

Music Development Plan Summary: West View Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 – 2026
Date this summary was published	October 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	October 2026
Name of the school music lead	Ellen Gunn
Name of local music hub	Tees Valley Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Apollo Arts

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all of 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 regularly taught in all classes. Lessons are a minimum of 40 minutes and are taught by class teachers or a music specialist. This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly key stage singing assemblies. Each singing assembly lasts for 20 minutes.

To help embed our school core values into the everyday life of school, we have introduced a dedicated song for each value. All children across the school have been learning these songs during singing assemblies:

Support	Count on Me by Bruno Mars
Togetherness	Better Together by Jack Johnson
Achieve	Unstoppable by Sia
Respect	RESPECT by Aretha Franklin
Success	Hall of Fame by The Script

As a school, we also have a song of the week which the children listen to as they arrive into class each morning. This enables children to be exposed to a wide range of genres and provides an opportunity to promote musical discussions about what they can hear and notice about that piece of music. These weekly songs are also used for entry and exit into assemblies throughout the week.

Each year group from Year 1 to Year 6 is taught by a music specialist from Apollo Arts for two half terms throughout the school year.

In our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), our main focus is on singing and rhythm. Children participate daily in regular singing sessions, often connected to other areas of learning, such as through number rhymes, nursery rhymes or topic-based songs. These activities are interwoven throughout the day as part of each child's early musical development. Our EYFS classroom environments also provide access to musical 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 West View Primary School, we have a flourishing Key Stage 2 'Glee Club' Choir. Glee Club meet weekly after school for 45 minutes and this is facilitated by one of our teachers. Glee Club welcomes all musical abilities and across the year, they experience a range of musical events. This consists of musical festivals which are held within our academy trust, going carol singing, singing in care homes and performing at the annual 'Big Sing' at The Sage in Gateshead.

Our Year 4 and 5 children have the opportunity to take part in Recorder Club, where they meet weekly during lunchtime to share their love of music, whilst learning to play an instrument.

We work closely with Apollo Arts and Tees Valley Music Service to ensure that we can offer the best possible musical opportunities for our children.

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 the year, children will be able to perform or engage in a range of high-quality musical experiences:

- Pre-Nursery and Nursery children and families engage with workshops delivered by Tiny Tweeties, bringing learning to life through music
- All children have opportunities to perform at Christmas – nativities, Christmas shows and carol concerts
- Glee Club perform at events as well as take part in carol singing and singing in care homes within the local community
- Glee Club perform throughout the year in whole school assemblies
- Throughout the year, children have opportunities to visit the theatre to see a range of different musical performances (including Year 6 watching a West End musical as part of their city trip to London)
- All children from Year 1 to Year 6 go to the theatre to watch a pantomime each year at Christmas
- Different providers are sourced to ensure that pupils have access to specialist musical expertise e.g. Transformers Hartlepool for Black History Month, Northern Ballet, Theatre Hullabaloo and Tees Valley Music Service
- Tees Valley Music Service visit the school to deliver a whole-school assembly, showcasing a variety of instruments to inspire children to begin lessons on an instrument of their choice

In the future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- To introduce pupils to a wider range of musical instruments and provide opportunities for them to learn how to play these by offering dedicated tuition
- To provide the opportunity for further whole-class ensemble projects delivered by a music specialist
- To enhance performance opportunities for all pupils throughout the school year
- To continue to redevelop our current music curriculum from EYFS to Year 6, ensuring that it clearly and concisely maps out what children need to know and learn by the end of each year group