

Music development plan summary: Merrydale Junior School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Elle Sherrenham
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Tony Corbett
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Leicestershire Music Hub

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

The school uses the Primary Leicestershire Music Scheme of Work to teach music. Pupils in year 3-6 receive 20 hours of taught music lessons across the academic year in addition to a weekly 30 minute, whole-school singing assembly. These are delivered in line with our [accessibility plan](#), to ensure that our pupils with SEND are well supported to access the full music curriculum.

- Our school music curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#), non-statutory guidance for teaching music.
- Pupils in year 3 receive whole-class ensemble teaching with the opportunity to play the recorder.
- Pupils in year 4 take part in ‘Orchestra Unwrapped’, a musical performance at DeMontfort Hall involving a live orchestra. They spend time working towards

this by listening to music around a theme, learning a song to perform and creating artwork inspired by music.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

Pupils in years 3-6 also have the opportunity to join the school choir. The choir is free to join and is led by our talented in-house pianist. They work towards performances at parent events as well as assembly performances.

Part C: Musical experiences

Each year group works towards seasonal performances to parents, including during our annual nativity and celebration assemblies. These include learning to sing in rounds using pre-recorded music as well as with a live pianist.

Pupils have the following opportunities to perform in concerts throughout their time at our school:

- Year 3 Musical Nativity (December)
- Year 4 Diwali Performance
- Year 5 Eid Performance
- Year 6 Leavers' Performance (July)

The whole school enjoys an annual musical pantomime, delivered by a visiting theatre company. This year, the children will also have the opportunity to see a musical production of the Jungle Book for World Book Day.

In the future

To further enhance our music provision, the school development plan includes the following aims for 25-26:

- Explore demand for individual instrument tuition.
- Establish a recorder/guitar club.