

Music development plan summary: Walton on the Naze

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
Date this summary was published	October 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Smith
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Greater Essex Music Hub: Essex 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.

- All classes use Active music to deliver weekly sessions of an hour.
- Active music provides lessons to cover the entire music curriculum and includes both instrumental and vocal. Whole class recorder lessons in Year3 and djembe lessons (outside agency) in Year4. Rest of school completes instrument lessons in Active music scheme.
- A school choir is run for at least a term every year.
- Recorder club to start in the summer term.
- The music equipment is stored in the library with extra resources stored within my classroom. Singing assembly is always held in main hall along with choir club on occasions.
- Live performances - Autumn term - Christmas performances which include whole school singing and nativity play from ks1. Spring term – class sharing, each class sharing one a piece from the curriculum which they have covered that term. Summer term- year 6 performance and music hub whole class lessons.
- The whole school watches Musical Monday termly together as a whole school

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 Walton school, we use Active Music which has been written to follow the scope and breadth of the model music curriculum. This delivers the majority of the music curriculum other than instrumental in year 3 and 4. Each class have a short summary of music within their curriculum maps, please click on this link and then select the year group you require. <https://walton-on-the-naze-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/curriculum/> . For further information about how we, as a school, provide increasing access for disabled pupils and supporting pupils with special educational needs (SEND) please click here. <https://walton-on-the-naze-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/send/> . The music curriculum is taught in regular weekly sessions throughout the year and is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021). Please click here to view the document [model music curriculum](#)

- Every child will have the opportunity to sing and play an instrument throughout every academic year. This will be delivered as a whole class sessions. In the summer term 'Play it' will run a weekly whole class sessions for the djembe drums. During the second half of the spring term, Year 3 will be taught recorders during their weekly music sessions which will lead to a school performance. For the other year groups, percussion instruments will be used throughout the instrumental unit to ensure every child experiences playing an instrument.
- Singing assemblies are held weekly and run by myself (Mrs Smith). I ensure I deliver a broad range of different music including music from different cultures and societies.
- Choir club is held weekly throughout the Autumn Term which leads to opportunities to perform to a live audience in the local area.
- We partner with Greater Essex Music Hub and [Essex Music Service](#) to support musical opportunities for our pupils.

Part B: Extra-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.

- Recorder club is run weekly during the summer term. This gives children from different year groups the opportunity to come together and create an ensemble. The children will have the opportunity to perform in front of the whole school during an assembly slot at the end of the term.
- Choir club is held weekly throughout the Autumn Term which leads to opportunities to perform to a live audiences in the local area.
- Pupils are able to access Financial assistance from Essex Music Service for music lessons, instrument hire and county-led ensembles.
- Pupils are able to access instrumental tuition and ensemble activities outside of the school day through Essex Music Service

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.

- Every child throughout the school attends weekly singing assemblies which are run by myself.
- The children will experience a termly live performance delivered by Musical Mondays.
- Choir club will perform to the rest of the school during the lead up to performances in our local area.
- Recorder club will deliver a performance to the whole school in the summer term.
- Year 4 will deliver a Djembe performance to the whole school in the summer term.
- Pantomime performance in the Autumn term from an outside agency (small contribution required)
- Trip to London for Year 6 in summer term to see a live performance at the theatre (partly funded by PTA)

- Tending ambassadors in Year 6 - opportunities include watching a djembe drums performance. The children then join together to create a performance which includes singing with the specialist. They will also have a visit from a Ukrainian lady who will teach them the Ukrainian National anthem to perform together as a class. They then join together with other local schools to create a performance. The children will also perform in front of parents. Parents from all schools will join them at the princess theatre to watch. (this is a free event)

In the future

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

Use this space to include any information on any improvements you plan to make for subsequent years in curriculum music, co-curricular music or musical experiences, including when you plan to introduce changes.

Also consider including:

- To create a school ensemble with more than one instrument being played together. (outside agency to be bought in to teach a group and make a band.
- Children to be able to access keyboards as a whole class as extra instrumental lessons.
- Children who are taking part in the ensemble to be able to perform as a group in front of the whole school and possibly parents
- Choir club to continue into the spring term so the children have the opportunity to perform to local care homes and join in with the Tending music event in the spring 1 term.
- Children to have the opportunity to have 1-1 music tuition by a local specialist within the school day.

Further information

- The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how you can get involved in music in and out of school.

- The local [music hub](#) also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.
- Essex Music Service have produced a [Parent's Guide to Music Provision](#) which gives parents valuable information about supporting your child's music education.