

Music development plan summary: Pikemere School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-27
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Name of the school music lead	J Shortland
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	A Hughes
Name of local music hub	Love Music Trust Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Love Music Trust Music for Life Rock Steady Music Squad

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 Pikemere School, please visit our music curriculum page <https://www.pikemereschool.com/curriculum/music/>.

Music is taught in class every week and is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021). Lessons are a minimum of 45 minutes (EYFS and Reception are a minimum of 15 minutes long) and are taught by class teachers or an hour session by music specialist. Teaching is supported by the Sparkyard curriculum scheme of work. This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly whole school Music assembly, which lasts for 20 minutes, and consists of Musician of the Month, vocabulary and action session, body percussion music and singing songs as a whole school. Our curriculum runs from EYFS to Y6.

Children in years 4 and 5 learn an instrument as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialists from Love Music Trust as part of the Wider Opportunities programme.

Children in Year 3 spend a term learning the Recorder as a whole class ensemble, which is delivered by a Higher Level Teaching Assistant using a designated scheme.

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.

At Pikemere School, we currently offer individual lessons on guitar and piano through Music for Life and Music squad. Children can also sign up for brass and ukuleles if they would like to continue learning how to play the instruments after their whole class sessions. Peripatetic teachers visit the school and teach children from across Key Stage 1 and 2.

We also offer keyboard and piano tuition through Music Squad, whereby the teacher visits school and teaches children from across Key Stages 1 and 2.

The above lessons are funded by parents, however children in receipt of pupil premium funding can access funded lessons as part of this provision. All ensembles are free to access.

Instruments are available to hire for children performing in ensembles and children taking part in individual tuition from Lover Music Trust and Music For Life.

We are also partner with RockSteady to offer a wider range of instrument tuition, individually and in small groups.

At Pikemere School, we have a thriving Key Stage 1 Choir, which, as of last year, had 25 children attending. Our Key Stage 2 Choir had over 50 children attending rehearsals each week. Both choirs are led by staff from our school.

Children have access to rehearsal space in our dedicated music room.

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 have the opportunity to perform and experience music through a range of trips, visits and experiences including:

- Young Voices – this is a yearly event in which a group of our children join thousands of others from across the North West to perform a range of songs at AO Arena in Manchester.
- We have organised for the KS2 choir to attend a care home to perform and sing Christmas songs, creating a wider community with music.
- Cheshire Show – Our choir attends and performs at the Cheshire Show in the summer term depending on whether we are selected via ballot.
- Music Evening – Each year, our children showcase their learning from across the year to parents and carers.
- World Music Day – Our children learn a piece of music or song from another nation and perform this to the rest of school.
- KS2 Christmas Carol Concert – our children in KS2 perform carols and Christmas songs to parents and carers at our local church.
- Each term, each class is encouraged to perform to the rest of the school, showcasing the learning from that term's music lessons.
- Termly RockSteady concerts to the whole school and parents of performing children.
- KS1 Children perform a nativity play to the whole school along with parents and carers.
- KS2 Children perform a summer play to ks1 along with parents and carers.
- The whole school, every other year attend a live performance at the theatre.
- Music Squad also perform to live audiences in school, inviting parents and carers.

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:

- Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons.
- Further access to music clubs in school where children have opportunity to play music in groups.
- Continue to offer varied opportunities for children to perform music.
- Create a wider links with the community through music.