

Music Development Plan Summary

Thorney Island Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Date this summary was published	October 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	October 2027
Name of the school music lead	Celia Blamire
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Peter Lovell
Name of local music hub	West Sussex Music
Name of other music education organisation	West Sussex Music

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.

To read more in detail about the provision of music at Thorney Island Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page
<https://www.thorneyislandcps.org.uk/Subject%20Curriculum%20Plans%20Nov%202023/Music%20Curriculum%20Plan.pdf>

Or Prospectus

<https://www.thorneyislandcps.org.uk/Prospectus.html>

Music is taught in school every week and is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021). Lessons are a minimum of 40 minutes and are taught by class teachers or a music specialist. Teaching is supported by specialist planning, and the Charanga Curriculum Scheme of Work. Alongside classroom teaching, musical learning is further supplemented by a weekly singing assembly. Children in Year 4 learn the clarinet as a whole-class ensemble taught by a music specialist from West Sussex Music. These lessons are weekly and then culminates in a concert where the children perform songs and pieces together to the school and their parents or carers.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time including choirs and ensembles, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

At Thorney Island Primary School, we currently offer individual and small group lessons on the clarinet, flute and saxophone through West Sussex Music. In addition, we offer guitar lessons weekly through Create Music. Teachers visit the school and teach children during the school day.

Individual and small group lessons are funded by parents, however for those children who are Pupil Premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium provision. The Year 4 Clarinet lessons are free and accessible to all of Key Stage 2.

We work closely with West Sussex Music Service to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children. If you have an enquiry regarding instrumental lessons on offer, please speak to the school office.

Part C: Musical events

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organize, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows.

Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of these opportunities:

- Year 1 visit the pantomime.
- Year 4 Clarinet ensemble perform at their termly clarinet assemblies.
- Ensembles and soloists perform during the termly clarinet assemblies.
- All children from Reception to Year 6 perform at Christmas.

In the Future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Further develop performance opportunities for our young musicians throughout the school year.
- Develop opportunities for children to hear live music from experienced musicians throughout the school year.