Music

School music development plan 2026/27

Introduction

Academic year this summary covers	2026/27
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Name of the school music lead	L.Wakeling
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	
Name of local music hub	Hot House Music
Name of other music education partnerships	Derby Cathedral Music

This is a summary of how Chellaston Infant and Junior school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas - curriculum music, extracurricular 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.

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Part A: Curriculum music

Year group	Time dedicated to curriculum music teaching each week	Time dedicated to curriculum music teaching each week *(Local music hub OR instrumental scheme)*
EYFS (Rec)	All terms: 45 minutes (+ continuous provision)	
Year 1	All terms: 1 hour	
Year 2	All terms: 1 hour	
Year 3	All terms: 1 hour	
Year 4		All terms: 1 hour
Year 5	All terms: 1/2 hour	All terms: 1 hour
Year 6	All terms: 1 hour	

Curriculum music is music taught in lesson time to all pupils.

Curriculum music lessons are informed by the **Model Music Curriculum** (non-statutory guidance for music teaching) and provide pupils with opportunities to:

- Listen to and evaluate music from diverse time periods and cultures.
- Learn how to create and control sound using their voices, as well as tuned and untuned instruments.
- Understand how music is communicated through various notation systems.
- Improvise and compose music.
- Perform musically in front of audiences of varying sizes.

An instrumental scheme is also delivered by **Hot House/ Year 4 teachers** and gives pupils an opportunity to learn the **Flute/Clarinet** for a prolonged period, allowing them to develop technical proficiency on a single instrument.

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Part A: Curriculum music

Key stage 1

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Year 1	Lesson opportunities to sing and play instruments	Lesson performance opportunities
Autumn 1: Keeping the pulse	Singing a sentence, keeping a steady pulse. Keeping the pulse of the music and playing sound patterns using body percussion and untuned instruments.	Performing to the class in pairs to show pulse and rhythm.
Autumn 2: Tempo	Singing a short chant and song. Keeping the beat to a chant and song, using instruments	Performing to the class in pairs, demonstrating a song at varying speeds.
Spring 1: Dynamics	Using untuned percussion instruments to create seaside sounds.	Performing in pairs for the class, demonstrating seaside sounds and their corresponding symbols.*
Spring 2: Sound patterns	Practising different sound patterns using instruments.	Using instruments to tell the story of the 'Three little pigs' to the class.*
Summer 1: Pitch	Using tuned percussion instruments to play a simple tune.	Performing superhero theme tunes as a group to the class.
Summer 2: Musical symbols	Using tuned percussion and clapping to play different symbols to represent the sea.	Performing under the sea sounds as a group to the class.

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Autumn 1: Call and response	Using body percussion and voices to share call and response patterns.	Performing different call and response patterns in groups to the class.
Autumn 2: Singing	Learning to sing three folk songs and using voices and body percussion.	* Performing a folk song and composition as a group.*
Spring 1: Instruments	Working in groups to use instruments and create music that matches a storyboard.	Working as a group to perform music to match the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk.'
Spring 2: Contrasting dynamics	Using vocal sounds and instruments to create space soundscapes.	Performing a space soundscape and sharing space symbols as a group.
Summer 1: Structure	Using instruments to perform different sound patterns.	Performing sound patterns as a group using instruments.
Summer 2	Using tuned percussion instruments, children read from a score and perform a song.	Performing 'Once a man fell in a well' as a class using voices and instruments.

Part A: Curriculum music

Key stage 2

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Year 3	Lesson opportunities to sing and play instruments	Lesson performance opportunities
Autumn 1: Ballads	Singing in time and in tune with a song and incorporating actions.	Performing their own ballad in groups and incorporating actions.*
Autumn 2: Creating compositions for an animation	Playing melodies and rhythms on tuned instruments which represent a section of animation.	Performing a group composition to represent an animation.
Spring 1: Developing singing technique	Practising different warm ups and learning a song using a variety of different pitches.	Performing a song about the Vikings with associated actions.*
Spring 2: Pentatonic melodies and composition	Practising playing a pentatonic melody.	Performing a piece of music to represent the Chinese new year. *
Summer 1: Jazz	Experimenting with scat singing and syncopated rhythms.	Performing a jazz version of a nursery rhyme.
Summer 2: Traditional instruments and improvisation - Indian music	Practising a traditional Indian song.	Performing the song ‘Anile Vaa’.

Part A: Curriculum music

Key stage 2

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Year 4 (Hot House whole class instrumental lessons)	**Lesson opportunities to sing and play instruments**	**Lesson performance opportunities**
Autumn 1: Body and tuned percussion	Experimenting with combining body percussion and tuned percussion instruments to create rhythms of the rainforest.	Performing group rainforest compositions to the class.
Autumn 2: Rock and Roll	Learning a walking bass line on instruments.	Performing a Rock and Roll song as a class using their voices and instruments. *
Spring 1: Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics	Creating and practising vocal and percussive ostinatos.	Performing different ostinatos to represent a river in groups.
Spring 2: Haiku, music and performance	Creating music to compliment a Haiku, using voices and instruments.	Performing music outside to celebrate Hanami.*
Summer 1: South America	Practising a piece of music with four layers.	Performing a samba piece as a class.
Summer 2: Romans	Learning to sing a song with a variety of pitches.	Performing ‘The Road building song’ as a class. *

Part A: Curriculum music

Key stage 2

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Year 5 (Derby Cathedral Music Curriculum)	**Lesson opportunities to sing and play instruments**	**Lesson performance opportunities**
Autumn : Blues Derby Cathedral Music Curriculum	Practising the 12 bar blues chords and accompanying bass line on instruments.	Performing the 12 bar blues and improvisation in pairs. *
Spring : Looping Derby Cathedral Music Curriculum	N/A - using technology.	Sharing compositions.
Summer : Musical theatre Derby Cathedral Music Curriculum	Creating a musical theatre scene.	Performing a scene as a group to create a short class musical.*

Part A: Curriculum music

Key stage 2

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Year 6	Lesson opportunities to sing and play instruments	Lesson performance opportunities
Autumn 1: Dynamics, pitch and tempo	Creating a group composition.	Performing compositions as a group based on the piece 'Fingal's cave.'
Autumn 2: Songs of WW2	Singing a song with a simple harmony.	Performing the 'White cliffs of Dover' as a class. *
Spring 1: Film music	Devising different musical ideas to represent a film.	Performing compositions to represent different scenes within 'Wallace and Gromit.' *
Spring 2: Theme and variation	Composing a multi-layered piece of music with voices, bodies and Instruments.	Performing compositions in groups to create a class performance.
Summer 1: Baroque	Playing instruments using graphic and staff notation (and their own notation).	Performing 'Funky fugue' as a class.
Summer 2: Composing and performing a leavers' song	Creating and practising a leavers' song.	Performing leavers' song in assembly.*

Part B: Extra-curricular music

Timetabling

Opportunities for singing and playing music outside of lesson time support pupil progress beyond the core curriculum.

Year group	Assembly time dedicated to music learning each week	Extra curricular club opportunities available to all	Music tuition
EYFS: Reception			
Year 1	30 minutes singing assembly per week		
Year 2	30 minutes singing assembly per week	Recorder club Spring term 2 £	
Year 3	30 minutes singing assembly per week	Christmas choir Young Voices	Hot House individual lesson £
Year 4	30 minutes singing assembly per week	Christmas choir Young Voices	Hot House class ensemble Hot House individual lesson £
Year 5	30 minutes singing assembly per week	Christmas choir Young Voices	Cathedral Music Curriculum Hot House individual lesson £
Year 6	30 minutes singing assembly per week	Christmas choir Young Voices	Hot House individual lesson £

£ A pound sign denotes that there is a cost to parents/ carers associated with this extracurricular activity. Please contact the school office if you have difficulty paying.

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This section shows all the other musical events and opportunities we organise, such as singing in assemblies, concerts, shows and trips to professional concerts.

Part C: Musical Experiences

Opportunities to participate and be an audience member

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
EYFS: Reception	Christmas Pantomime Christmas Songs performance		Arts Festival
Year 1	Christmas Pantomime Christmas nativity performance		Arts Festival
Year 2	Christmas Pantomime Christmas nativity performance		Arts Festival
Year 3	Christmas Pantomime Christmas choir performance Talent show		Arts Festival Eurovision
Year 4	Christmas Pantomime Christmas choir performance Talent show	Hot House performance Young Voices Year group performance	Arts Festival
Year 5	Christmas Pantomime Christmas choir performance Talent show		Arts Festival Cathedral Choir performance
Year 6	Christmas Pantomime Christmas choir performance Talent show		Arts Festival Leavers performance

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Chellaston Infant and Junior School is committed to continually enhancing musical offerings to pupils. Below are the improvements we plan to implement in the coming years. We welcome your suggestions and encourage you to contact the school if you have any ideas on how we can further improve our musical opportunities.

In the future…

Improvement	Who will benefit?	Is the change to A: curriculum music B: extra-curricular music C: musical experiences?	When will the change be introduced?
Choir to sing in EMET music festival	Yr2/3	musical experiences	Summer 26/ Autumn 27
Theatre and live music experiences	Whole school	musical experiences	2027
Talent assemblies – children who learn to play or sing outside school to have a chance to show case their skill.	Whole school	extra-curricular music	2027
Music of the Month in assemblies – introduce d8ifferent styles of music each month from historic composers to more modern styles – children to learn information about the composer/artist	Whole school	curriculum music	2027
Teacher taking part in the RBO Cultural Champions course	Whole school	All music/arts subjects	2026/27

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