

# Music development plan summary: Yeadon Westfield Junior School



## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Helen Swallow
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Leeds Music Education Partnership (Art Forms)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Get Into Guitar Link Learning – Piano lessons

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.

At Yeadon Westfield Junior School, we aim for all our pupils to develop a life-long love of music in a school that embraces and celebrates music through a range of quality musical experiences. Musical opportunities support children's mental health and give them time to express their emotions. Our music curriculum is informed by the model music curriculum.

## 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.

Our current 25-26 long term plan for music is available on our website. Click [here](#). We are currently in a transitional period with moving from separate year groups, to mixed 3/4 and 5/6 year groups over the next 3 years so the long term cycles will alter over the next 3 years. Long term plans will be added to the music curriculum website page during this transitional period.

All children have the opportunity to sing within lessons (Timestables songs/French/other curriculum lessons as well as music lessons).

Children in Years 3 and 6 have the opportunity to learn whole class recorder and ukulele (this will become part of a two year cycle long term plan over the next 2-3 years so over their time at YWJS, the children will learn these two instruments).

## **Part B: Extra-curricular music**

Children can access small group individual guitar and keyboard lessons. This is paid for by parents. Children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding can be supported with this.

Children can access a weekly choir.

All children take part in a whole school, weekly Sing Song assembly on a Thursday.

All children take part in a Christmas performance which involves singing and some instrumental playing.

All children take part in a Carol Concert at the local church with parents.

Children have the opportunity to sing in the local community at Christmas time to a number of residential care homes.

Children in the choir can sing at the Harvest and Christmas services at the church (attended by parents).

Children learning the recorder and ukulele have the opportunity to perform in whole school assemblies and all take part in an end of year whole school performance.

Children who learn instrumental lessons outside school are also given the opportunity to perform in whole school assemblies.

Year 6 take part in a Leaver's Concert at the end of year.

Children can sing carols at the yearly Christmas Fair.

We have two, yearly school discos where the children have the opportunity to listen to current music and sing (Halloween and End of Year).

Music activities are offered half termly as part of our Funzone afternoon e.g. African drumming for the afternoon, using music technology.

The Whitby Room or Grassington Room can be booked for musical experiences. Guitar and keyboard lessons take place in Grassington.

All children listen to different musical genres throughout the musical timeline (and as outlined in the model music curriculum) when entering and exiting assembly. The music, composer and genre is displayed in the hall for all children to see and read.

## Part C: Musical Performances and 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 take part in a song-writing workshop with The Dunwells, a local band, who also give a whole school concert in the afternoon where the children sing the songs they have composed.

Weekly whole school Sing Song assembly.

3/4 and 5/6 Christmas Concert, Year 6 Leaver's Concert.

Whole school Harvest and Christmas Services at the church.

Singing for the local community (a selection of children from Years 5 and 6).

### In the future

To continue:

1 hour a week curriculum music.

Whole class recorder and ukulele lessons.

Weekly whole school singing assembly.

A weekly choir that children from all year groups can access.

To develop:

To perform at more local events and a national event.

To allow children to watch professional concerts.

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