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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Sarah Kibbler
Name of local music hub	Tees Valley Music

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.

Our Music Curriculum is published in the curriculum section of our website. We use Charanga Music Scheme to ensure that children access all aspects of the music national curriculum to a high standard. KS1 Children access 50 minutes of Music with a specialist music teacher where they learn to sing and explore different musical instruments. All children access our music curriculum, with adaptations made to remove barriers and ensure success. In KS2 children follow the Charanga scheme of work in their classrooms, taught by their class teacher. Children have opportunities to play instruments such as glockenspiels in a whole class ensemble across KS2. In addition to this, Tees Valley Music provide music tuition to some KS2 year groups, where they are taught to play Boom whackers, Ukulele and Taiko drumming for one term. We work with Tees Valley Music to enhance and support curriculum music across the school.

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.

TVMS offer music tuition to several year groups throughout the year. We currently have children learning boom whackers in Year 3 in the Autumn term, ukulele in Year 5 in the Spring term Taiko Drumming in Year 4 in the Summer term. Our music leader runs a music club at several points throughout the year, which is open to all children across KS2 to join with no charge. We have opportunities for them to perform across the year to parents and the rest of school. They will learn to sing, begin to read music and explore a range of different instruments.

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 addition to the weekly music lessons, there is a KS1 and KS2 singing assembly each week, where the children get to sing in a large group. At the end of the Autumn term children from Reception and Key Stage One perform a production to their parents. We also participate in events run by TVMS across the year, where children spend time rehearsing in school, then meet with other children from different schools to result in a concert where parents and carers are invited to come and watch. These are funded by school. In the Summer Years 6 put on a talent show, which always involves singing.

In the future

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

- We would like to further develop our music offer in the future by:
 - Giving the children more musical experiences such as concerts and performances
 - Ensure staff confidence is high, to enable them to deliver high-quality curriculum music lessons across school
 - Consider further opportunities for children to learn a range of instruments outside of their music lessons and perform for others
 - Create additional opportunities for children to showcase their learning in music

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Our local music hub is Tees Valley Music Service. [Tees Valley Music Service | Music Education | Tees Valley Music Service, Frederick Nattrass Centre, Swale Road, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees, UK \(tvms.org.uk\)](#)