



Music Development Plan 2026-27

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-27
Date this summary was published	15 th September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	Summer Term 2026/27
Name of the school music lead	Jen Finnis
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Katie Read
Name of local music hub	Kent and Medway Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	n/a

Part A: Curriculum Music

At Pilgrims' Way, we believe that a rich Music Curriculum will have lasting benefits throughout a child's lifetime. As a result, we have worked hard to ensure that music is an integral part of our school's life, firstly class music lessons, using Kapow Music as a foundation for learning the key skills of performing, listening and composing required at primary school, and secondly through a wide variety of musical exposure throughout the year.

Children have curriculum lessons in alternate half terms. Lessons are weekly and last an hour.

Our music curriculum is designed to enable children to build:

Substantive knowledge:	Disciplinary knowledge:	Tacit knowledge:
- Name instruments - Musical terminology - Musical notation symbols - Musical styles and genres - Significant figures in music	- Holding instruments - Producing different sounds - Reading notation - Playing a melody in time	- Natural sense of rhythm and melody - Learning how to hold Instruments - Understanding pitch and tone - Instinctively moving to music - Understanding that music can evoke feelings

[Click here](#) to read more information about our music learning on our music webpage.

Part B: Extra-curricular Music

Instrumental lessons are available as extra-curricular lessons through the company "Make Time for Music". Children currently learn piano and guitar.

Children may also choose to participate in Rock Steady band lessons – working weekly with a visiting teacher to learn a band instrument such as bass, drums, synth, vocals or guitar.

Part C: Musical Experiences

Pilgrims' Way Primary School provides a range of musical experiences for its children over the course of the academic year. These include:

- An EYFS winter themed musical show at Christmas
- KS1 Christmas songs and nativity performed in the local church
- Performances of music from the children working with Rock Steady

In the Future

- Develop further links with local secondary schools, so that our children benefit from specialist staff, facilities and instruments that a primary setting cannot always offer. Partnership working also opens up more performance opportunities and gives our staff access to secondary specialists for CPD, strengthening the quality of teaching across the school.
- Create a choir, giving every child the chance to take part in high-quality vocal music regardless of whether their family can fund an instrument, and building a natural progression route from our existing singing in EYFS and KS1 performances into something sustained and skill-building across the school.
- Explore the possibility of securing additional funding or sponsorship to support the expansion of the school's musical offerings, ensuring that all pupils, regardless of their financial background, can fully participate