

# Music development plan summary: Whitstable and Seasalter Endowed Church of England (Aided) Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Matthew Bowles
Name of local music hub	Kent Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Music for Schools

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.

We have timetabled music lessons in all year groups using the 'Charanga' music scheme for our lessons, which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. By using the scheme, and its progressive week-by-week lessons, we are ensuring that we meet all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum.

Units of work are based around songs and other pieces of music. Many of the units involve children learning to sing, including singing different parts and harmonising. In addition to this, our collective worship on Thursday is singing based and children are all taught songs, and sing together.

Other units are focussed more on children learning to play musical instruments which they play along to the track and build towards performing the song at the end of the unit.

## 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.

We have individual and group lessons available for parents to book for a wide range of musical instruments: piano, drums, guitar, saxophone, flute, clarinet, cornet as well as song writing and singing.

We have several group ensembles available for children to participate in for free; we have a thriving choir as well as bands and singing groups.

Children learning instruments through Music for Schools are loaned an instrument for them to use which is then given to them if they continue with lessons for a period of at least two years.

## 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.

Singing worship (assembly) takes place weekly – all children are taught and sing songs together.

Throughout the year, the school choir sing to the school at the start of worship, showcasing what they have been working on.

During the Summer term, we hold a music festival where children from the choir, the various school bands as well as individual performers put on a show of everything that they have worked on during the year.

We also hold a talent competition 'Born to Shine'. Whilst not exclusively for music, it is an opportunity for children you do play an instrument, or sing, to demonstrate their talent to the school.

## In the future

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

We are planning to build upon the success of our music festival and increase its impact in school and the wider community. In the build up to the festival we plan to hold smaller performances locally to involve more of the local community. This will give children more opportunities to perform to a wider range of audiences.

