to deliver high quality teaching and learning.

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