

Music development plan summary: *Thingwall Primary School*

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
Date this summary was published	2 nd September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	20 th July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Julian Rees
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Edsential
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	'Rock Steady' music school

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.

Our Music intent can be found on our school website:

<https://www.thingwall.wirral.sch.uk/web/music/573107>

Each week, every class of pupils have a one-hour music lesson, taught exclusively by Mrs Mitchell, Ms Yardley and Mr Rees (Year 4). Our music curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (MMC) following the Charanga music scheme of work:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/974366/Model_Music_Curriculum_Full.pdf

Throughout the year, pupils have opportunities to learn to sing and play an instrument during lesson time through whole-class ensemble teaching in all year groups.

Our music curriculum is strengthened by having Mrs Mitchell, Miss Yardley and Mr Rees (in Year 4) teach the entirety of the model music curriculum and by integrating upgraded technology (new headphones, ipads and Chrome books) which is used to enhance the curriculum.

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.

All pupils have opportunities to sing in choral assembly led by Mrs Mitchell every Tuesday morning.

There is a school band which practises and performs every Tuesday morning at 8:15am with Mrs Mitchell.

Glen Thomas (Edsential peripatetic teacher) tutors children keyboard (and other instruments) every Friday.

Thingwall Primary also facilitate Rock Steady, an external music company, who attend school weekly, every Thursday afternoon.

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents/>

Lessons offered by the company include singing, keyboard, piano, guitar, bass guitar and drums. These lessons are paid for by parents and can be taught in small groups. As part of our Pupil Premium Strategy, pupils in receipt of pupil premium funding have the opportunity to have music lessons with Rock Steady. At the end of every term, pupils who have attended these lessons perform in front of the rest of the school and parents as part of a Rock Steady concert.

Every Tuesday, AmaSing Creative Arts Club will be providing a 1 hour session of music, art, dance and drama, paid for by parents, available for Years 2 – 6.

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 EYFS, pupils sing rhymes daily and have access to musical instruments as part of their daily indoor and outdoor continuous provision.

There is an annual Year 6 Christmas Carol performance at the Warrens Medical Centre in Arrowe Park and at Trepassey Residential Home, Heswall.

Year 6 produce a leavers performance during the summer term. This includes singing a variety of songs and opportunities for solo, small group and ensemble performances.

All Year groups from FS2 – Y6 at Thingwall Primary perform in front of the whole school and parents by singing / playing instruments during their annual class assembly.

The whole school attends a Christmas Carol concert at St Michaels and all Angels Church, Pensby every year, with opportunities for the school choir and school band to perform in front of parents and pupils.

25.06.25 Global Beatles' Day – a cross curricular event involving every year group. Each Year group learns and performs a song which is then recorded and edited as part of a whole school medley which charts the musical and cultural evolution of the Beatles phenomenon throughout their career. The 2024 medley included:

FS2 – Twist and shout

Y1 – Ticket to ride

Y2 – In my life

Y3 – Eleanor Rigby

Y4 – Penny Lane

Y5 – Hey Jude

Y6 – Let it be

In the future

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

- Perform in the locality e.g. further opportunities to perform at Trepassey Residential Home and in other locations.
- Purchase further music resources to further enhance the quality of the curriculum.
- Create a multi academy trust choir and perform at national and regional events
- Increase the opportunities to meet local musicians to inspire musical uptake
- Improve links with the local music hub and other local music agencies

Further information (optional)

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

You can also contact our local music hub, Edsential for further information about musical opportunities: <https://edsential.com/subject/music/>