Music development plan summary: Willand School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	Autumn Term 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	Autumn Term 2027
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 40 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 KS2 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. We currently have 2 instrumental lessons on offer as well as group lessons:

Drums – Matt Parr
Piano – Sarah Roberts
Rock-band (guitar, keyboard, drums, vocal) - Si Wilkes at Rocksteady

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 has just completed the building of a music studio (July 2026). This will allow us to enhance our music provision across the school. We are looking to increase our music peripatetic offerings including a new piano and new guitar teacher. We will also look into additional opportunities our music studio can provide. This aligns with our school development plan to strengthen inclusion and engagement for pupils. We will also be sorting through our music resources to ensure we are providing the best quality music education we can.

We are reviewing our curriculum intent, implementation and impact for music. As part of this, we are reviewing which parts of the Charanga music schemes we use to teach music in the foundation years and KS1 to ensure pupils are accessing the learning and are engaged in lessons. We are also looking into how we can use technology in KS2 more effectively to enhance music teaching in school.