

Music development plan summary: Willand School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	Autumn Term 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	Autumn Term 2026
Name of the school music lead	Hess Lewis
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Devon Music Education Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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

At Willand School, the music curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#). All children from Years 1-6 receive a term of whole class ensemble tuition on the following instruments.

Year 1 – Boomwhackers
Year 2 – Ocarina
Year 3 – Mini pans
Year 4 – Ukulele
Year 5 – Jumbie Jams
Year 6 – Ukulele

We use a scheme of work from Charanga to ensure full coverage of the music curriculum. The weekly music lessons are 45 minutes long. In addition to this, there are weekly singing practices and assemblies.

We invite visiting musicians into the school to allow pupils to experience live performances. Pupils are also taken to music events in the community.

We work closely with the Devon Music Education Hub to enhance our music provision and access the whole class ensemble instruments they provide.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

Willand school have a choir that runs in Autumn Term for Years 2-6. The choir perform at school and within the community at a Christmas village hall event. In Spring Term, there is a music club for Years 5-6 involving both singing and instrument playing.

Individual and small group instrumental lessons are provided by a team of self-employed visiting teachers. Pupils are billed directly by the instrumental teachers and can be subsidised or free for pupil premium plus children. We currently have 3 instrumental lessons on offer:

Drums – Matt Parr
Guitar – Scott McGowan
Piano – Hess Lewis

Part C: Musical experiences

Children have the opportunity to perform at class assemblies and productions throughout the year as outlined below:

Harvest Festival – all year groups
Christmas concert – EYFS
Nativity – KS1
Carol service – all year groups
Willand Christmas Service – choir
Easter assembly – all year groups
Summer production – UKS2
Class assembly – all year groups

A range of other musical opportunities including trips and visiting musicians happen throughout the year. These vary each year depending on musicians' availability.

In the future

Willand School is building a music studio which should be completed in the academic year 2026-2027. This will allow us to enhance our music provision. We are hoping this will attract more visiting musicians as well as increasing the range of instrument tuition we have on offer.

We are looking into how we can use technology more effectively to enhance music teaching in school. This includes using YuStudio on Charanga to improve the teaching of composition and improvisation.