

Music Development Plan

PILTON INFANTS SCHOOL

Overview

Detail	Information
Date this summary was published	
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Lindy Buckley
Name of local music hub	Devon and Torbay Music Education Hub

Curriculum Music

Teaching and Learning:

At Pilton Infants' School all children receive one 45 minute music lesson a week, led by either a music specialist or experienced staff members. These lessons are designed to be inclusive, ensuring that all children can engage with and enjoy the world of music. We use Charanga Musical School as an online resource to support the teaching of music and map out the progression of skills and knowledge.

Children in the early years engage in shared musical experiences such as singing traditional songs and experimenting with making sounds using instruments. Music forms an integral part of pupil play with regular opportunities to incorporate singing, performance and listening to a wide range of music from different occasions and cultures into their day. Children will have access to musical activities during their continuous provision across the day.

All children are taught to play an instrument as part of their whole class music lessons for at least one term every year. Instruments include the glockenspiel, ukulele and djembe drums. Children are taught to read simple staff notation, as well as using informal methods of notation and playing by ear. Children are encouraged to use technical vocabulary which has been taken from the "Model Music Curriculum" (March 2021) when discussing music such as; crotchet, paired quavers, tempo and pitch.

Singing:

Singing is central to the music in our school. It may be used as a warm up to start the weekly music lesson or it may be integral to the topic. The children are taught singing in a weekly whole school singing assembly. The whole school sing a range of songs together including singing with signing, singing in rounds and call & response songs. Singing plays an important role in school events throughout the year including the Harvest assembly, Christmas concerts, Easter and other performances.

Assessment for Learning:

Children demonstrate their ability in music in a variety of different ways. The teacher assesses children's work in music by making informal judgments as the children are observed during lessons. Children are also encouraged to make judgments about how they can improve their own work. At the end of a unit of work, the teacher makes a summary judgment about the work of each pupil which is recorded on the school system and fed into end of year reports.

Extra-Curricular Music

Instrument Tuition:

Visiting music teachers are welcomed into our school in order to broaden and enrich the curriculum that we have on offer to our children. We greatly value their contribution.

Pilton Infants' School has a teacher who offers children the opportunity to learn in a one to one or small group lesson paid for by parents. We offer a 50% reduction in cost to those pupils who are pupil premium. Instrument lessons currently on offer include: Ukulele & Piano/keyboard.

Children have the opportunity to perform at the end of the academic year to parents and throughout the year to pupils in their own assemblies.

Clubs:

Y2 Pupil premium music club takes place weekly for one term. This happens every week during lunchtime where children are invited to have fun exploring a variety of musical instruments and songs.

All children are invited to join the Pilton community choir (Pilton Infants', Pilton Bluecoat Academy, Pathfield School and Pilton Community College) which is free to join and takes place every week after school in Pilton Bluecoat hall in the summer term. Although the choir's primary aim is to enable children & their families to enjoy singing together, it also endeavours to take singing to the next level with opportunities for singing in different parts, learning to sing harmonies, and for solo opportunities. This choir performs in a music festival at the end of the school year.

Musical Events & Performances

Performing and watching performances are both important aspects of being a musician. We provide the following opportunities throughout the year:

- All year groups take part in the Christmas performance which involves singing, dancing and drama
- We take part in events held by the Devon Music Education Hub such as "Visiting Musicians workshops"
- Every Christmas, Easter and Summer the Y2 children perform at Portmill Court Retirement Home
- We invite parent musicians in to perform to the children and talk about their chosen instruments.
- Every year we hold a music sharing assembly and invite all children who learn an instrument to perform to parents
- Every summer children, parents and staff from all four Pilton schools (Pilton Bluecoat Academy, Pilton Infants, Pathfield School, and Pilton Community College) are invited to form a community choir which performs at the Pilton Green Man Festival; weekly rehearsals take place in the Pilton Bluecoat hall

In the Future

- We will embrace any new opportunities that we are offered to showcase our children's musical talents or to experience professional live music performances
- Increasing musical opportunities through our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision

Further information

The Devon & Torbay Music Education Hub believe all children and young people should be able to learn to sing, play an instrument and create music together, and have the opportunity to progress their musical interests and talent, including into a professional creative career. More information about the hub can be found here:

<https://www.musiceducationhub.org/site/about-us/>

The Department for Education has published a guide for parents and young people which explains how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school:

