

Music development plan summary: Birchwood Junior School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Date this summary will be reviewed	Apr 2026
Name of the school music lead	Miss A Fielden
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Lincolnshire Music Service
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.

Birchwood Junior School use Kapow Music as a basis for their curriculum along the model music curriculum (March 2021). Music is taught on a rotation where pupils will receive 1.5 hours of whole class music teaching for 4 weeks every big term. Within this, pupils are given opportunities to learn about a wide range of music genres through cross-curricular lessons which incorporate the use of

Pupils will also be taught an additional whole class instrument unit for 6 lessons every summer term, where the focus for this will be to develop their skills at playing the glockenspiel, and their ability to read music.

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.

There are many opportunities for pupils to enhance their music education outside of our curriculum offer.

In partnership with the Lincolnshire Music Service, we currently provide pupils with the opportunity to learn: guitar, woodwind, brass and piano. These lessons are usually in small groups and include loan of the instrument for the duration of the lessons. Please note these lessons are charged at a reasonable rate through the Lincolnshire Music Service.

The school also has a Young Voices choir and Musical Theatre club for pupils to participate in if they wish to develop their singing and performing skills.

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.

Our school provide a number of musical experiences outside of the classroom across the academic year.

To begin with, pupils take part in weekly singing assemblies where they are able to sing collaboratively with the rest of the school as one big ensemble. Pupils sing a variety of different genres throughout the year.

At the end of the year, the school come together to watch each class perform a song of their choice. This is always an enjoyable event where we can collaboratively celebrate the joy of singing and performing together.

Our clubs and music tuition groups are given opportunities to perform to the school and parents/carers at the end of terms/academic year.

As part of assemblies, children are introduced to a new piece of music that they listen to on entry and exit throughout the week. Staff will then give children some background context on the song, such as its genre and context, to enhance their understanding further.

The school has recently introduced speakers around school where a musical playlist is played throughout the day in the corridors. The music ranges from classical to

instrumental covers and popular hits to also improve children's exposure to a range of musical genres and artists.

We also aim to provide pupils with the opportunity to witness live music from external musicians, such as a brass band at our Christmas fayre, or various artists at the annual Young Voices concert.

In the future

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

The school is currently working towards achieving the Artsmark award in the next few years.