

Music development plan summary: Abbey Primary School



All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	August 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Anita Smith (from September 2024)

Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs Tracy Wright
Name of local music hub	Walsall
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rock-it Music

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.

Abbey Primary School publishes the school curriculum for music for each year group on its website. All children, including pupils with SEND have access to music lessons, sometimes with support. Please see link below to the music curriculum page;

<http://www.abbey.walsall.sch.uk/curriculum/music/>

Pupils in KS2 have between 50 and 60 minutes of music per week, which does not include singing assemblies.

- Our music curriculum in EYFS is based on the Charanga scheme of work, in KS1 and KS2 it is Rock-It Music scheme of work that is led by a music specialist.
- Currently the schemes of work do not align with the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021).
- Pupils have an opportunity in most music lessons to learn to sing and play an instrument, this is mainly through whole-class ensemble teaching in all year groups.
- We value the partnerships Abbey Primary School has to support curriculum music, with Rock-It Music, who deliver lessons to KS1 and KS2 and via our local music hub in Walsall, where we signpost to local choirs and specific music events.

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.

Currently Abbey Primary School does not offer any additional music tuition outside of what is taught in lesson time.

Last academic year, Abbey Primary set up a choir that was able to participate in 'Young Voices'. It is our plan to run a choir again and attend 'Young Voices'. We have also signposted pupils in KS2 to attend a 'Rock Choir' at the local arts centre, after school each Wednesday. The choir is open to all pupils from Y2-Y6, as a paid club. If families that are eligible for pupil premium need assistance with payment towards attending club, they are advised to speak to senior leaders who will offer support.

Pupils can make further progress in music by being able to attend the HAF programme, some of which includes holiday provision at the Forest Arts Centre.

Currently Abbey Primary School does not offer instrument tuition outside of the music lessons.

The music teacher from Rock-it music engages in partnership with Abbey Primary School and in the past has attended local fayres and events with pupils to run a steel-pan band.

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.

At Abbey Primary School we aim for our children to participate in a weekly assembly that involves singing. Children in all year groups also get to perform as a larger group in assemblies and events, which include; Harvest assembly, The Nativity, Easter services and Carols Around the Christmas Tree.

At least once a year, all children who have music lessons with Rock-It Music teacher/s get to perform an ensemble of music to parents/carers. This is free for parents to attend.

In 2023/24 the children were introduced to a composer of the week, which provided music for the children as they came in and out of assemblies. The aim is that this will continue in 2024/25, and will enable pupils to increase their cultural capital and knowledge of the wider world both now and in the past.

In 2024/25, we aim for all of the above to take place, with the addition of a World Music Assembly led by Rock-It Music. We also aim for children in Y2-Y6 to attend 'Young

Voices' once again to be able to perform with a choir of over 5000 children to an audience of thousands at a large arena. Although this is free for children to attend and is subsidised by the school, parents do have to purchase their own tickets and also get to and from the venue themselves. For those parents that are not able to attend, a mini concert is performed in school for all parents of pupils that attend the choir.

In the future

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

We want to ensure that the music curriculum is more robust in Early years, making use of the planned scheme of work that was introduced in 2023-24.

We want to review the opportunities pupils have to learn a musical instrument individually, through the music hub and consider having a termly school performance for parents to attend.

Further information (optional)

Each year the children in Y6 take part in an exam, assessed by the London College of Music Examiners. In 2023-24, the Y6 class achieved a merit as the final grade in their exam.

Mrs Anita Smith is the music leader from September 2024.

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

Our local [music hub](#) is Walsall, see website details below;

<https://www.walmused.co.uk/>