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# **Music Development Plan Summary**

## **2024 - 2025**

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## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	Summer Term 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	Summer Term 2025
Name of the school music lead	Gareth Fenton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Catherine Best
Name of music link Governor	Penny Ainge
Name of local music hub	Trafford Music Services
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Helen Smith – music lessons

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.

At Worthington music is taught by the class teacher, supported by the music lead. Our music lead is a well-established musician who is actively involved in music outside of school.

### Music Curriculum - Intent

At Worthington Primary School, we aim for every child to have access to high-quality, practical, and engaging musical experiences. We want all children to develop the self-confidence, skills, knowledge and understanding to develop a lifelong love of music, whilst also providing a secure foundation that enables them to take music further should they wish to.

As musicians, children will understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated through the interrelated dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre and texture. Pupils will develop the musical skills of singing, playing tuned and untuned instruments, improvising and composing music, and listening and responding to music. They will develop an understanding of the history and cultural context of the music they listen to and learn how music can be written down. Through music, our curriculum helps children develop transferable skills such as team-working, leadership, creative thinking, problem-solving, decision-making and presentation and performance skills. These skills are vital to children's development as learners and have a wider application in their general lives outside and beyond school.

### Music Curriculum – Implementation

At Worthington Primary School, we follow the Kapow Music scheme from nursery to Year 6. It takes a holistic approach to music, in which the individual strands are woven together – performing, listening, composing, the history of music and the interrelated dimensions of music.

Kapow follows a spiral curriculum whereby previous skills and knowledge are returned to and built upon. Children progress in terms of tackling complex tasks and practising more simple tasks, as well as developing understanding and knowledge of the history of music, staff and other musical notation, along with the interrelated dimensions of music. Each lesson is designed to encourage active participation from pupils in musical activities drawn from a range of styles and traditions. Lessons incorporate a range of teaching strategies from independent tasks, paired and group work as well as improvisation and teacher-led performances. Lessons are 'hands-on' and incorporate movement and dance elements, as well as making cross-curricular links with other areas of learning. Kapow music scheme has been based upon the Model Music Curriculum.

Details of each unit and progression of skills and knowledge can be found on our school website:

<https://www.worthington-primary.trafford.sch.uk/page/?title=Music&pid=46>

Our aim is to offer children an hour a week of music learning following the progression of the Kapow scheme.

Worthington Primary School will be funding three year groups to have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument through Trafford Music Services' wider opportunities program. Y1, 3 and 5 therefore within each key stage children will be exposed to different tuned instruments.

Our music curriculum is supported by a wealth of extra-curricular and other musical opportunities as detailed below:

Singing – children are taught to sing a range of songs and genres within the Kapow music scheme. To support this, we have regular singing assemblies; singing performances and use songs to develop learning in their subjects.

At Worthington we use 'Musician of the Month' to introduce the children to a wide-range of musicians; encouraging the children to listen and appreciate a variety of music. The musician changes monthly and follows a six-year cycle and as the children are introduced to a new artist they will learn about their background. This musician is displayed in each room and in the school hall.

Pupils with SEND are supported throughout the curriculum and teachers plan adaptations so that all children can be included.

## 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.

The children at Worthington have a wide range of choice when choosing an instrument to play outside of lesson time. Lessons are run by Trafford Music Services and a private tutor. We offer a range of individual and group lessons. This year (2024/5) we are offering more instruments and to a younger age group. There is cost for these lessons, and instruments can be bought or hired through Trafford music services by the parent.

<https://www.traffordmusicservice.co.uk/worthington-primary-school>

Our offer from this year will be:

Instrument	Teacher	Age Range
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Violin	Private	Year 3-6
Cello	Private	Year 3-6
Guitar	Trafford Music Service	Year 3-6
Brass – French horn, trumpet	Trafford Music Service	Year 3-6
Ukulele	Trafford Music Service	Year 2-6
Recorders	Trafford Music Service	Year 2-6

We have various spaces available for our music lessons including a spare room. This is timetabled to allow for group sessions.

Children who receive Free School Meals or Pupil Premium and have been identified by their teachers as having an aptitude for music will be supported to learn an instrument by the school financially.

Our music teachers plan times into the school year when the children can play together in ensembles, performing for their parent/carers.

At Worthington we have a very successful and popular KS2 choir. They meet once a week to sing and practise for the various performances. The choir sing at the Dovecote at Walkden Gardens at Christmas; throughout the year at different school events eg the Christmas fair, take part in the ‘Young Voices’ at the AO Arena in Manchester as well as joining in with performances organised by Trafford Music Services.

Trafford Music Services provide Progression pathways – Children can join regional ensembles through Trafford Music Service which take place nearby in their centre in sale [Ensembles — Trafford Music Service](#). Other opportunities include Sale Youth Choir [Sale Youth Choirs | Singing in Trafford](#).

Trafford Music Services offer a musical nurture group for children who could be vulnerable. The aims of these sessions are to provide a calm and nurturing environment where children can build their resilience and agency and develop a sense of belonging. Nurture groups are creative music-making for personal and social outcomes, rather than music therapy. This is accessed through school and with the support of the SENCO.

## 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.

At Worthington Primary School, we see performance as an integral part of musicianship. See below for our performances for this coming year:

<b>Musical Experiences at Worthington Primary School 2023/24</b>	
Singing Assembly	Each department will sing within their collective worship.
Nativity	Nursery and Reception
Great Fire of London Play	Year 1
Summer Singing Performance	Year 2
Harvest Festival Performance	Year 3
Singing at the Waterside	Year 4
Christmas Carol Concert	Year 5
Leavers Play	Year 6
Young Voices/Walkden Gardens/school fairs	Choir
Wider Opportunity Concerts	Year 1,3 and 5
Christmas and Summer String Concert	All children who have lessons
Guitar Concert	All children who have lessons
Musical Celebration Assembly	Open to all children who play an instrument
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Rookie Rock Stars	Y1 – Y6
Nursery Rhyme Concert	Nursery
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At Worthington the children have the opportunity to watch a live Christmas performance where they can experience music in a production. This is part funded for pupil premium children.

Early Years and Key Stage One – A travelling pantomime company visit school.

Key Stage Two - visit a theatre/cinema.

Inviting musicians in to play in assembly – Trafford Music Services.

## In the future

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

- We are looking to increase the number of live performances the children get to experience throughout the year.
- We are looking to become more involved with local musical agencies.
- Work towards increasing our ensemble offer.
- Make contact with local secondary schools to invite their bands and orchestras into school.

- Introduce a KS1 singing choir.

## Further information (optional)

At Worthington Primary School lessons are available for woodwind, Guitar, Brass and strings (violin and Cello). Here is the link to the TMS page for your school [Worthington Primary School — Trafford Music Service](#).

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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.