

Music development plan summary: Newdale Primary School and Nursery

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
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Name of the school music lead	Miss E White
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs R Redworth-Macfarlane
Name of local music hub	Telford and Wrekin Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Telford and Wrekin Music

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.

At Newdale, we believe that every child should enjoy and benefit from music and the arts as part of their education. We want all children to have opportunities to create, perform, listen to and enjoy music while developing their confidence and creativity.

Our music curriculum is carefully planned so that children build on their knowledge and skills each year. Through singing, playing tuned and untuned instruments, listening activities and performance opportunities, pupils develop their understanding of key musical elements such as pitch, tempo, dynamics, rhythm and structure.

We use the Charanga Music Scheme to support the teaching of music across the school. Charanga provides a clear and progressive programme that helps children develop their skills and understanding over time. Through the scheme, children learn to listen and respond to music, sing, play instruments, improvise, compose and perform.

Composition is an important part of our curriculum. Children are encouraged to create their own pieces of music by exploring sounds, rhythms and melodies. They also learn how music can be written down and recorded using age-appropriate musical notation, helping them to understand how musical ideas are organised and shared.

Technology is used where appropriate to enhance learning and give children further opportunities to create, perform and evaluate music.

Children listen to and learn about music from different periods, cultures, genres and traditions. They also explore the work of important composers and musicians, helping them to develop an appreciation of the diverse world of music.

Throughout their time at Newdale, pupils have the opportunity to learn and play a range of musical instruments, including glockenspiels, ukuleles and recorders. In Years 3-6, children also receive specialist tuition from the Telford & Wrekin Music Service, where they learn to play the Ukelele (Y3/4) and the Toot (Y5/6), developing their instrumental skills and confidence in music.

Music is taught through a weekly 45-minute lesson, supported by a 15-minute whole-school music assembly. These assemblies help to broaden children's musical knowledge and understanding by exposing them to a range of genres, artists, cultures and historical periods. Children also revisit and develop key musical vocabulary, such as pitch, tempo, dynamics and rhythm, and take part in regular singing opportunities. This additional music time helps reinforce classroom learning and further develops pupils' appreciation and enjoyment of music.

By the time they leave Newdale, we want children to have a love of music, the confidence to perform and create, and the skills and knowledge to continue enjoying music throughout their lives.

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Part B: Co-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.

Music is enriched beyond weekly curriculum lessons through a range of additional opportunities that allow pupils to develop their musical skills and confidence. All pupils take part in weekly singing assemblies, where they learn and perform a variety of songs and develop key vocal skills. Pupils can also access extra-curricular opportunities such as Recorder Club and School Choir, with choir members taking part annually in the Young Voices concert experience. Newdale also celebrates musical talent through Newdale's Got Talent, providing pupils with the opportunity to showcase their singing, instrumental and performance skills in front of their peers.

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils benefit from a 10-week 'Toots' brass programme delivered by a Telford and Wrekin specialist music teacher, as well as Year 3 and Y4 pupils learning the ukelele. Following this programme, pupils have opportunities to perform for parents and in school assemblies, helping them develop performance skills and confidence in front of an audience.

Music also plays an important role in the wider life of the school and community. Pupils perform at community events, including carol singing and visits to local care homes, providing meaningful opportunities to share their musical talents while supporting others and raising money for charitable causes. These experiences help foster enjoyment of music, teamwork, resilience and a sense of community involvement.

The school works closely with the Telford and Wrekin Music Service to promote opportunities for pupils to learn a musical instrument. Information about instrumental tuition is regularly shared with parents, with lessons available either during the school day or outside of school hours. Currently, pupils in school are accessing guitar lessons, developing their skills through specialist teaching. To ensure opportunities are accessible to all, children eligible for Pupil Premium and Free School Meals receive discounted tuition, helping to remove financial barriers and encourage wider participation in music.

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.

Pupils benefit from a wide range of musical experiences that enhance and complement the taught music curriculum. These opportunities ensure that all children can engage with music as performers, listeners and audience members.

Throughout the year, pupils take part in weekly singing assemblies, developing their confidence, vocal skills and enjoyment of singing. Children are also encouraged to share their musical talents by performing instruments in assemblies for both peers and parents.

The school provides a variety of live musical and theatrical experiences, including a Christmas pantomime performed in school (this year it is Alladin). Pupils also enjoy an annual cinema visit, which includes a musical entertainment experience. In December, pupils have the opportunity to watch a performance from a local secondary school rock band, exposing them to different musical styles and live performance.

Performance opportunities are a key part of school life. KS1 pupils perform a Nativity production, with EYFS and KS2 pupils participating as audience members. Christmas celebrations also include events for parents where children perform Christmas songs and hymns. In addition, the annual Newdale's Got Talent event provides opportunities

for pupils to perform and celebrate musical talent. Previous performances have included singers, pianists and clarinet players.

As part of our commitment to inclusion, we ensure that all pupils can access these enrichment opportunities. The school subsidises educational visits and visitors where appropriate to support pupils eligible for Pupil Premium, helping to reduce barriers to participation and ensuring that all children can benefit from a rich range of musical and cultural experiences.

In the future

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

- Increase opportunities for pupils to perform musical instruments to peers, parents and the wider school community, building confidence, resilience and performance skills.
- Invest in specialist music provision by working with the Telford and Wrekin Music Service to deliver ukulele tuition for Year 3 and Year 4 pupils, ensuring children benefit from high-quality instrumental teaching from a music specialist.
- Broaden pupils' musical experiences by increasing exposure to a wider range of musical genres, styles, cultures and historical periods through live performances, visitors, assemblies and enrichment activities.
- Further develop opportunities for pupils to engage with live music experiences, both in school and within the local community.
- Strengthen pathways for pupils to showcase and celebrate their musical achievements through performances, concerts, assemblies and events such as Newdale's Got Talent.