

Music development plan summary: *West Lodge Primary School*

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026/27
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	James Went
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Harrow Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

Part A: Curriculum music

At West Lodge, our Music Curriculum is well sequenced and incremental as it seeks to build our musicians' technical, construction and knowledge of Music. The MMC inspired our Music Express curriculum which is also informed by the non-statutory National Curriculum Guidance.

Through using the Music Express Programme, our curriculum is organised into six units of work per year group within which our musicians develop their key skills in performing, composing, transcribing and describing music.

The Music Express whole school curriculum clearly maps progress and skills across the key stages. Additional aspects are also taught including whole class instrumental music, school performances and special musical events.

All children at West Lodge are taught music each week by their class teacher.

As we believe that Musical Theory and Practise should be taught together, alongside these six units, each year group follows a 'Key Skills Builder Progression Map' which specifically concentrates on the development of our musicians' understanding of beat, rhythm and pitch.

Music notation is taught with a real emphasis on the pedagogy of 'sound before sight' (musical concepts are taught and embedded aurally before being associated with visual representations).

Music lessons are taught each week in each of our classes and all children participate in weekly singing assemblies.

Children in EYFS have the opportunity to play a variety of percussive instruments both in our continuous provision and in other outdoor areas of the school.

Whole Class Musical Instrument Sessions are also taught across the school

Year 2 – Ocarina (Class Teachers)

Year 3 - Ukulele – Spring Term (Music Specialist from Harrow)

Year 4 – B Flat programme (Taught throughout the whole year by Music Specialists from Harrow.

Year 5 – Samba Drumming – Summer Term. (Music Specialist from Harrow).

Part B: Co-curricular music

The Harrow Music Hub supports us tremendously with our musical offer for all. Children at West Lodge have the opportunity to learn different instruments through weekly sessions with peripatetic teachers from our Harrow Music Hub. The instrument choices include, keyboards, drums, cello, violin, woodwind, brass, tablar, sita,

Children also have the opportunity to join our school choir within Years 5 and 6. This is run by members of our Creative Arts Team.

Our school orchestra consists of talented musicians from Years 4, 5 and 6. This is run by a peripatetic teacher from The Harrow Music Hub.

Our children in Year 5 have the opportunity to join our Y5 Steel Pans lunchtime club which again is run by the Hub.

All of these groups are available to any of the children within the relevant year groups, where pupils are Pupil Premium, any fees may be subsidised.

Many of our musicians are signposted to Harrow Music sessions outside of school including brass Harrow Youth Brass Band, Band Club, Junior and Senior Strings.

Part C: Musical experiences

A large number of our children here at West Lodge enjoy the opportunity of sharing their musical prowess with others, whether that be performing solos in our weekly singing assemblies or participating in a wide variety of music festivals run by the Harrow Music Hub. These festivals include, Band, String, Guitar and Percussion and World Festival.

Many of our children enjoy sharing their lovely voices with the wider community of Pinner; the children perform at local Nursing Homes and at Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

All children have the chance to sing and perform at our local churches during religious celebrations including Harvest, Christingle and Christmas.

We are proud to be taking part in the switching on of the Christmas Lights in Pinner. Our Year 5 will perform two secular songs around the tree on the High Street.

Annually, every child has the opportunity to perform, with their peers, in whole year group concerts or shows, whether that be Nativity, Christmas Tableaux, Shakespeare productions and more.

Children enjoy participating in themed class assemblies – current themes link to our school values and or subjects such as Children in Need, Anti bullying and the Victorians.

The vast majority of our Y4-Y6 children participate in our Summer annual 'West Lodge Music Evening'. During this celebratory evening – our children have the opportunity to play in ensembles of various sizes.

Nearly one hundred children this year are singing at the Young Voices concert at the Wembley Arena on February 10th.

One of the Creative Arts Highlights is our Summer Annual 'West Fest.' During this musical extravaganza, all of our children dance and sing to an eclectic mix of Music based around the theme of summertime. Children find this even more exciting due to the fact that we hire a proper outdoor stage so it feels like a real festival feel.

Late in the summer term, we look forward to being entertained by the Harrow Music Staff in their annual concert at our school – this plays an important role in encouraging our children to take-up instrumental lessons.

In the future

We would like more classes to have the opportunity to be the audience at live music events – these could range from our Whole Class Instrumental groups performing to their peers in other year groups to also inviting local musical groups into school for concerts.

Further information (optional)

Harrow Music Service <http://www.harrowmusic.org/>