

Parwich Primary School

Music Development Plan Summary:

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
Name of the school music lead	Fiona Tomblin
Name of local music hub	Derby and Derbyshire Local Music Partnership
Name of other music education organisation(s)	Music Mark

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.

At Parwich Primary School, the music curriculum is planned for in all year groups and knowledge and skills are mapped progressively across the school as guided by the Model Music Curriculum.

Within our EYFS / Key Stage 1 Class, the children engage in a regular timetabled hour of music teaching, which is supported by the Music Express scheme. Music is also interwoven into the whole day routine through songs, activities, nursery rhymes and stories.

The Key Stage 2 Class pupils receive whole class instrumental lessons delivered by a specialist music teacher from Derby and Derbyshire Music Partnership. This year, the pupils are each learning a brass instrument (trumpet, trombone or baritone). Each lesson is complemented with the teaching of musicianship skills. In addition, the pupil's music appreciation and knowledge of music is also developed, as they listen to and discuss a rolling programme of music every week.

Progression is measured in an increased ability and confidence in playing, singing, composing and performing – ready for Year 7 at Key Stage 3 and on the pathway to qualifications.

The school can demonstrate that over time it has established long-lasting partnerships with arts and cultural organisations that have a positive impact on outcomes. This academic year, Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership celebrated the value that we place on music in our school by presenting us with the Music Mark of Recognition for Dedication & Improvement.

Part B: Extra-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.

Parwich Primary School currently offers both individual and small group brass lessons through Derby and Derbyshire Music Partnership. Subsidies are available for Pupil Premium pupils.

Every pupil participates in a timetabled weekly singing assembly and we endeavour to allow the children to showcase their engagement in public performances. This year, the pupil's hard work, when singing, has been celebrated as part of our whole school Christmas production performance and, in the summer, the pupils will take part in a local 'Big Sing' – a performance with a local high school band and several primary schools.

We signpost interested pupils to Wirksworth Music Centre to develop their musical abilities further. The latter is a friendly organisation that offers a wide variety of engaging groups, all led by professional musicians and teachers.

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.

The children receive a wide range of musical experiences. This starts from watching each other perform on a regular basis.

Every year, the whole school celebrates their Autumn Term (2) singing sessions within either a Christmas production performance or Christingle Assembly.

The Junior pupils invite family and friends of the school to enjoy concerts performed by themselves, which demonstrates the progress they have made during their music lessons.

At present, our school aims to provide the pupils with at least one live performance annually to watch and/or take part in. Last year, Years 3 – 6 experienced the amazing sound and opportunity to play live with the Halle orchestra at Derby Arena, as part of a mass school event, after learning a variety of songs and pieces on their brass instruments in their weekly music lessons. This year, the pupils will be singing together with a local high school and primary schools – the 'Big Sing'.

The whole school also enjoy immersing themselves in our biannual pantomime trip to Buxton theatre, where musical experiences are always on offer.

Our weekly Celebration Assembly always welcomes news of music achievements gained outside of school. This year, we have applauded individuals for performing on stage and for progressing further with formal music grades.

In the future

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

In subsequent years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Continue to evaluate our current music curriculum;
- Offer a wider range of instruments for small group/individual lessons;
- Offer a greater number of performance opportunities throughout the year;
- Continue to provide high-quality CPD to secure staff confidence and subject knowledge.

Further information (optional)

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.