

Hazelwood Schools Music Development Plan



Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Fiona Bispham
Name of local music hub	Enfield Music Service

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 Hazelwood Schools, we are proud to provide a rich and diverse experience of music for all of our children. We believe that music has a positive impact on children’s personal and creative development as well as all areas of learning.

As part of our Music curriculum, we provide opportunities for children to express themselves creatively, build confidence, develop coordination and enhance their communication skills. Music is a universal language, connecting us and bringing us together as a whole community.

The aims of our Music Curriculum are:

- To provide real, relevant, immersive and purposeful opportunities for children to develop skills in singing, listening, composing and performing
- To listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres and traditions
- To sing and use voices creatively
- To create and compose
- To learn to play a variety of musical instruments

- To develop an understanding of music and its inter related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and musical notations

At Hazelwood, Music is taught discreetly every week by a specialist Music Teacher. These lessons are between 35-45 minutes of length each week. All children from Year 1 – 6 also take part in a 20 minutes weekly singing assembly. Music in EYFS involves children singing songs, making music, dancing and experimenting with ways of adding their own ideas to known songs.

Whole class instrumental lessons take place in Year 2 and throughout Year 3 and Year 4. Our current offer is as follows:

- One term of tin whistle in Year 2
- Two terms of recorder in Year 3
- Two terms of flute in Year 4

We work closely with Enfield Music Service to ensure children have access to whole class instrumental lessons and utilise their training support to ensure high quality teaching and learning in music at Hazelwood.

Key musical concepts are built upon and learning is revisited to ensure children's knowledge is built upon each week and year on year. The Hazelwood Music Curriculum is built upon the Model Music Curriculum (2021) due to its focus on diversity both in pieces of music and in skills. Our curriculum is ambitious in its scope (meeting and exceeding the demands of the National Curriculum), meticulous in rigour (responsive to up-date scholarship in music) and carefully sequenced (so that pupils' ability to build a comparison and reach a critical judgment).

Music is also used to enhance and support learning in other subjects such as Maths, Geography, PSHE and English. In EYFS, Music supports children in learning routines, nursery rhymes, stories and behaviour expectations. In Spanish, Music is used to introduce new language learning.

In a typical Music unit, you will see:

- Children learning to use their voices with increasing control and precision
- Children learning to sing together and follow musical instructions
- Children learning to use instruments with care and respect
- Children learning to play tuned and untuned percussion instruments rhythmically
- Children learning to listen and appraise a variety of music
- Children learning to notate and compose music using a variety of instruments
- Children responding to music with movement
- Children performing solo or in groups to each other or a larger audience
- Children putting music genres, compositions and composers into historical contexts
- Children learning to identify and comment on the inter-related dimensions of music

Real, relevant and immersive learning opportunities in Music are really important in supporting children to explore their sense of self, creatively. Music helps children express their opinions and emotions and gives them a creative outlet that is accessible for everyone. Music supports early language development and language acquisition, enabling children to communicate more effectively. Our children have the opportunity to sing, perform and be creative with music in a variety of contexts.

Our Music Curriculum, detailing the learning that takes place in each year group from Nursery to Year 6, is published on a dedicated Music page of our website: <https://www.hazelwoodschoools.org.uk/page/?title=Music&pid=39>. We pride ourselves on making sure that our music education is accessible for all, including children with SEND and those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Part B: Extra-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.

To further enhance the Music offer at Hazelwood, we provide a range of extra-curricular music clubs, including choirs and instrumental ensembles, enabling our children to develop their passion and skills in Music outside of the taught curriculum. An example of the clubs we offer is below (an up to date termly list can be found here as part of our wider extra-curricular offer: <https://www.hazelwoodschoools.org.uk/page/?title=Extra%2DCurricular+Clubs&pid=61>)

Day	Club	Run by	Year Group	Max numbers	Total Charge
Monday (3.15 – 4.15)	Piano Buddies (2 groups)	ARTeach	Reception - Y6	N/A	£175(10 lessons)
Tuesday (8.10 – 8.45)	Infants Choir	Ms Bispham	1 & 2	N/A	<i>No charge for choir</i>
Tuesday (3:30 - 4:15)	Wind Band	Ms Bispham	3-6	N/A	£36
Wednesday (8.10 – 8.45)	Junior Choir	Ms Bispham	3,4,5 & 6	N/A	<i>No charge for choir</i>
Wednesday (3.30 – 4.15)	Ukulele Club	Ms Bispham	3&4	15-20	£36
Thursday (3:15 - 4:30)	Musical Theatre	CK Performing Arts	1-4	N/A	£10 per week
Thursday (3.30 – 4.15)	String Ensemble	Fiona Bispham	3 - 6	N/A	£33

Children eligible for Pupil Premium are able to access one school-led extra-curricular club free of charge each term. Children are given the opportunity to hire / borrow the instruments either free of charge or at cost. This allows the children to practise their instrument at home.

We work closely with the Enfield Music Service which provides the opportunity for children in Key Stage 2 to access one-to-one small-group and large-group tuition for instruments or voice. These lessons are heavily subsidised (with the school paying in full for those eligible for Pupil Premium) and take place at school during the school day, led by highly skilled and experienced peripatetic teachers. Children are also given the opportunity to pay for tuition or join ensembles out outside of school hours, including evenings and weekends, giving them the opportunity to play music with other children across the Borough of Enfield.

At Hazelwood, we have a large uptake from our children, including the following individual and group tuition: guitar; cello; violin; brass; saxophone; flute and piano. For more information on the Enfield Music Service instrumental offer, click here: <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore>

Furthermore, we have our very own RockSteady Band, allowing children to try a range of rock instruments and singing during the school day.

In addition, Enfield Music Service supports schools in Enfield to provide opportunities to share music with local schools and inspire children with shared music making experiences, such as partnership festivals and performances across Enfield. Hazelwood regularly takes part in these offers, and have hosted on a number of occasions.

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.

In 2025-2026, Hazelwood plans to provide the following musical events and opportunities for children across the school:

- Singing assemblies for every child in Year 1 – 6 each week
- Choir performances in assembly
- Choir performances at Christmas (including Palmers Green Lights, singing in the local area and at the school fete)
- Spring Concert – both choirs, all ensembles and children in KS2 who take part in instrumental lessons
- Summer Concert – as above with an additional focus on children in Year 6 who will be transitioning to Secondary school
- Young Voices at Wembley – Junior Choir will take part in this incredible experience
- Enfield Music Partnership Festivals for various year groups throughout the year

- Nursery Festive Sing-a-Long at Christmas with parents
- Reception Christmas Songs at Christmas performance to parents
- Reception Special Person Assembly – a series of songs performed to parents in March
- Year 1 Nativity – big performance at Christmas to parents
- Year 6 Production – big performance in the summer to parents
- Year 4 Flute concert – big performance in the spring to parents
- Class assemblies – all include a song performed to parents linked to the curriculum that the children spend time learning
- RockSteady Band rehearsals and performance to parents and children – giving the opportunity for children in KS2 to be part of a rock band!
- Year 6 taking part at the Remembrance Service at Broomfield Park for Armistice Day – children sing a medley of WW2 songs and individuals are chosen to play their instruments if appropriate and confident enough
- Pantomime – An annual performance from parents of the school at Christmas for every child from Reception – Year 6
- Hazelwood’s Got Talent – a talent show (including singing, instrumental performance amongst other acts) taking place in the Summer Term, performed to their class (1st round), school house (semi-final) and whole school and parents (final)
- Year 4 attending a live philharmonic orchestra performance at the Royal Festival Hall in Central London.

Last academic year, the children were also able to take part in a trip to the Lyceum Theatre to see the Lion King (70 children in KS2, mostly those eligible for Pupil Premium). This opportunity presented itself during the school year, rather than being planned. As always, at Hazelwood, we will always seek to join in with anything that enhances the lives of our children.

In the Future

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

The Music lead has a detailed action plan for 2025-2026. This can be found by clicking here: [Music Action Plan 2025-2026](#). This details the aims and objectives for Music at Hazelwood in the coming academic year and subsequent years.

For the Academic Year 2025-2026 and beyond, Hazelwood aims to provide opportunities for children to see live music performances. This will be achieved in partnership with the Enfield Music Service and its partners that work throughout the borough of Enfield to provide workshops and live music experiences.

As the year continues, further developments will undoubtedly need to shape the action plan for the future. The Music Lead will work to ensure that Hazelwood Schools strives to improve in terms of Music provision for all pupils.

Further Information

For further information about the Music education and experiences we provide at Hazelwood, as well as useful guides for parents and children, please click on the following links:

[Hazelwood Music Page on our website](#)

[Hazelwood Music Curriculum \(published on our website\)](#)

[Enfield Music Service – Music Hub](#)

[DfE - Music education: information for parents and young people](#)