

Music development plan summary: Icknield Walk First school

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	Sept 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	Sept 2025
Name of the school music lead	Louise Atkins
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs J Sherwood
Name of local music hub	Hertfordshire Music Service
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.

Music is delivered by a Music Specialist who is employed by the school for one day a week. Yrs 1-4 have a 30 minute music lesson each week as well as a 30 minute Singing Assembly. Reception Classes' music is integrated into their classwork and is delivered by their class teachers and a Music Specialist. They are introduced to the whole school Singing Assembly gradually during the Autumn Term

The planned curriculum is based on the Music Express Scheme of work which is adapted to link with classwork.

Within that curriculum, pupils ALL have opportunities to sing and to work on the instruments, of which the school is well resourced.

In addition, all Yr2 Pupils learn to play the Recorder, Yr 3 pupils learn the Guitar and Yr 4 pupils learn the Ukulele.

The school has close links with the Hertfordshire Music Service who provide Peripatetic Instrumental Teachers to the School and subsidise the use of 'Sing Up' and 'Charanga' - both useful Education platforms.

The Royston Music School use Icknield Walk School as their base and run out of hours Choirs and Instrumental lessons which many students take advantage of.

Part B: Extra-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.

There is a free after school Recorder Club for Yr 3 pupils as well as a club for Yr 4 Recorder Players before school.

Pupils in KS 2 can opt to pay for Individual Instrumental Lessons on a range of instruments such as: Piano, Guitar, Trumpet, Clarinet and Flute. This is provided and administered by the Hertfordshire Music Service. Pupils in some circumstances can apply for a Remission of Fees.

Royston Music School independently runs group Instrumental Tuition out of school hours (but on the Icknield Site) and can in some circumstances provide instruments for use. They also run a Choir.

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.

During a typical year, all pupils take part in a Christmas Play performed to an audience of family and friends.

Yr 4 also present an End of year show to the school and their families to mark their leaving the school.

Year 3 Recorder Club perform termly to their Parents/carers.

Both Recorder Clubs regularly perform in Assemblies.

Yr 4 Instrumentalists (along with the Recorder Clubs) perform in the local church at the school's annual Carol Service.

Yr 3 sing at the school Thank you Tea for Parent helpers.

Performing songs is a regular feature in Class Assemblies presented to the school and Parent/Carers.

The school welcomes musicians to run workshops (eg Djembe) and to perform in Assemblies (String, Brass, Woodwind).

In the future

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

The school is currently looking into the possibility of combining with the other local First Schools to produce a Musical Showcase.

Also, the school are planning to take some KS 2 pupils out into the community to sing to the elderly.

Further information (optional)

For further information on Individual Instrumental lessons and on Royston Music School please look here:

<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/hertfordshire-music-service.aspx>