

Music development plan summary: *Pheasey Park Farm Primary School*

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025/26
Date this summary was published	September 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mr T. Orbell
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs S. Arnold
Name of local music hub	Walsall Music Education Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Black Country 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.

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 Pheasey Park Farm Primary School, Music is a valued part of the curriculum. Children in EYFS have Music integrated into their Expressive Arts and Design programme. Lessons from Years 1-6 are based on Charanga Musical School, which has been adapted to suit our curriculum, allowing for greater opportunities for performance and instrumental instruction. The curriculum has been structured to ensure full coverage of the National Curriculum objectives. Evidence is obtained through visual recordings of children's progress. Pupil voice shows that children enjoy Music and engage well with the subject. Adaptations for SEND learners are made where required to allow pupils to access learning. Curriculum Music lessons are taught by music specialists, including staff from Walsall Music Education Hub for Year 4, who have whole class steel pans tuition. A range of instruments are taught and performance opportunities for every year group occur throughout the year. Children are exposed to a wide range of genres and styles of music through curriculum Music to

ensure a broad appreciation and to allow children to form their own opinions of various musical styles. A Music assembly takes place once a week to supplement Music lessons and widen this exposure to music from a variety of sources.

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.

Instrumental tuition takes place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Instruments offered include: trumpet, trombone, baritone, violin, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone and drum kit. Small group recorder ensembles are also provided after children are first exposed to the recorder in curriculum Music lessons in Year 3. All of this is provided in partnership with Walsall Music Education Hub, with whom the school enjoys a strong relationship. Take-up varies from year to year, with usually between 50 and 100 pupils signing up for tuition. Parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of instrumental tuition, which is subsidised by the school, with a discount available for Pupil Premium pupils. Instruments are available for loan through Walsall Music Education Hub free of charge.

Children from Year 4 onwards have the opportunity to join the School Choir, which performs at least 3 times during the year at Christmas, Easter and Summer. It is an inclusive choir; all children are welcome in the choir, regardless of ability. The School Choir is free to join for all pupils. Every 2/3 years, the choir performs alongside a live musical ensemble, the City of Lichfield Concert Band, with the band accompanying the children, providing a unique experience for the children.

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.

Children in every year group undertake a performance to parents and carers, whether a special festival performance, a stage production or a musical concert. These take place in the school hall or at Beacon Church, Pheasey, with whom the school has strong community links.

Every year, children in KS2 are able to enjoy a Live Music Experience, provided by Walsall Music Education Hub, which is a highlight of the year for pupils and staff. The school also takes part in a live-stream Christmas sing-along event provided by the Black County Music Hub.

As mentioned in Part B, the School Choir has the opportunity to perform alongside the City of Lichfield Concert Band, allowing them the experience of being accompanied by live musicians and also a live music listening experience.

In the future

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

As a school, we are constantly striving to improve Music provision, both within our curriculum and through extra-curricular activities. New opportunities for children to perform are being looked at, to allow them to display their abilities to parents and peers, which has come directly from our pupil voice. YUMU, provided through Charanga, is currently being investigated to enhance our composition lessons. Expansion of our instrumental tuition is also under consideration, alongside Walsall Music Education Hub. We continue to look for opportunities for children to experience live musical performances.