

Music development plan summary: Greatham CE Primary School

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Sarah Richardson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	TVMS
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.

Greatham School teaches music using Charanga's English Model Music Curriculum Scheme, which is aligned with the National Curriculum for Music and the non-statutory Model Music Curriculum (MMC) Guidance published by the DfE in 2021.

This Scheme provides clearly-sequenced units and lessons, including engaging and exciting songs and resources to support every lesson.

The scheme follows a spiral approach to musical learning, with children revisiting, building and extending their knowledge and skills incrementally. In this manner, their learning is consolidated and augmented, increasing musical confidence and enabling them to go further.

The scheme ensures children have repeated and progressive practice of:

- performance
- improvisation
- composition
- reading notation

Children in mainstream school, including all children with SEND or physical disabilities, access this curriculum weekly.

Children in Nursery through to Year 6, including children with SEND who access our additionally-resourced provision (ARP) have a one-hour session timetabled every week.

In the ARP, children also have:

- music through weekly sensory stories
- music and massage (once a week)
- an additional music lesson (once a fortnight)

Through the Charanga scheme of work, class teachers provide explicit teaching of singing, percussion and glockenspiel.

We work in partnership with Tees Valley Music Service (TVMS), who support the school through training and support to deliver the curriculum. The school also purchases additional whole-class, termly blocks of tuition from TVMS. In the past,

these sessions have covered teaching the recorder and ukelele to year groups from Year 1 – 6.

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.

Annually, TVMS offers paid, one-to-one and small-group private tuition opportunities to children across a range of brass, string and woodwind instruments.

Uptake of these sessions is historically very low, due to the cost. The school has rehearsal spaces available in the Conservatory and Computing suite, and a performance space with a stage in the Main Hall.

The school offers an annual choir or music club in the Autumn term, which is open to children in Y1 – 6 at no charge. This is run as an after-school club by either a class teacher or HLTA. These clubs provide a range of opportunities to children, such as:

- learning new material
- singing in solo and ensemble contexts
- performing with percussion instruments
- learning Makaton to sign songs
- exploring a range of genres outside of children's experience

We provide a recorder after school club and a sing and sign after school club for all pupils free of charge.

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.

Children at Greatham have a range of opportunities to participate in musical experiences throughout the year.

Children in Reception – Year 6 take part in Collective Worship four times a week, which includes hymn singing. Some worship time throughout the year is given exclusively to hymn practice.

During Collective Worship or termly class assemblies for parents, there are opportunities for children to perform what they have learned through their music lessons.

All children perform in termly Church services at St John the Baptist Church in Greatham, where they lead the singing programme.

There are regular singing events around Christmas time, which include Carols Round the Tree/Carols on the Green, which all children participate in. Pupils in year 3 – 6 also go carol singing to raise money for charity at local supermarkets, or perform for residents in care homes in Hartlepool, including Stichel House in Greatham.

Additionally, there are two performances per year in school:

- A musical Nativity performance led by all children in KS1, with a choir from Year 3 and 4
- An end of year musical performance (such as The Wizard of Oz), led by all children in UKS2, with a choir from Year 3 and 4

These events are ticketed by school and cost approximately £2 for relatives and friends to attend.

We also have an annual Greatham's Got Talent contest in school, where children can showcase skills they have learned outside of school, for example at singing or dancing lessons.

Outside of school, children participate in annual music festivals led by TVMS. Due to the size of the school, this always includes all children in the phase (LKS2 or UKS2). These sessions are ticketed by TVMS and cost approximately £4 for parents to attend.

Annually, the school raises funds for all children from Reception - Y6 to attend a pantomime at Billingham Forum. This is provided at no cost to parents.

In the future

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

Our aims are:

- to work to engage more children in private tuition offered by TVMS
- to provide access to a wider range of musical instruments as part of the music lesson

Further information (optional)

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