

# Music development plan summary: Pensford Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
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Name of local music hub	WEMA

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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

All children at Pensford receive timetabled weekly music lessons each term as part of our school curriculum. Our music curriculum is based around the 'Sing Up' scheme which is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021).

See 'Our Wider Curriculum' pages for further information.

## Part B: Extra-curricular music

We currently offer one-to-one music tuition for piano and guitar outside of lesson time. These private lessons are provided by peripatetic teachers employed by WEMA (West of England Music and Arts) and fees are payable up front.

WEMA also support a variety of vocal and instrumental ensembles outside of school hours, during the week and at weekends. When these are available, we promote them in our weekly school newsletter.

## Part C: Musical experiences

At Pensford, we have whole school singing assemblies regularly throughout the year. Annually, the children have the opportunity to perform to parents through our two big events: a whole-school nativity at Christmas and the Year 5/6 end of year production in July.

In addition, KS2 children attend the yearly winter production at The Tobacco Factory. When this is age appropriate, KS1 also visit.

We have good links with WEMA and participate in additional musical performances and concerts when possible. This year, Year 3/4 will visit the BANES Schools' Music Festival and Year 5/6 will participate in the Primary Big Sing.

## In the future

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

This year, we are planning on making the following improvements to our school music provision:

- Improving access to pitched percussion instruments in EYFS through the purchase and use of Boomwhackers.
- Introducing whole-class ensemble teaching of the recorder in Years 5 and 6.
- Exploring ways of incorporating technology into our music teaching, with a particular focus on composing.
- Increasing opportunities for children to perform to each other in school, for example, during assemblies.
- Incorporating opportunities for children to listen to and discuss music at the beginning of assemblies.

## 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.