

Music development plan summary: Widecombe-in-the-Moor Primary School

Overview

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| Academic year that this summary covers | 2024-25 |
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| Name of the school music lead | Anthony Arnold |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | N/A |
| Name of local music hub | Devon and Torbay |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place) | South Dartmoor Music Centre Sonopera |

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.

Each class receives an allotment of time every week for curriculum music; Cherrybrook and Webburn (45 mins), Lower Dart and Upper Dart (1 hr each). The work is designed and delivered by our specialist music teacher and covers all aspects of the KS1 and 2 curriculum throughout the course of the year - singing, playing and performing on a musical instrument, composing and improvising, notation, listening to the music of other people and understanding elements of the history of music.

Every child has the opportunity to play unpitched percussion (KS1), xylophone, ukulele and samba drums through whole class ensemble tuition during their time at Widecombe.

We put a strong emphasis on creativity and activity. There is minimal talking and maximum music making. All lessons incorporate the dimensions of music (pitch, rhythm, timbre etc) through active playing, movement, dance and listening skills. Each module builds to a half-termly performance to parents.

We make recordings of the children's work to help them self-evaluate.

SEND children are supported through our ordinarily available inclusive provision, adaptive teaching and additional support staff where appropriate.

We partner with South Dartmoor Music Centre and the Devon and Torbay Music Education Hub to extend this work out into the wider community.

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.

We offer one-to-one music lessons in guitar, drums and keyboard. Parents are required to pay for this; however, the school support if finance is a barrier. Children also have the opportunity to attend South Dartmoor Music Centre on a weekly basis, and many take up this opportunity to learn a variety of instruments. Ensemble experiences are also a seminal part of the music centre offer.

We partner with the Devon and Torbay Music Education Hub who provide class sets of instruments for free and individual instrument loans at reasonable rates. The Music Development Lead for our area visits to hear our work, and signposts the children to other opportunities provided by the Music Hub.

We receive a sum of money from the Music Hub called the MEG (Music Education Grant). This is awarded every year and goes into a Link Trust pot for developing musical experiences.

We run a choir which is directed by a music specialist who is also a parent at the school. This meets once a week.

The Link Trust partners with Sonopera for a singing project in 2024/25.

Important links...

<https://www.southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk/musiccentre>

<https://www.musiceducationhub.org/site/>

<https://www.sonopera.com/>

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.

There is always singing in assembly, and this forms an important part of our regular music making.

Each class performs it's curriculum music achievements to parents or peers at least twice in every term. This might be songs, instrumental pieces, dances, stories with musical composition, or a mixture. We often utilise the outdoor classroom for this.

We put on a Christmas concert every year in the local church, featuring curriculum music, Christmas music and individual/small group performances.

We perform our summer samba at Bovey Tracey Craft Fair as a busking experience. This is an experience for everybody, and the ages mix vertically, meaning that year 6 children are performing alongside reception children.

We use our samba drums at sports events as a round-robin workshop opportunity.

We attend Widecombe Fair to take part in or watch maypole dancing.

We visit the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra schools concert and learn their material in our curriculum time.

In the future

We hope to visit the Devon MIX music festival for schools when it next happens in the summer of 2026.

We will be taking part in the Link Trust Singing Project sometime in 2024/25. This is a big concert for 6 schools for invited parents. This is run in partnership with *Sonopera*, a local music education organisation.