

Parkland Primary School

Music development plan summary:

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Anna Parsons
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Lucy Pears/ Sarah Phillips
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rock Steady Music School

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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

- The school uses the [Leicestershire Music Hub Scheme of Work](#) to teach music. Pupils in EYFS and year 1-6 participate in weekly, 20-minute singing assemblies and receive 39 hours of taught music lessons across the academic year. These are delivered in line with our [accessibility plan](#).
- Our school music curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#), non-statutory guidance for teaching music.
- Pupils have the opportunity to learn to sing through singing assemblies.
- Pupils in year 3 and 4 receive whole-class ensemble teaching with the opportunity to play the ukulele, progressing from year 3 to year 4.
- Children are given to opportunity to learn a selection of modern instruments, including lead guitar, bass guitar, voice, keyboard, and drums through [Rock Steady Music School](#).

Part B: Extra-curricular music

The school offers a range of one-to-one, small-group and large-group music tuition beyond the core music curriculum during the school day / after-school / weekend / holidays. This is provided by Rock Steady Music School and paid for by parents, with 1 free space for pupils in receipt of the pupil premium. This tuition includes opportunities to learn the following instruments:

- Guitar
- Bass guitar
- Voice
- Keyboard
- Drums

Pupils in years 3-6 also have the opportunity to join the school choir, who sing carols for parents each Christmas. The choir is free to join.

Further to this, parents have been informed of local choir groups and musical instrument lessons to sign up to.

Part C: Musical experiences

Weekly singing assemblies include music appraisal and active listening skills. The children experience a wide genre of music: pop; rock; latin; soul; indie; classical from various time periods and music from different countries. They can then discuss their opinions and share a teacher and peers. Children learn songs during the assemblies and practise them over several weeks. These songs are also performed during other assemblies and in the classroom.

Pupils have the following opportunities to perform in concerts and plays throughout their time at our school:

- EYFS: Musical Nativity (December)
- Year 1 and 2: Christmas Carol Concert for parents (December)
- Year 3 and 4: Ukulele/drum concert (autumn/spring term)
- Year 6 Leavers' Musical Performance (June/July)

In the future

To further enhance our music provision, the school development plan includes the following aims for 26-27:

- Pupils taking instrument tuition will have opportunities to perform in assemblies throughout the academic year.
- To work with Leicestershire Music Hub to offer further extra-curricular music activities.