

# Music development plan summary: Witherley Church of England Primary School

## Overview

| Detail                                                                             | Information              |
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| Academic year that this summary covers                                             | 2025-26                  |
| Date this summary was published                                                    | May 2025                 |
| Date this summary will be reviewed                                                 | May 2026                 |
| Name of the school music lead                                                      | Andrea Hodgson           |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) |                          |
| Name of local music hub                                                            | Leicestershire Music Hub |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)            | Now Music                |

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.

To find out more about the music provision at Witherley CE Primary School, please click on the link to visit our music curriculum page: <https://witherley-church-of-england-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/music/>

At Witherley CE Primary School, we offer a balanced music curriculum which is designed to engage our pupils and to nurture their musical talents.

Our goal for every pupil is to develop their individual creativity, build their self-confidence and their sense of achievement. Our pupils are given the opportunities to explore a range of musical genres which includes classical, modern and cultural styles.

Our music curriculum is divided into six key areas, with each area explored over a half term. These are Pulse, Voice, Rhythm, Pitch, Music Technology, and 20th Century

Music. The music curriculum is designed so that students are actively involved, with a focus on developing music skills. This incorporates evaluating music, composing and identifying musical elements. Our pupils perform, listen to, review and evaluate music from different genres, this includes different composers and musicians.

At Witherley our pupils also participate in weekly singing assemblies, this is enjoyed and further enriches the children's musical experience at school. This year in Adventurers class the children in Y3/4, will learn to play the recorder. They will be taught beginner recorder techniques, including how to play their first few notes. They will use this knowledge to then read and perform short recorder pieces.

Our school music lessons are held once a week, with each session lasting approximately 60 minutes. Lessons are taught by class teachers following the curriculum developed by the Primary Leicestershire Music Hub.

We use the Leicestershire Music Hub scheme to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities. Please click on the link to find out more:

<https://leicestershiremusic hub.org/>

## 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.

At Witherley CE Primary School, we offer individual and small-group music lessons. Currently, guitar, piano and ukulele are taught through Now Music. A teacher of music visits our school weekly for these lessons.

During the Autumn term we have a mixed age choir who meet weekly after school to work towards the Young Voices performance in January.

Parents can make a voluntary contribution for extra-curriculum music tuition.

## 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.

- Explorers (EYFS children) sing and perform at Christmas
- Pathfinders (Y1/2) sing and perform at Christmas

- Adventurers (Y3/4) lead a Harvest festival for parents
- All children sing to parents during Harvest festival, Christmas service and end of year services
- Navigators (Y5/6) lead a Carols by Candlelight service for parents in December
- Explorers visit the local church coffee morning and perform a range of songs
- Whole school experience a show as part of an audience
- KS2 children are part of a choir that meet in the Autumn term
- KS2 children perform at Young Voices in January
- The school perform to parents and our school neighbours during special events such as VE day
- Navigators sing and perform to parents at the end of year production
- Parents can make a voluntary contribution to extra-curricular music tuition

## In the future

In the future our music development plan aims to achieve the following:

- To develop opportunities for our young musicians to perform throughout the year
- To look into making links with our secondary schools for musical performance experiences
- To explore the option of 'Turn table' sessions for Navigators (Y5/6) with Leicestershire Music Hub.
- To develop extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children
- To develop our arts festival
- Explore the opportunity for trips to professional concerts