Music development plan summary: Watlington Primary School

Detail	Information
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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

This information is to help pupils, parents and carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

The children at Watlington Primary School:

- Are encouraged to join in with whole school and class singing, through assemblies and class sessions.
- Regularly take part in the annual music themed weeks.
- Have the opportunity to learn a range of instruments throughout the school.
- Have access to a progressive music programme, Charanga music.
- Are given the opportunity to be part of the school choir, performing at school events and within the wider community.
- Are able to link with the local secondary school where children have learn new skills from dedicated music teachers and older pupils, through workshops and performances.
- Can develop performance skills through school performances including plays, church services, assemblies and county wide events.

Part A: Curriculum music

Our curriculum is informed by the National Curriculum

The curriculum is implemented through the Charanga Music School, online learning platform

In addition to the online programme, our pupils experience learning a range of instruments including glockenspiel, recorder and ukulele, in a whole class session. Each weekly lesson teaches our pupils a progression of skills including music appreciation, reading music and relevant associated vocabulary. Composition is taught in Year 6, as part of their music lessons.

Pupils with SEND are taught with the same high expectations as their peers.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Additional opportunities:

Live music performances, including theatre annual theatre visits

Watlington School Choir,

- Young Voices
- Big Christmas Sing, Oxford
- Festival of Voices, Dorchester
- Watlington Community music event
- Choir showcase events

Whole school Acer Trust events have included,

- The Snowman, orchestrated and massed choir event
- The Wind in the Willows, orchestrated and massed choir event

Peripatetic music tuition: a range of brass instruments, piano and wind

Support with funding is available where requested. Each music teacher funds a nominated pupil for half of the academic year (including pupils eligible for the PPG).

More information about music in Oxfordshire can be found here,

https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service

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 assemblies, including weekly music appreciation.

Whole school and class performances throughout the year, including during class assemblies.

Year 6 school play, including performing and watching.

Whole school theatre visits, including to the local secondary school to watch their annual musical.

Annual drumming workshops, led by pupils and staff at the local secondary school.

For all paid events, there is the offer of financial support where needed, with an additional subsidy for pupils eligible for the PPG.

In the future

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

In 2026 – 2027 we will,

- continue to strengthen links in our community through events, and visitors
- showcase the talent at Watlington Primary school through performances
- track the content of lessons through whole class workbooks

Further information

More information on how pupils can get involved in music in and out of school can be accessed here - guide for parents and young people

More information about music hubs can be found here.