

Music development plan summary: William Austin Infant School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	Sugra Qureshi and Aisha Malik
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Luton Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Charanga

This is a summary of how William Austin Infant 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 and how much time is spent teaching music.

Each year group teaches Music for 35 minutes each week. Children also have a 25 minute singing assembly each week.

The school Music curriculum is informed by the model Music curriculum and taught through Charanga. Charanga is a paid online service that is purchased by the school to support the teaching of music lessons. Training by organisers at Charanga was delivered to the staff at the school to help teachers feel more confident when delivering Music lessons using Charanga. The Music leaders also attend annual training to keep themselves updated with any new changes.

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.

Children in Year 2 receive Ukulele lessons for 7 weeks within lesson time. This service is free. They also have the opportunity to learn the Ukulele or the Guitar. This is provided outside of lesson time and the cost to parents is £6.25. If children with pupil premium are interested in taking lessons, these are provided for free/subsidised by the school. This service is provided by an organisation called 'Create Music'.

Children can choose to take part in a Music Club which is provided out of lesson time. The club is provided for free and run by one of the Music leaders in the school.

The sessions all take place in the school's Music Room (Rainbow Room) where access to musical instruments, resources and anything else that may be needed by providers is readily available.

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 take part in singing assembly each week. The Year 1 and Year 2 children take part in this together. Year R children also have a singing assembly each week and starts when the children are more settled in school. These singing assemblies are planned and delivered by the school's Senior Leadership Team and Music Leaders.

Children take part in two performances each year. One of these performances is the Christmas performance and the other one is the end of year performance. Children learn and recite lines, have the opportunity to take part in acting and dancing as well as singing songs as part of these performances.

Children in KS1 watch live performances at school provided by a range of children's theatre organisations. Year 1 watch a dance theatre performance and take part in a workshop related to weather which is linked to their curriculum topic. This is organised by a company called the 'Weather Machine'. Year 2 children watched a theatre performance called 'Hyponocat' about electrical recycling linked to their topic. This performance is free.

Children in Year 2 take part in a drumming workshop. This has been organised in collaboration with the adjoining junior school recently but has also been a paid for service in previous years. This is paid for by the school.

Children in Year 1 visit the local theatre each year. Children visit the local library theatre and the production is provided by local organisations. Children go on a coach to watch the performance. This experience is paid for by parents and costs £10.50 per child. Children who are eligible for Pupil Premium go on the trip for a discounted rate of £5. This amount is subsidised by the school.

In the future

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

The Music leaders are in the process of organising a choir for children to be part of. The invitation to join the choir will be open to all KS1 children. This will be provided outside of lesson time and will be run by the Music leaders for 20 minutes each week during lunchtimes. There will be no cost for this. This change will be introduced in the academic year 2024-2025.

The children in Year R to have an opportunity to experience a live theatre performance. This will be introduced in the academic year 2024-2025.

Children will be given the opportunity to learn more instruments. This will be introduced in the year 2025-2026.

The school intend to develop stronger links to the local music hub partners and other local music education organisations.

Further information

The Department for Education [guide for parents and young people](#) is available on the school website providing information on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.