

Music development plan summary: Astley Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Mr Joshua Dart
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Charanga

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.

Astley Primary School has a music curriculum created in collaboration with Charanga Musical School, an award-winning primary music education program, and informed by the [model music curriculum](#) and non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 2. It is bespoke to our needs as a school and provides a broad and varied musical experience to children across their primary education.

Our Music Curriculum is accessible on our website.

All classes at Astley Primary School are timetabled one lesson a week for music.

Pupils have regular opportunities to learn to sing and play instruments during lesson time. In Early Years and Year 1 our main focus is on singing in music lessons. In Year 2 and 3 children have the opportunity to use glockenspiels in whole-class ensemble teaching. In Year 4 we introduce the recorder and Year 5 we use ukuleles. In Year 6 pupils explore a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) called Yu Studios - a software

application that serves as the central hub for recording, editing, mixing, and producing music on a computer.

We are in partnership with Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub to support our music curriculum.

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.

At Astley children have the opportunity to pay for one-to-one and small-group tuition for guitar and brass instruments.

Pupils can make progress in music outside of lesson time through different options of instrument loans.

Guitars can be loaned from the school at a price of £15.00 per half term for two half terms, then there is the opportunity to buy the guitar for a subsequent £15.00.

Brass instruments can be loaned free of charge with the signing of a School-Home Instrument Loan Agreement – accepting financial responsibility for repair or replacement, if required.

We have a dedicated music room where pupils can rehearse or practice individually or in groups.

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.

At Astley Primary School, pupils have regular musical experiences planned throughout the academic year.

We have a weekly singing assembly focussed on learning new songs which are then sung at the beginning and end of all other assemblies.

We organise a Christmas Nativity performed by EYFS and KS1 involving singing in classes and as a group.

We have a yearly whole-school carol sing-around in the school hall.

KS2 have a Summer Production with opportunities for children to audition for individual singing parts as well as singing in whole class and Key Stage ensembles.

We have performances in school from local charity Classical Music Rocks and visiting ensembles from our local high school RHSC.

In the future

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

At Astley Primary School we intend to introduce more opportunities to play in small ensembles and are in discussion with organisations to provide this.

We aim to create more opportunities for pupils to perform the music that they have been learning, beyond the many opportunities for singing that we already provide.

We are always looking for musicians to come to Astley to perform for our pupils and musical events that our pupils can attend.

Further information (optional)

Families and pupils are directed to the [guide for parents and young people](#) from The Department for Education. This provides suggestions of how you can get involved in music in and out of school, and where to go to for support beyond the school.

Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub have a local plan for music education please contact them through this link to find out more [School Music Education Plan - Norfolk & Suffolk Music Hub](#).