

Music Development Plan Summary

Horton CofE VA Primary School

“The sheer joy of music making can feed the soul of a school community” (New music model curriculum March 2021)

At Horton we have high aspirations as musicians. The children are all taught music by a specialist teacher and all have the opportunity to learn at least one musical instrument during each academic year.

Singing is part of our daily collective worship and we relish in the challenges of learning new songs as well as adding parts to other songs.

Through our music curriculum we compose and create musical responses to classical and contemporary pieces of music after listening to and appraising a selection of styles.

We aim to include music throughout our daily lives at Horton, using call and response, musical terminology and learning songs to enhance our wider learning.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	Dec 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	Dec 2025
Name of the school music lead	Beth Nasce
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	WEMA
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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 Horton music is taught by Mrs Nasce, a music specialist. We ensure that all school staff take an active role in developing and promoting our school's singing strategy.

Music lessons are held weekly for all classes. EYFS and KS1 have 30 minutes of music education weekly, KS2 40 minutes weekly. We have mixed year group classes, EYFS/KS1 and KS2. Children in KS1/EYFS learn to play the recorder. Children in KS2 learn to play the ukulele. All children have opportunities to play pitched and non-pitched percussion and have opportunities to attend singing events throughout the year both in and out of school.

As a school we are committed to inclusion and celebrate how music is able to engage and provide our SEND pupils with an opportunity to thrive and excel. Adaptions to lessons (For example, use of ear defenders, ICT music programmes, incorporation of dance and movement) ensure that all SEND pupils are fully included.

We are developing a Listening Calendar that will broaden the children's musical knowledge of genres, instruments, cultural events and significant people in music history.

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.

Our school choir is run weekly during lunch time. In 2023-2024 about ½ the school attended this club. In 2024-25 about 2/3 of the school attend the choir. The school performed regularly at school events, community events and church services during this year.

We have started a ukulele club which is also run weekly at lunchtimes. We expect this will grow once more children have had lessons as part of their music provision.

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 attend a daily collective worship which will involve singing as well as weekly singing assembly and regularly perform in church services throughout the year.

- October 2024 – Harvest Festival at St James Church
- November 2024 – EYFS/KS1 Nursery Rhyme challenge performed to parents and the rest of the school
- December 2024 – Choir carol singing at Yate Shopping Centre
- December 2024 – Nativity church service at St James Church

Upcoming events:

- Whole school trip to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Bristol Hippodrome
- More choir opportunities tbc
- Easter Service
- Summer Show (potentially Joseph)
- Year 6 Leaver's Service

In the future

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

- To use the Singing Progression Document to further develop the children's singing skills beyond learning new songs and lyrics.
- To review our assessment of music
- To continue with the school's choir
- To continue with relevant CPD for our Music Lead who will disseminate further CPD to staff
- To continue to develop an aspirational music programme that will challenge children and staff
- To continue developing a listening calendar that is will develop children's listening and appraising skills.

Further information (optional)

- Music lead is due to attend the WEMA Music Conference in February 2025 which will provide more information and training on using music throughout the curriculum.