

# Music development plan summary: Holbrook Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Catherine Franklin
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	West Sussex 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.

## 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 Holbrook we use the Kapow music scheme which is aligned with the National Curriculum, from EYFS to Year 6..

It provides a structured and spiral curriculum developing skills & knowledge:

- Listening and evaluating
- creating sound (voices/body/instruments)
- notation
- improvising & composing
- performing

Covers interrelated dimensions of music; pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, texture. Structure, timbre

- Each year group has a new music topic every half term with a lesson every week. Lesson plans are detailed and include recap of previous taught elements. There is provision for adaptive teaching for both children who need extra support and for those who are working at greater depth. Teachers benefit from videos highlighting skills and background subject knowledge. Lessons include elements of singing, listening and playing instruments both percussion and tuned
- Through the West Sussex 'Term to Learn' scheme, Y4 have the opportunity to learn an instrument with a music specialist (ukulele). This culminates in a performance to parents at the end of term.
- KS1 and KS2 both have weekly singing assemblies.
- Children have had the opportunity to participate in Workshops provided by outside music specialists such as drumming and samba. We endeavour to organise other workshops depending on budget.
- Through the West Sussex music service, pupils have had the opportunity to sing with other schools.

## Part B: Co-curricular music

At Holbrook many children have one –to-one or small group lessons with peripatetic music teachers. Currently children learn recorders, keyboard and guitar. The children have the opportunity to work towards achieving graded music awards (keyboard)

These lessons are mainly paid for by parents but could be covered by Pupil Premium funding if eligible.

- Children in Year 5 and Year have the opportunity to join the choir and perform at the Young Voices concert in London.
- From April 2026 pupils will have the opportunity to join in additional music lessons through the Rocky Steady Music School, where small groups of children learn to perform songs with a specialist teacher. They can learn guitar, bass, drumming or singing and if they continue for the year, can gain a qualification in music.

## Part C: Musical performances

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.

KS1/2 have weekly singing assemblies.

We hold a biennial Spring Concert for Y4-6. Pupils are invited to audition for a place in the concert. They decide on and rehearse their piece independently and can be individual or small groups. Rehearsals are held in school time but are devised and choreographed by the children themselves. They perform their concert to parents and family members with a rehearsal attended by KS1.

The recorder groups perform to whole school in assembly and hold a performance to parents once a year.

KS1 and EYFS perform a Nativity to parents, with rehearsals to the rest of the school.

Pupils in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 attend a Christmas assembly in St Mark's church, hosted by the Vicar. They also get to perform a song from their nativities.

KS2 perform an evening Christmas concert to parents in St Mary's Church, Horsham every December.

Year 6 hold an end of year performance, where the children put on a musical play which is performed to both the school and parents.

Opportunity to attend singing workshop with other schools run by WS music service

## In the future

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

In the future we would like to;

- provide more workshops provided by music specialists
- join in with more events/ opportunities provided by the WS Music service
- organise more opportunities to hear music and singing provided by performers eg steel band/ singers/ orchestras.
- include whole school/ Key Stage singing to whole school assemblies