

Music development plan summary: Ilsington C of E Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
Date this summary was published	September 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Katherine Williams
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	As above
Name of local music hub	Devon Music Education Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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.

- It is our aim for children to have access to one hour of quality music weekly across the school. Children are exposed to an hour of music a week through a mixture of singing assemblies and explicitly taught lessons.
- The school music curriculum delivers the requirements of the National Curriculum and is informed by our SEND, Equal Opportunities and Equality and Diversity policies. Our school music curriculum can be found on our school website [here](#).
- In addition to music lessons, children have the opportunity to sing during lessons eg. learning times tables songs during maths and songs during MFL learning.
- Children have access to explicit instrumental tuition at least a half term per year.
- Children are exposed to a variety of musical genres through our use of the Kapow Music Scheme where lessons are adapted to suit the needs of the children and classes.
- The early years curriculum is rich with opportunities for learning through song, as well as having half termly Kapow music units and lessons. The learning environment provides opportunities for exploration with instruments. Ukuleles, glockenspiels and percussion instruments are available freely as part of the children's continuous provision.

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.

- A school choir has been launched made up of children from various year groups. This is free to join and accessible for all. We also run a Makaton club (Year 1 and upwards) where children learn Makaton through song.
- A list of local music opportunities that children and families can access can be found on our local music hub website [here](#).
- Peripatetic music teachers offers children the opportunity to learn how to play the keyboard or the guitar. This is paid for by parents.
- We have performances throughout the year in which children from across the school perform eg: school nativity, Year 5/6 final performance and KS2 musical performance club. In addition to this we have a music teacher who teaches music across the school every other half term. Children perform at the end of the half term to their peers or to parents and carers.

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 at Ilsington have the opportunity to:

- Perform in assemblies.
- Perform in musical plays in school.
- Perform at the local church during Harvest, Easter and at Christmas time.
- Perform with other Link Academy Schools at a singing event.

In the future

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

- We plan to deepen our links with the Local Music Hub to improve the quality of our music teaching.
- We will expand the programme of whole-class instrumental teaching, increasing the range of instruments children experience through the use of the Local Music Hub and other Link Academy Schools by sharing instruments.
- We will explore other opportunities for musical after-school clubs and additional instrument tuition.
- Collaboration with other Link schools to perform, increasing the music exposure within the community.