

Music development plan summary:



Our Christian Vision

A Community, Learning and Growing

- Our school's strong community includes our pupils, staff, parents, governors and others.
- All members of this community are growing, learning and flourishing alongside one another.
- To do this, we need strong roots to support our growth as individuals.
- Our Christian Vision is based on Psalm 1 which compares people to trees, growing and flourishing.
- We also learn about a range of Christian Values to help us understand the life and teachings of Jesus.
- Our school logo reflects this vision, and also our rural location.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026 2027
Date this summary was published	November 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	November 2027
Name of the school music lead	Alison Gooderson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	same
Name of local music hub	North Herts Music school
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.

Please look at the music curriculum: [Weston \(CofE\) Primary & Nursery School - Curriculum](#)

This includes:

Music intent, implementation and impact document, Music curriculum overview and Music knowledge and skills progression.

Music is taught weekly and inclusively in every year group to all pupils.

Weston CE Primary & Nursery school follows the National Curriculum for music by using a scheme via KAPOW. [National Curriculum - Music key stages 1 to 2](#)

Weston CE Primary & Nursery also works closely with the North Herts Music School, more information can be found here:

<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/hertfordshire-music-service.aspx>

Music is taught weekly either by the teaching staff or by the North Herts peripatetic teacher through our whole class instrument learning opportunity during a 2-year rolling programme:

- ✓ **In year 1 & 2, all pupils are taught to play the Ocarina or ‘Toot’ (a beginner version of the recorder) by the teacher from the North Herts Music school.**
- ✓ **In year 3 & 4, all pupils are taught to play the ukulele by a teacher from the North Herts Music school.**

These instruments were chosen to ensure instrument affordability for all participants if pupils so wish to purchase their own instrument and the need to make sure that music opportunities are inclusive and accessible to all children, in particular pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds and pupils with SEND.

The North Herts Music school also offers group and individual music lessons.

Weston CE Primary & Nursery has a whole school choir, time for this is set aside in the Thursday worship slot. The whole school gets to perform to the church and community termly.

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.

In the past, we have offered ukulele clubs, however, the uptake of musical instrument learning has increased so now the North Herts Music school offers an after school ‘orchestra’ club, where all pupils can learn and participate in playing and making music together including our ukulele players.

Currently, but not limited to, pupils can play the piano, ukulele, violin, percussion, guitar either in 1:1 or small group sessions at a cost. (see North

Herts Website for details of costings through earlier link). Instruments can also be hired/sourced through this service.

The school will subsidise the cost of these lessons and instrument hire to those in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.

Pupils can make progress in music outside of lesson time via weekend, after-school or holiday provision such as the North Herts Saturday music school.

The local church organist also offers lessons to pupils, and these pupils perform and are celebrated during our church services.

Pupils can join choirs or ensembles via [North Herts Music School \(Hitchin\)](#)

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.

In 2026-2027:

- ✓ Our young organists will continue to play the church organ during our Harvest, Christmas, Easter and leaver's services in Holy Trinity church. Weston.
- ✓ The orchestra will perform in the Christmas and Easter church services
- ✓ The whole school will sing Christmas carols in the village hall for the villagers
- ✓ The whole school will sing weekly during our 'Singing Worship', they will perform during our Harvest, Christmas, Easter and leaver's services in Holy Trinity church. Weston.
- ✓ Last year 3 & 4 played their ukuleles alongside the orchestra to parents and governors in a concert

- ✓ In May 2027, Year 1 & 2 will play their 'Toot's' alongside the orchestra to parents and governors in a concert
- ✓ Jenni Brind, our peripatetic music teacher, from North Herts Music school demonstrates and explains all the instruments she can play (over 15) in a concert, encouraging more participants into instrument playing.
- ✓ On a 2 yearly cycle, Year 1 & 2 and Year 3 & 4 deliver a musical performance to parents and the wider families at Christmas and annually, the Nursery and Reception deliver a musical Nativity performance at the same time. At the end of the academic year the year 6 leavers deliver a 'Leaver's Service' including all their favourite songs from over the years to parents and wider family members.
- ✓ During daily worship, we have a 'Composer of the half term', where pupils can learn about and listen to a range of composers and musicians.

In the future

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

- To ensure pupils have external experiences of listening and participating in music events, (away from the school, North Herts Music School and church - opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year).