

# Music development plan summary: Parklands Community Primary School

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	January 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	January 2027
Name of the school music lead	Lucie Gray
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	West Sussex
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.

To read in more detail about the provision music at Parklands Community Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page: [Parklands Community Primary School - Music](#)

Music is taught in the Studio (a dedicated room to teach music) every week and is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021). Lessons are a minimum of 45 minutes and are taught by a music specialist. Teaching is supported by the *Sing Up* curriculum scheme of work, which is accessible and inclusive. This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing assemblies across the school, lasting 15 minutes.

Across Years 3 and 4, children receive a full year of ukulele teaching as part of whole-class ensemble lessons, delivered by the school's music specialist.

## 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 Parklands Community Primary School, we currently offer individual and small-group lessons on violin, guitar, ukulele, piano, flute, saxophone, clarinet, tenor horn, euphonium and trumpet through West Sussex Music Service. Teachers visit the school and teach children in our dedicated areas of the school.

Throughout the year, children across both Key Stages have the opportunity to join either a choir or a music club, held at lunchtime or after school. There is usually a choir or a biannual production club, which includes a chorus section for participating pupils. The production club alternates with participation in the Young Voices, where children perform at the O2 Arena. Choirs regularly perform at school events, including the Winter and Summer Fairs.

Individual and small group lessons are funded by parents, however for those children who are Pupil Premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium provision. Choir and 'music club' is free and is accessible to all children.

Children are able to hire instruments from West Sussex Music Service and there is funding for children who are Pupil Premium.

We work closely with West Sussex Music Service to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children and share all information passed on so that children can make progress outside of school. Many are involved in weekend or after-school clubs, such as the Drum Lab or the Saturday morning Chichester Music Centre.

## 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.

Children will have the opportunity to perform and experience high-quality music throughout the academic year. These opportunities include:

- Weekly singing assemblies, with children leading vocal warm-ups
- Opportunities for children who play instruments to perform in assemblies and music lessons
- Class performances shared with peers and, where appropriate, in assemblies
- A selection of Year 5 and 6 pupils taking part in a music workshop with Bishop Luffa School
- All children from Year 1 to Year 6 (including the SSC) singing at the Harvest Festival at St Wilfrid's Church
- Year 2 participation in the *Little Big Sing*, run by West Sussex Music (£50)
- The KS2 choir performing at the Parklands Community Primary School Christmas Fair
- All children from EYFS to Year 6 taking part in Christmas performances
- Year 5 pupils singing Christmas songs at Chichester Cross
- The Year 4–6 choir performing at the O2 Arena as part of the *Young Voices* event (biannually, £35)
- A Year 3 visit to Chichester Festival Theatre to the Children's Concert (£5)
- Year 4-6 participation in the Production Club (biannually)
- Performances delivered to the school by the Chichester Symphony Orchestra
- Performances delivered to the school by the University of Chichester Music Department
- Year 6 pupils participating in the *Big Sing*, run by West Sussex Music (free)
- Choir performances at the Summer Fair
- A Year 6 end-of-year performance

## In the future

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

### **Music Priorities and Developments – This Academic Year**

- EYFS will continue to use the *Sing Up* music scheme consistently, developing core musicianship skills across the week.
- Increase and extend performance opportunities for young musicians across the school throughout the year.
- Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music opportunities, with a particular focus on increasing access for Pupil Premium and SEND pupils.
- Develop a school ensemble, band, or music group to enhance collaborative music-making.
- Increase pupil exposure to professional musicians and live performances.