

Music Development Plan: Willow Bank School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Emily Edwards
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Emily Edwards
Name of local music hub	St Helens 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


Curriculum music lessons are informed by the Model Music Curriculum (nonstatutory guidance for music teaching) and provide pupils with opportunities to:

- Listen to and evaluate music from diverse time periods and cultures.
- Learn how to create and control sound using their voices, as well as tuned and untuned instruments.
- Understand how music is communicated through various notation systems.
- Improvise and compose music.
- Perform musically in front of audiences of varying sizes.

An instrumental scheme is also delivered by our music hub at St Helens Music Service and gives pupils an opportunity to learn the Ukulele in KS2 and a variety of instruments in KS3 for a prolonged period, allowing them to develop technical proficiency on a single instrument.

Year Group	Time dedicated to curriculum music teaching each week	Time dedicated to curriculum music teaching each week- instrumental scheme
Year 4	Three half terms- 45 minutes- Curriculum	Three half terms- 45 minutes- Ukulele
Year 5	Three half terms- 45 minutes- Curriculum	Three half terms- 45 minutes- Ukulele
Year 6	Three half terms- 45 minutes- Curriculum	Three half terms- 45 minutes- Ukulele
Year 7		All terms- 45 minutes- Variety of instruments including drums, piano, ukulele and guitar
Year 8		All terms- 45 minutes Variety of instruments including drums, piano, ukulele and guitar
Year 9		All terms- 45 minutes Variety of instruments including drums, piano, ukulele and guitar

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KS2: 2024 - 2025							 Willow Bank School Learn Grow Achieve Together
Week 1 4 SEPT <small>INSET MON/TUES</small>	Week 2 11 SEPT	Week 3 18 SEPT	Week 4 25 SEPT	Week 5 2 OCT	Week 6 9 OCT	Week 7 16 OCT	Week 8 23 OCT <small>INSET FRI</small>
KS2EE- Ukulele/ KS2BB- Ballads							
Holiday 30 OCT	Week 9 6 NOV	Week 10 13 NOV	Week 11 20 NOV	Week 12 27 NOV	Week 13 4 DEC	Week 14 11 DEC	Week 15 18 DEC
KS2BB- Ukulele/ KS2EE- Ballads							
Holiday 25 DEC	Holiday 1 JAN	Week 16 8 JAN	Week 17 15 JAN	Week 18 22 JAN	Week 19 29 JAN	Week 20 5 FEB	Holiday 12 FEB
KS2EE- Ukulele/ KS2BB- Pentatonic melodies and composition (Chinese New Year)							
Week 21 19 FEB	Week 22 26 FEB	Week 23 4 MAR	Week 24 11 MAR	Week 25 18 MAR	Week 26 25 MAR	Holiday 1 APR	Holiday 8 APR
KS2BB- Ukulele/ KS2EE- Pentatonic melodies and composition (Chinese New Year)							
Week 27 15 APR	Week 28 22 APR	Week 29 29 APR	Week 30 6 MAY <small>BHOL MONDAY</small>	Week 31 13 MAY	Week 32 20 MAY	Holiday 27 MAY	Week 33 3 JUN
KS2EE- Ukulele/ KS2BB- Traditional instruments & improvisation							
Week 34 10 JUN	Week 35 17 JUN	Week 36 24 JUN	Week 37 1 JUL	Week 38 8 JUL	Week 39 15 JUL	Holiday 22 JUL <small>INSET MON/TUES</small>	Holiday 29 JUL
KS2BB- Ukulele/ KS2EE- Traditional instruments & improvisation							

KS2	Lesson opportunities to sing and play instruments	Lesson performance opportunities
Autumn- Ballads	Singing in time and in tune with a song and incorporating actions.	Performing their own ballad in groups and incorporating actions.
Spring- Pentatonic melodies and composition	Practising playing a pentatonic melody.	Performing a piece of music to represent the Chinese new year.
Summer	Practising a traditional Indian song.	Performing the song 'Anile Vaa'

Part B: Co-curricular music

St Helens Music Service organises a large number of groups outside of the school day for young people to further develop and advance their music skills and knowledge. These are currently FREE to all who live or who are educated in St Helens.

If your child is interested in any of the sessions, please contact them beforehand on 01744 677946, to ensure that not only is their chosen session the best one for them, but also that there are spaces available.

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St Helens Music Service also offer some one-to-one and small group lessons after school at St Helens Town Hall. These are mostly for advanced students requiring a longer lesson, on larger instruments such as double bass and orchestral percussion or where an instrument is not offered in your child's school.

For more information visit

<https://sthelens.gov.uk/article/1812/Music-Service>

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 Group	'Musical events' or 'Musical performances'
KS2	DJ workshop- Participating Christmas Pantomime- Audience Christmas Nativity- Participating End of term/year achievement assembly- Participating/members of audience
KS3	DJ Workshop- Participating End of year achievement assembly- Participating/members of audience

In the future

Willow Bank is committed to continually enhancing musical offerings to pupils. Below are the improvements we plan to implement in the coming years. We welcome your suggestions and encourage you to contact the school if you have any ideas on how we can further improve our musical opportunities.

Improvement	Who will benefit?	Is the change to A: curriculum music B: extra-curricular music C: musical experiences?	When will the change be introduced?
Termly school performance	KS3	Musical Experiences	Spring term 24/25 onwards
A school ensemble, band or group	KS2 KS3	Extra-curricular music	Friday Enrichment-Spring term 24/25 onwards (Key Stage alternative weeks)
Space for rehearsals and individual practice	KS2 KS3	Extra-curricular music	Enrichment-Spring term 24/25 onwards (Key Stage alternative weeks)
Increase 45 minutes to 1 hour	KS2 KS3	Curriculum Music	Academic year 2025-26
Develop music curriculum	KS3	Curriculum Music	Academic year 2025-26

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Trip to professional concerts	KS3	Musical Experience	Academic year 2025-26
Develop progression of skills between LKS2 and UKS2	KS2	Curriculum Music	Academic year 2025-26