

# Music development plan summary: Lakey Lane Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	Helen Wier
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Sean Boyd
Name of local music hub	Services for Education (SFE)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

Link to the curriculum on school website: [Music \(lakeylanepriamry.co.uk\)](https://www.lakeylanepriamry.co.uk)

Lakey Lane Primary School uses a spiral curriculum which meets the requirements of the model music curriculum through the adoption of Charanga (this fully aligns with the national curriculum).

In collaboration with a secondary music expert the curriculum has been refined to meet the requirements of Lakey Lane. It ensures children regularly practise and improve a range of musical skills in each lesson, including listening, singing, playing instruments, improvising and composing. In addition, the curriculum introduces children to music from all around the world and across generations, thereby helping them to develop an understanding of the history and cultural context of the music that they listen to and teaching them to respect and appreciate the music of all traditions and communities.

In years 1 – 6 the music curriculum is delivered by the class teacher each week. Currently the children receive a minimum of a 45-minute lesson each week and sing in the whole school assembly which is held 2 days per week. In line with the Charanga scheme, children are taught to sing, appraise a wide range of music as well as reading, playing and improvising music on C-C chime bars.

In EYFS we teach music as an integral part of the work covered during the year and as part of the specific area, Expressive Arts: Being Imaginative, identified in the Foundation Stage Framework (2014). We relate the musical aspects of the children's work to the objectives set out in the Early Learning Goals (ELGs).

In year 5 children are all taught steel pans by a trained teacher for at least a 10-week block during the academic year. In year 3 children have a 6-week block with a trained recorder teacher.

At Lakey Lane, we support SEND children by giving them individualised support in lessons, access to sensory tools when required.

## **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.

- A steel pan ensemble club takes place for children who have successfully auditioned to participate. This is led by a music specialist from Services for Education and is chargeable.
- In key stage 2 children are invited to join the school choir. The choir is a weekly club and a showcase is performed in each end of term assembly. This club is open to any pupils who wish to join and have an enjoyment for singing.
- Selected children are able to participate in Birmingham Youth Proms which includes singing and playing the recorders.
- Children who play an instrument outside of school are also encouraged to play this in the weekly school celebration assembly.
- Overall, children are given the opportunity to perform their work at a local residential care home, in school assemblies and performances. All of the opportunities above are offered free of charge to the children.

## **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.

Children at Lakey Lane sing at the start of all assemblies. EYFS children sing in class productions for parents. In Key stage 1 and 2 music is incorporated into class assemblies, harvest celebrations and end of year performances.

Every year all children in the school take part in a school concert where parents are invited into school as the audience.

Annually, the school choir perform for residents at St Andrews care home and memory cafe.

Members of the school choir perform in local supermarkets at various times of the year.

Children at Lakey Lane are invited to audition to take part in Birmingham Youth Proms. The children then take part in a concert where they perform at Symphony Hall in Birmingham.

The children who have steel pan lessons also perform to the community at the annual school Summer Fayre.

All events are offered free to the children.

## In the future

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

Over the next three years Lakey Lane Primary plans to develop the following:

- Currently music lessons at Lakey Lane are for 45 minutes each week. The school will look at how the curriculum can be organised, whilst considering the total amount of opening hours, to ensure that music lessons are for one hour each week.
- The school will work to ensure that a wider range of instrumental lessons are on offer for the children. This includes instruments such as the keyboard, trumpet or trombone.
- The steel pan band will have further opportunities to perform to a wider audience.
- The school plans to participate in Young Voices live concert with a focus on targeting PP children.
- The school does not currently have a dedicated space for musical instruments or practice. The school will look to create a universal area that can also be dedicated to rehearsal.
- The school will work on the current success of the annual winter concert to ensure that all children participate in a termly school performance.
- Lakey Lane will look at how children can have the opportunity to watch a live performance each year.