

Pirbright Village Primary School

Music Development Plan

Detail	Information
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Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Debbie Gifford
Name of local music hub	Surrey Music Hub

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.

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.

At Pirbright Village Primary School, we are proud to offer a rich and inclusive music curriculum that nurtures creativity, confidence, and musical progression from Reception through to Year 6.

Our weekly music curriculum is designed to offer every child a rich and varied musical experience. Pupils receive one hour of discrete music teaching each week, during which they explore a wide range of instruments including keyboards, ukuleles, glockenspiels, recorders, and untuned percussion. This hands-on approach encourages creativity and builds foundational musical skills across all year groups.

Our curriculum introduces children to an exciting variety of instruments such as keyboard, vocals, piano, glockenspiel, ukulele, and Djembe drums. As pupils progress through the school, their glockenspiel skills are further developed in upper Key Stage 2, allowing for deeper musical understanding and more refined technique.

In addition to their weekly lessons, children participate in a dedicated 30-minute singing assembly. This regular opportunity to sing together helps foster vocal confidence, ensemble awareness, and a shared sense of musical joy across the school community.

Curriculum Resources and Inclusion:

We follow the Surrey Arts recommended resource, Charanga—an award-winning platform that supports high-quality music education and includes tailored content for children with SEND.

Extended Opportunities and Partnerships:

At Pirbright Village Primary School, we are proud to offer a range of extended opportunities and partnerships that enrich our music provision and support every child's musical journey. Through our collaboration with the Learning Partners Trust, we engage in regular curriculum reviews, professional networking, and the sharing of best practice. This ongoing dialogue helps us to refine and elevate the quality of our teaching, ensuring that our music curriculum remains dynamic, inclusive, and inspiring.

Individual trumpet lessons are delivered by the Surrey Music Hub, with funded places available for children eligible for Pupil Premium. This ensures that financial barriers do not prevent access to high-quality instrumental tuition. In addition, Rock & Pop provide specialist lessons in singing, keyboard, drums, electric and acoustic guitar. These sessions follow accredited pathways, meaning that pupils who choose to continue their musical studies beyond primary school may gain formal qualifications that contribute to UCAS points later in their academic careers.

Our in-house music teacher also offers individual piano tuition, aligned with recognised music stages to support structured progression. These lessons provide children with the opportunity to develop their skills in a focused and nurturing environment, laying the foundation for lifelong musical enjoyment and achievement.

We are committed to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to explore and enjoy music, developing both technical skills and a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

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.

Music is woven into the fabric of our school life, extending far beyond the classroom to enrich our community, celebrate key moments, and nurture individual talents.

Instrumental Tuition:

We offer a diverse and inclusive programme of instrumental tuition designed to support children's musical development and personal expression. Trumpet lessons are delivered by the Surrey Music Hub, with funded places available for children eligible for Pupil Premium, ensuring that all pupils have access to high-quality musical instruction regardless of financial background.

Every Thursday, specialist tutors from Rock & Pop visit the school to provide accredited lessons in drums, electric and acoustic guitar, and bass guitar. These sessions follow recognised progression pathways, allowing children to build formal musical skills that can support future qualifications and opportunities.

In addition, individual piano tuition is available every Tuesday, led by our dedicated music teacher. These lessons are aligned with formal music grading systems, offering children a structured route to develop their technique, musicality, and confidence over time.

Choir and Performance Opportunities:

Our Key Stage 2 Choir plays a central and cherished role in school life, regularly performing at a wide range of events that bring our community together. From the Christmas Show and KS1 Nativity to the Summer Concert, Harvest Festival, Easter and Advent celebrations, and Memorial commemorations, the choir's presence adds warmth, meaning, and musical excellence to each occasion.

Beyond the school grounds, the choir also engages in community outreach, performing at our local retirement home. These visits foster intergenerational connection and bring joy to both the children and the residents, reinforcing the values of empathy and shared experience through music.

Singing is woven into the fabric of every celebration and event we host or participate in. Our repertoire is thoughtfully chosen to reflect a wide range of musical genres and themes, including songs from the shows, WW2 commemorative music, religious celebrations, Jubilee anthems, and pieces that celebrate community and togetherness. This diversity ensures that every child experiences the richness of musical expression while contributing to the life of the school and the wider community.

Clubs and Enrichment:

Our clubs and enrichment activities play a vital role in nurturing children's musical interests and talents beyond the classroom. Through our dedicated Music Clubs, pupils have the opportunity to explore a wide range of instruments and develop their understanding of formal music notation, building both technical skills and creative confidence.

One of the highlights of our school year is *Pirbright Has Talent*, a joyful and inclusive event that allows children to showcase their musical and creative abilities across the curriculum. It celebrates individuality and encourages pupils to take pride in their achievements in a supportive and enthusiastic environment.

Throughout the year, children also participate in regular assembly performances, where they share their musical progress with peers, staff, and families. These moments not only build performance confidence but also foster a strong sense of community and appreciation for the arts within our school.

Facilities and Collaboration:

We are proud to offer a dedicated music suite that serves as the heart of our musical learning. This purpose-built space is fully equipped with a wide range of instruments, a high-quality sound system, and an interactive whiteboard, creating an environment where dynamic, hands-on music education can flourish. It provides children with the tools and space to explore, perform, and compose with confidence and creativity.

Our commitment to high-quality music teaching is supported by access to professional networks and resources that we draw upon as needed. Staff are able to engage with training and development opportunities through the Learning Partners Trust and the Surrey Music Hub, helping us to stay informed about current pedagogy and share best practice where appropriate.

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.

At Pirbright Village Primary School, music is not just a subject—it's a living, breathing part of our school culture. Children across all key stages are immersed in musical experiences that celebrate creativity, community, and personal growth. Each week, pupils in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 participate in a dedicated 30-minute singing assembly, where they build vocal confidence and enjoy the joy of collective music-making.

Throughout the academic year, children take part in a wide range of performances and celebrations. Key Stage 2 pupils present a vibrant Christmas Show, while Key Stage 1 children delight families with their annual Christmas Play. Reception children share the wonder of the Nativity, and the whole school comes together for seasonal events such as our Easter Celebration, Summer Concert, and Christmas Carols at Lord Pirbright's Hall. Class assemblies also feature musical elements, giving every child the chance to perform and share their learning.

Beyond the school gates, our Key Stage 2 choir performs regularly in the community, including visits to local retirement homes and collaborative singing events with other schools, such as the Winston Churchill School Primary Choir Day. Children are also encouraged to perform individually or in small groups during assemblies, showcasing their developing musical talents in a supportive environment. Our Rock & Pop programme culminates in celebration assemblies where parents are invited to enjoy live performances from their children, adding a special sense of pride and achievement.

We enrich our curriculum further with visits from professional performers who bring live music into school, inspiring children with new genres and techniques. Musical clubs offer opportunities for singing, ensemble playing, composition, and performance, allowing children to explore their interests and deepen their skills. Key Stage 2 pupils also benefit from an annual theatre trip to a musical, and in recent years, children have attended a West End performance thanks to funding support following the pandemic. Parents are able to contribute to musical trips at educational rates, and Pupil Premium funding ensures that all children can access these experiences.

Specialist tuition is available throughout the week, including discreet trumpet lessons for small groups of Pupil Premium children, Rock & Pop sessions every Thursday for drums, guitar, and bass guitar, and individual piano lessons on Tuesdays. These lessons follow accredited pathways, supporting formal progression and future opportunities.

Staff at Pirbright Village Primary School are committed to delivering high-quality music education and regularly engage in professional development through the Surrey Music Hub, the Learning Partners Trust, and the Charanga team. Our strong partnership with RedCap Studios provides access to musical equipment, technical support, and vocal opportunities, further enhancing our provision.

All of this is supported by our fully equipped music suite, which includes a wide range of instruments, a sound system, and an interactive whiteboard—creating a dynamic and inclusive space for musical learning. Singing remains central to every event we run or participate in, and our choir is carefully curated to reflect the diverse musical genres we explore throughout the year, from

songs from the shows and wartime classics to religious celebrations, Jubilee anthems, and community-focused music for the masses.

Looking to the future

At Pirbright Village Primary School, we are committed to continually enriching our music provision through thoughtful monitoring, staff development, and creative opportunities for pupils. Our aim is to ensure that music remains a vibrant and inclusive part of every child's learning journey.

To support high-quality teaching across all year groups, we will continue to monitor planning twice yearly and conduct regular learning walks to celebrate strengths and identify areas for growth. A staff audit has been launched to assess confidence and musical skill levels, enabling us to tailor CPD opportunities to meet the specific needs of our team. This may include training sessions delivered through trusted partners such as Charanga, the Surrey Music Hub, and the Learning Partners Trust.

We will continue to model effective practice and support children's learning. This will incorporate elements of the Charanga curriculum into our weekly singing assemblies. This will also serve as a valuable resource for teachers, offering practical strategies and familiar content to build confidence in music delivery.

As part of our induction process, our new teachers will be introduced to Charanga and supported in accessing both the curriculum and the instruments available. Ongoing guidance will be offered to ensure they feel confident and well-equipped to lead engaging music lessons.

To strengthen our ability to evidence progression in music, we will explore the use of video footage during the 'edit and improve' stage of the 'Performance' element in Music. This will allow children to reflect on their learning and develop their skills with greater clarity.

Our enrichment programme continues to grow, offering children memorable experiences that connect music with the wider world. Plans are underway to organise a Key Stage 2 theatre trip to the New Victoria Theatre in Woking to inspire pupils through live performance. Our KS2 choir will visit Cunningham House to perform for residents, fostering community connection and empathy through music. We are also delighted to be participating in the Winston Churchill School's Primary Choirs Day, where our pupils will collaborate with other schools and perform for families.

Finally, our Rock & Pop programme will culminate in celebratory performance assemblies during the spring and summer terms, giving children the chance to share their progress and passion with parents and peers.