

## **Music Development Plan 2026-27**

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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**

Pupils are taught music discretely weekly from Years R to 6. Each Year groups is offered a tailored music experience designed to meet the needs of the children and the coverage of the National Curriculum.

#### **Pre-School and EYFS**

Music and singing are embedded throughout our pre-school and early years provision, supporting children's communication and language, physical development, confidence, creativity and sense of belonging. Children experience a rich variety of counting songs, nursery rhymes, action songs and class animal songs, which are intentionally used to develop vocabulary, listening skills, rhythm and memory while strengthening children's identity within their class community. **Wellcomm** is incorporated into our practice to broaden children's experiences of language, song and culture. Through continuous provision, children have regular opportunities to independently explore a range of musical instruments, experimenting with sounds, beat and rhythm. Our newly developed stage and performing area further enhances this provision, providing children with opportunities to sing, dance, role-play and perform to others. These experiences enable children to develop confidence, creativity and self-expression, while allowing practitioners to observe and build upon children's individual interests, skills and progress.

#### **Year 1 and 2**

Our music curriculum aims to develop confident, creative and enthusiastic young musicians, building progressively on the musical experiences children receive in the Early Years. We ensure pupils develop a secure understanding of key musical concepts, including rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics and notation, while nurturing a lifelong enjoyment of music. Music is taught by the class teacher through a broad and balanced programme that incorporates singing, listening and appraising, musical notation, performance and opportunities to explore a range of musical instruments. Lessons provide children with opportunities to listen critically, respond to and discuss music, develop their practical skills and apply their understanding through individual and collaborative performance. Teachers build on prior learning and provide regular

opportunities for children to revisit, practise and develop their musical knowledge and skills. Through this approach, children develop increasing confidence in singing, performing and discussing music using appropriate musical vocabulary. They develop their ability to listen attentively, recognise and respond to different musical elements, read and use simple musical notation, and perform using their voices and a range of instruments. Children leave Key Stage 1 with a growing breadth of musical knowledge, practical skills and an appreciation of different musical styles and traditions, providing a strong foundation for future musical learning.

### **Year 3 and 4**

In Years 3 and 4, pupils benefit from a year of specialist ukulele tuition delivered by professional music teachers from the Portsmouth Music Hub. This high-quality provision gives children the opportunity to develop practical musicianship skills through regular instrumental lessons, building their understanding of rhythm, pitch, notation and ensemble performance. Pupils develop perseverance, concentration and confidence as they learn to play together, while experiencing the enjoyment and achievement that comes from mastering a musical instrument. The programme provides valuable progression from the musical foundations established in Key Stage 1 and broadens pupils' experience of performing and creating music.

### **Year 5**

In Year 5, pupils make clear progress from the specialist ukulele teaching they received in Years 3 and 4, building on previously acquired knowledge and skills with increasing independence and musical maturity. Pupils continue to develop their ukulele technique alongside singing, listening and appraising, musical notation and performance, with opportunities to apply and extend their learning across different musical contexts. Teaching focuses on refining accuracy, rhythm, pitch and ensemble skills, while encouraging pupils to perform with greater confidence and evaluate their own and others' musical work. This progression enables pupils to consolidate prior learning, deepen their musical understanding and develop the independence and confidence needed for the next stage of their musical education.

### **Part B: Co-curricular music**

At The Victory Primary School, we provide a wide range of opportunities for pupils to develop their musical skills, confidence and enjoyment beyond the core music curriculum. Weekly whole-school singing assemblies, led by our Music Leader, bring the school community together through a shared enjoyment and appreciation of music, developing pupils' confidence, vocal skills and sense of belonging. Pupils can also access Rocksteady, a parent-funded programme that enables children to develop instrumental and vocal skills as members of a band, with opportunities to learn guitar, drums, keyboard or vocals. Weekly sessions provide sustained opportunities for

progression, culminating in three performances across the year where pupils can showcase their developing skills to parents and the wider school community. Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 also have the opportunity to demonstrate their developing ukulele skills through an end-of-year ukulele performance, celebrating their progress and providing a meaningful performance experience. Across the school, performance opportunities are further enhanced through the annual Preschool and EYFS festive Nativity and Year 6 end-of-year performance, ensuring pupils have regular opportunities to perform, develop confidence and celebrate their musical achievements. These experiences extend musical learning beyond the classroom and enable pupils to pursue and develop their musical interests throughout their school journey.

### **Part C: Musical experiences**

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as The Victory Primary School values the importance and impact of music and especially singing for pupil's wellbeing. We build it into everyday life and celebrate with a song.

#### **Assemblies**

All assemblies have a musical element and pupils walk in and out to music. Pupils are encouraged to sing the join in with the termly songs. Find a list of links below that will direct you to the songs the children will be learning in the Autumn term :

One more step along the world I go

<https://youtu.be/5jhAzbdKq6U>

Give me oil in my lamp

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8t8zA1N6mCY>

This little light of mine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKkblZtqhyQ>

Peace like a river

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7it5W1FVtTs>

Get up again – Suitable for Key stage 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxuWwWrohOA>

A millions dreams

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sr3X0DCXI-M>

Sky full of stars

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVgYcQFGvWk>

Still haven't found what I'm looking for

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9sUvPayR1Y>

A whole new world

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcBqUXxO3L8>

Out of the ARK collection KS1/EYFS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BJLRCGNNWQ&list=PLq1sOMp1KXqTV3WDYNE7gG9cinNpov1u&index=2>

7 continents song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE>

Benson Boone – Beautiful things

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gq-ekgeVGaA&list=RDGq-ekgeVGaA&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gq-ekgeVGaA&list=RDGq-ekgeVGaA&start_radio=1)

Matilda - Naughty

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GCwH5jr8l8&list=RD9GCwH5jr8l8&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GCwH5jr8l8&list=RD9GCwH5jr8l8&start_radio=1)

Matilda – When I grow up

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96JDkl2tBhl&list=RD96JDkl2tBhl&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96JDkl2tBhl&list=RD96JDkl2tBhl&start_radio=1)

Gary Barlow – Sing

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEltXUgltw&list=RDFEltXUgltw&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEltXUgltw&list=RDFEltXUgltw&start_radio=1)

Mufasa – I always wanted a brother

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNWPE0C1oTM&list=RDsNWPE0C1oTM&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNWPE0C1oTM&list=RDsNWPE0C1oTM&start_radio=1)

S Club 7 – Reach for the stars

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6raJlulg40&list=RDD6raJlulg40&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6raJlulg40&list=RDD6raJlulg40&start_radio=1)

Joseph and his technicolor Dreamcoat – Any dream will do

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7aXy-I54gA&list=RDt7aXy-I54gA&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7aXy-I54gA&list=RDt7aXy-I54gA&start_radio=1)

Bruno Mars – Count on me

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R533DDds3RY&list=RDR533DDds3RY&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R533DDds3RY&list=RDR533DDds3RY&start_radio=1)

BBC teach – Being a friend

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/z8vmwnb>

BBC teach – Wake up shake up

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gUbdNbu6ak>

At The Victory Primary School, pupils have a rich range of opportunities to sing and perform beyond their timetabled music lessons, enabling them to develop confidence, musicality and a sense of community. All classes perform songs as part of their class assemblies, giving pupils regular opportunities to share their learning with parents and carers, with this continuing through the Year 6 leavers' assembly. Key Stage 1 pupils also take part in the Portsmouth Music Hub's Infant Voices Festival, joining with other local schools to sing and perform as part of a larger ensemble. Our seasonal celebrations provide further meaningful opportunities for musical participation. At Harvest, pupils come together for an assembly led by our local Pastor, celebrating community generosity through shared singing, including songs such as *Big Red Combine Harvester* and *Conkers* for our younger singers, and *Beautiful World* and *Picture of Autumn* for more experienced performers. During December, our local Baptist Church hosts carol concerts for Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2 families. These well-attended events bring our whole school community together through singing, providing pupils with authentic performance experiences while celebrating faith, community and the festive season. Together, these opportunities ensure that music is a visible and valued part of school life, allowing pupils to perform for different audiences, develop confidence and experience the enjoyment of making music together.

In the future, The Victory Primary School will continue to value music as a key part of the curriculum. This year, staff will have training from United Learning's Music Consultant in the Autumn term to increase confidence and subject knowledge of teachers. We will begin to further incorporate the new United Learning planning into our curriculum as it is currently still being piloted and developed. We will continue to find opportunities for children to engage with and perform music in meaningful ways.