



Woodlands Primary School

Music Development Plan

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Music development plan summary: Woodlands Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2027
Name of the school music lead	Kate Palmer
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	WEMA (West of England Music Hub)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady Music School, Bohunt Manor, Portsmouth Rd, Liphook GU30 7DL

This summary outlines how Woodlands Primary delivers Music Education across curriculum music, co-curricular provision, and musical experiences, along with updated goals for the 2026/2027 academic year.

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 taught across all classes from Nursery to Year 6. The curriculum exposes pupils to diverse styles—including classical, jazz, reggae, pop, and world music—and encourages safe exploration of instruments. Children learn to appreciate varied genres, compose original pieces, perform individually and in groups, and listen for pleasure to support mental health and wellbeing.

- **Delivery & Scheme:** Lessons follow the Charanga music scheme, incorporating both adult-led and child-initiated activities aligned with Model Music Curriculum recommendations (minimum 1 hour per week or equivalent).
- **Whole-Class Instrumental Workshops:** Includes dedicated whole-class clarinet workshops for KS2 and glockenspiel workshops (KS1) to ensure broad hands-on instrumental engagement across key stages.
- **Inclusion & SEND:** Tailored support is provided based on individual needs, including ear defenders during loud sessions, differentiated planning, and targeted challenges.
- **Technology & Monitoring Integration:** Expanding the use of iPads for pupil composition, recording performances, and digital music software. Monitoring music teaching closely to build staff confidence and share best practices across key stages.

Part B: Music tuition and choir opportunities

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.

Singing is part of our music curriculum and all pupils in school take part in a 20 minute singing assembly each week. Songs learned are sung in productions and other events such as Harvest festival, Christmas service and other celebration events throughout the school year. Our choir will take part in community events including singing Christmas songs in the shopping centre for the local community and singing in a local music festival in June each year.

Motivation Monday: Every Monday morning, a designated year group selects a variety of songs to sing, dance, and play percussion instruments to, starting the week with active musical engagement.

Rocksteady Music School: Peripatetic rock instrument lessons (drums, electric guitar, bass, keyboard, vocals) take place on Monday afternoons for children who wish to learn a rock school instrument in a band setting.

Clubs & Singing:

- **Choir Club:** Open to Years 3–6, performing at local community events including Yate Shopping Centre and the Yate Music Festival in June.
- **Drama Club:** Providing additional performing arts enrichment across the school year.

All pupils take part in a weekly 20-minute singing assembly, learning songs performed in seasonal productions and school services throughout the year.

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.

All children engage in whole-school and year-group musical events throughout the academic year:

- **Friday Playground Music Days:** On Fridays, music is played in the playground to foster a vibrant atmosphere, encouraging children to further embrace their love and admiration for music outside the classroom.
- **West End in Schools Pantomime:** Visiting performance welcoming *West End in Schools* into our school on 10th December for a live pantomime.
- **Harvest Assembly:** Years 1–6
- **EYFS Christmas Performances:** Nursery and Reception
- **KS1 Nativity:** Years 1–2
- **KS2 Christmas Concert:** Years 3–6
- **Year 6 Leavers' Performance:** Year 6
- **Community & Festival Performances:** Choir Club performances at Yate Shopping Centre and Yate Music Festival
- **Instrument Showcases:** Whole-class performance opportunities featuring recorders, glockenspiels, and clarinets in assemblies and concerts.
- **Rocksteady** assemblies and performances by the children learning the instruments.

In the future

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

- **Lead Development:** Music lead to continue embedding and expanding the music curriculum school-wide.
- **Partnership & Routine Integration:** Consolidate external partnerships (Rocksteady Music School, West End in Schools) and embed whole-school initiatives like Motivation Monday and Friday Playground Music.
- **Staff Support & Quality Assurance:** Conduct regular monitoring of music provision and offer tailored support for staff seeking confidence in teaching music.
- **Accessibility & SEND:** Continuously evaluate barriers to learning to ensure accessible resources for all SEND pupils.
- **Performance & Workshop Opportunities:** Host dedicated whole-school concerts and expand workshop experiences (clarinet, glockenspiel, live theatre).
- **EdTech Integration:** Embed music technology (iPads, recording devices, and software) into upper KS2 composition units.

Further information (optional)

Reference: Music Action Plan 2026-2027

Visit the WEMA Music and Arts website for information on local music opportunities for young people. www.wema.org.uk

Greenshaw Learning Trust: <https://www.greenshawlearningtrust.co.uk>

Rocksteady Music School - <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>