

# Music development plan summary: Castlewood Primary School

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-curricular music and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning going forward. 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.

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-5
Date this summary was published	05/09/2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	05/09/2025
Name of the school music lead	Laura Mabey
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Kirsty Anstee-Brown
Name of local music hub	West Sussex Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

## Part A: Curriculum music

Music is taught in every class every week. We also gather together as a whole school once a week for a 20 minute music assembly. This assembly not only focuses on singing, but also naming and identifying musical instruments, learning musical vocabulary, experiencing a range of music, practising rhythm and beat skills, and linking music to our Castlewood Learning Powers, as well as key World events, anniversaries and celebrations.

Staff at Castlewood deliver music lessons through the 'Charanga' scheme, from Reception through to Year 6, ensuring continuity and progression of skills.

Pupils at Castlewood have the opportunity to sing, play musical instruments, appraise different music styles, and practise and perform skills, within their music lessons and assemblies.

Castlewood has a close connection with West Sussex music so that we can keep abreast of musical opportunities for children, and available training for staff. We aim to keep parents and carers informed about music in school via a half-termly music

newsletter. Children are celebrated for their musical achievements with certificates and awards.

We strive to weave music into many areas of the curriculum, as well as the explicit music lessons.

You can find out more about our music curriculum within the music section of our curriculum page on the Castlewood website:

[Curriculum | Castlewood School | Southwater](#)

## 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.

West Sussex music provides a range of experiences we are lucky to be able to offer to our children. CPD and concerts are on offer throughout the year. There are a number of free events which occur throughout the academic year and we advertise on our website. Several external music teachers attend Castlewood throughout the week, including Brass and Guitar. We keep abreast of local events and always advertise these to our families via our weekly newsletter.

## Part C: Musical experiences

As a school, we strive to provide a broad range of musical experiences for all our Castlewood pupils. During class lessons and whole school assemblies, music will inspire children's imaginations, as well as teach them new skills and link their learning to their own and others' experiences.

Where possible, we aim to invite local musicians or talented parents to share their skills with us. When opportunities arise, we aim to participate when timing and funding allows, in local events such as 'Little Sing/ Big Sing' West Sussex.

## In the future

In the future we would love to further engage parents and families in the music provision at our school. Through pupil voice and assessment, we aim to teach music

that is aligned with children's interests and passions. Our vision also includes further embedding music across the curriculum, in creative and innovative ways. The possibility of arranging termly music performances for parents could also be considered, as well as a re-vamp of the music area within school. We plan to continue to provide staff with high-quality training to further enhance the music provision we provide to our children.