Music development plan summary: William Reynolds Primary School and Nursery

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026 - 2027
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Name of the school music lead	Sarah Dent
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Ruth Angeloff
Name of local music hub	Telford and Wrekin Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Shropshire Music Service

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

At William Reynolds Primary School and Nursery, all pupils receive curriculum music teaching as part of a broad and balanced curriculum. Music is taught progressively from Nursery to Year 6 and is designed to develop pupils as performers, composers, listeners and evaluators. The curriculum is informed by the National Curriculum for Music and the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021), supporting pupils to develop musical knowledge, skills and understanding over time.

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, music is embedded throughout daily practice through singing, nursery rhymes, action songs, movement and musical play. Children participate in daily rhyme and singing sessions that support communication and language development, listening skills, rhythm awareness and creativity.

Throughout Key Stages 1 and 2, pupils develop their understanding of pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture and structure through singing, listening, composing and performing activities. Learning is carefully sequenced to ensure pupils revisit and build upon prior knowledge and skills as they progress through the school.

Our music curriculum is delivered in partnership with Telford & Wrekin Music Service, who provide specialist music teaching and whole-class ensemble opportunities. As part of this provision, pupils have opportunities to learn and perform using a range of instruments including:

- Year 2: Glockenspiel
- Year 3: Recorder
- Year 4: Woodwind instruments
- Year 5: Ukulele

These experiences enable pupils to develop practical instrumental skills alongside musical understanding and performance confidence. Specialist teaching also supports the ongoing development of staff subject knowledge.

Further information about the curriculum taught in each year group, including progression in musical knowledge and skills, can be found here:

- Music Curriculum Overview
- Music Progression Document

Information about how the school supports pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), including adaptations made to enable all pupils to access the music curriculum, can be found here:

- SEND Information Report
- SEND Policy

Music lessons are adapted to meet the needs of all learners, ensuring that every child can participate fully and make progress within the curriculum.

Extra-curricular music

William Reynolds Primary School and Nursery works in partnership with Telford & Wrekin Music Service to support pupils who wish to develop their musical interests beyond the curriculum.

Pupils have the opportunity to access individual instrumental tuition during the school day, delivered by specialist teachers from Telford & Wrekin Music Service. A range of instruments is available, with lesson arrangements, charges and enrolment managed directly through the music service.

To encourage participation, specialists from Telford & Wrekin Music Service visit the school to introduce pupils to different instruments and promote the opportunities available. [

Pupils wishing to continue their musical development can access additional opportunities provided through Telford & Wrekin Music Service, including ensembles, workshops,

performances and music events within the local area. Further information is available directly from the music service.

Part C: Musical events

At William Reynolds Primary School and Nursery, pupils participate in a wide range of musical experiences throughout the academic year. These opportunities enable children to perform, listen to and engage with music beyond the classroom, helping to develop confidence, teamwork, creativity and a lifelong appreciation of music.

Music is embedded within the wider life of the school through regular singing opportunities. Whole-school assemblies frequently conclude with a song linked to the school's values and key themes. Pupils learn and revisit these songs within their classes, promoting a shared culture of singing across the school.

Children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 participate in annual Christmas performances for parents and carers. Through these productions, pupils learn and perform a range of traditional and contemporary songs, developing confidence, performance skills and stage presence from an early age.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to participate in Young Voices, performing alongside thousands of children from schools across the country. To prepare for this event, pupils attend a Young Voices Club where they rehearse the concert repertoire and develop their singing skills. Parents and carers are invited to attend the performance and celebrate pupils' achievements.

The school also participates in a range of musical events organised by Telford & Wrekin Music Service, including Telford Sings, the annual Christmas Light Switch On event and the Recorder Festival. These opportunities enable pupils to perform alongside children from other local schools and experience music as part of larger vocal and instrumental ensembles.

Each year, pupils take part in an interactive live music workshop delivered by Rock Kidz UK. These workshops use music to promote important themes linked to personal development and the school's values. This academic year, the workshop will focus on the value of courage and the message of standing up to bullying.

Through these experiences, pupils have regular opportunities to perform in front of audiences, participate in community events, experience live music and celebrate their musical achievements both in school and beyond.

In the future

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

Over the next academic year, William Reynolds Primary School and Nursery aims to continue developing its music provision to ensure that all pupils have access to high-quality musical opportunities both within and beyond the curriculum.

Our priorities are to:

- **Establish a school choir** to provide regular opportunities for pupils to develop their singing skills, rehearse together and perform within school and the wider community.
- **Increase participation in individual instrumental tuition** through closer partnership working with **Telford & Wrekin Music Service**, including raising awareness of the opportunities available to pupils and families.
- **Provide more opportunities for pupils to experience live music performances**, including professional concerts, musical theatre productions and performances delivered by visiting musicians.
- **Continue to develop staff subject knowledge and confidence** through specialist music teaching and support from **Telford & Wrekin Music Service**.

Further information

Useful links:

- Telford & Wrekin Music Service: https://telfordandwrekinmusic.co.uk/
- Department for Education: What the national plan for music education means for children and young people - GOV.UK
- School Music Curriculum Overview
- Music Progression Document
- SEND Information Report