

Faith is all around us.

We have to have faith in ourselves in order to be the best that we can be.

We are a small school, with big hearts and together we beat as one.

Sowing seeds of knowledge and faith, with nurture and love

We thrive, we grow.



## Wistow Parochial C of E Primary School

### Music Development Plan Summer 2025 – 2026

| Detail   | Information                    |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Academic year that this summary covers   | 2025 - 2026                    |
| Date this summary was published  | September 2025                 |
| Date this summary will be reviewed   | July 2026                      |
| Name of the school music lead  | Faye Storey and Carla Cox      |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | N/A                            |
| Name of local music hub  | North Yorkshire Music Services |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)            | None                           |

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.

Wistow School uses Kerpow scheme of work to plan and teach our Music Curriculum across the whole school. We use a mastery approach, that enables all pupils, including those with special educational needs, to learn and achieve to their full potential.

For further information on our Music curriculum, visit our website via the link below:

<https://www.wistowschool.co.uk/music-9/>

Our pupils all receive 1 hour of music a week and partake in Collective Worship hymn practice weekly, for ½ an hour. All Collective Worships daily feature an opportunity to sing and when pupils are entering and leaving assembly, we use a wide range of music, to open our pupils up to experiencing different genres, styles and composers.

Within lessons, pupils cover the relevant curriculum objectives and experience a range of fun and exciting activities to hook pupils into their learning, enhance their experience and ensure progression in their knowledge and learning.

All pupils will be given the chance to take part in individual, paired, group and class ensembles. These are often shared in class assemblies and special performances that are shared with parents, carers and our local community.

Alongside this, our pupils also learn to play a tuned instrument in the form of glockenspiels, which they thoroughly enjoy.

We also plan in a lot of cross curricular links for all subjects and this includes Music. We follow a Foreign Languages programme called Language Angels and our pupils learn Spanish from Reception to Year 6. The children work on their language acquisition and embed their vocabulary knowledge through song, and the feedback from the children about the songs, is positive, supporting the teaching and learning process.

## **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.

We pride ourselves on our partnerships with our North Yorkshire Music Service and offer our pupils a range of opportunities to learn various instruments. We currently have: piano, guitar, trombone, ukulele, clarinet, cello lessons. These are paid for by parents and we work with the various music teachers to facilitate lessons in school time. Additionally, we have a long standing piano teacher called Janet Lawrence, who teaches lessons weekly to a number of our pupils and this is also in term time. Within these lessons, pupils are able to take various gradings to gain qualifications in their chosen instruments.

North Yorkshire charge for these lessons and the relevant information can be found below:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-music-service>

With all pupils who learn musical instruments and school and when we have special events, we support pupils in practising and recognise they need time and perhaps help. Therefore, we endeavour to do our best to give them time and a space to practise if they should need this.

Our Songbirds Choir, who take part in Young Voices, rehearse weekly for Autumn and some of Spring 1 half term, to come together, learn and prepare for the concert in January. This is a regular event for us, as we recognise the value of the children being given the opportunity to take part in something so special and unique.

Pupils also are given the opportunities to create their own bands and ensembles for Music In the Night, where pupils share their talents and interests with our families and community at a special event each July.

### **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.

As a school, we annually hold events throughout the year that gives our pupils time to learn, plan, rehearse and come together in a variety of musical performances outside of lessons time. We share these with parents, carers and our community. Some are class based and others are whole school events.

#### **This year the programme of music performance opportunities will be:**

- Young voices – An opportunity to learn songs collectively, rehearse weekly and then perform at Sheffield Arena at one of the World's largest childrens' choir events. This is open to pupils in year 2 – 6 and we have been attending this event for the last 10 years.
- Christmas Nativity – Reception and Year 1
- Harvest – Year 2
- Easter – Years 3 and 4
- End of Year Production – Years 5 and 6
- Music in the Night – Whole School opportunity. This is a performance where pupils have the opportunity to share their individual talents and interests with the whole school and community at an outdoor performances and has become over the years one of the most magical events in the school calendar.

Alongside all these additional musical opportunities in school, Collective Worship and impromptu additional events, such as performing at

community events, we love to bring music to life with our children and enhance opportunities for all to be involved.

## **In the Future**

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

As a school we will continue to build upon each year's successes with music, from events in school, to visits from musicians, to enhance our curriculum for all.

We plan to:

- Look at new musicians that we can bring in to inspire, support and help enhance pupils' learning opportunities
- Build upon the musical resources we have in school

## **Further information**

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.

Local Club Links and Opportunities

Selby Music Centre

<https://www.selby-high.org.uk/Parents/Music-Centre/>