

Horningsham Primary School

Music Development Plan

2025-2028



At Horningsham Primary School, we believe that music is a vital part of a child's education. It nurtures creativity, supports emotional wellbeing and develops skills that extend beyond the classroom: collaboration, critical thinking and perseverance. Music helps children explore and celebrate cultural diversity, fostering understanding, identity and community connections both locally and globally. Through engaging, enjoyable and inclusive experiences in performing, composing and listening, we aim to inspire a lifelong love of music. We also embrace modern technologies to broaden opportunities for creativity, innovation and collaboration, ensuring that every child has the chance to experience the joy, challenge and personal growth that music can bring.

Key Objectives

- Curriculum Excellence:** Ensure a broad and balanced music curriculum that meets the requirements of the National Curriculum and develops practical skills, knowledge, and musical understanding.
- Inclusive Participation:** Engage all pupils in musical activities, catering to a range of abilities and interests.
- Skill Development:** Develop children's abilities in listening, composing, performing and appraising music.
- Cultural Awareness:** Introduce pupils to a wide variety of musical genres, styles and tradition; including local, national, and global influences.
- Community Engagement:** Encourage links with local musicians, ensembles and other schools to enrich pupils' musical experiences.
- Professional Development:** Support teachers in delivering high-quality music education through training, resources and shared expertise.

Curriculum and Teaching

- Curriculum Overview:** Music is taught weekly in each class using Kapow's music scheme.
- Cross-Curricular Links:** Music is used to enhance learning in subjects such as English (songs for storytelling), History (musical eras) and Maths (rhythm, patterns).
- Assessment:** Teachers assess pupils' musical development through performance and listening/appraisal activities.
- Progression:** Skills are developed progressively across each key stage, from basic rhythm and pitch recognition in early years to more complex composition and ensemble work in UPKS2.

Enrichment and Extra-Curricular Activities

- Choirs:** There are opportunities to participate in a school choir a couple of times per year: Christmas Carol Service, Compass Collaboration 'Big Sings' in the community e.g. Warminster Independent Market.
- Instrumental Lessons:** We offer tuition in piano from Y2 upwards. From January 2026 there is also the opportunity to start iRock band lessons which consists of: electric guitar, drums, keyboard, voice. Sometimes, we use Pupil Premium to fund individual instrumental lessons.
- Performance Opportunities:** Special themed assemblies/concerts: Harvest Festival, Christmas Play, Carol Service, Leavers' Service, talent shows, community engagement e.g. visiting Henford House.
- Exposure to musicians and live performances:** live music performances at school 2 x per year linked to Wiltshire Music Hub, opportunity to go and see a theatre production and also an orchestral performance.
- Assemblies:** Have a weekly song in assembly, Horningsham Hymn sung weekly in Celebration Assembly, listen to different musical genres/artists on entry/exit.

Resources

- Instruments:** Maintain and expand the stock of instruments.
- Technology:** Use music software and apps e.g. Garage Band to support composition, recording and interactive learning.

Staff Development

- Provide professional development opportunities e.g. workshops, courses and collaborations with specialists.
- Encourage staff to observe and co-teach music lessons with experienced practitioners.
- Share best practice and resources.
- Use Kapow music programme to further develop staff's confidence with teaching music.

Community and Partnerships

- Develop partnership with Wiltshire Music Hub to access services, orchestras and arts organisations.
- Invite parents and local musicians to participate in concerts and workshops.
- Support pupils in pursuing music opportunities beyond school.