

Music development plan summary: West Wold Federation Caistor CE and Methodist primary School/Grasby All Saints CE Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/2025
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Name of the school music lead	Monica Kent
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Lincoln
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Francesca White Violin (Caistor) Diane Chant Recorder (Grasby)

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 school curriculum for music is published on our school website. The curriculum is developed using the national Curriculum, the Model Music Curriculum [[model music curriculum](#)] (March 2021)] and the National plan for music [<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-power-of-music-to-change-lives-a-national-plan-for-music-education>]. This year, it will be refined and slimmed down to enable pupils to focus on higher standards of achievement. Music is taught weekly in class and an additional singing session is held with the whole school once per week. This time may be used to prepare a song for an end of term worship.

- There is also an emphasis on creativity through music in EYFS.

- Children have access to a range of tuned and untuned percussion through their whole class music teaching.
- At Caistor, all children in year 3 have the opportunity to learn the violin, which is funded from the school budget. At Grasby children in year 3 and 4 access a ten week block of tuition from Lincolnshire Music services, one of these blocks will incorporate toot or recorder, and recorder is taught in Class 4 to all pupils.
- Children have the opportunity to play in small ensembles at each school and they perform in concerts and end of term services.
- Children have the opportunity to perform with EYFS and KS1 pupils present nativity performances in the autumn term, and Key Stage 2 performing at events such as the Leavers' Assembly.
- Children frequently have the chance to sing in rounds and parts as part of our whole school singing and Caistor has a singing group which meets regularly on Tuesday for keen KS2 pupils.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Outside lesson time, children have the opportunity to learn a range of instruments.

- Private wind and keyboard lessons are taught by the music hub in both schools
- Private violin lessons are taught by Francesca White Violin at Caistor.
- For pupils on Free School Meals, tuition may be subsidised by 50% through Lincolnshire music services. Occasionally, school also funds the remaining 50%.
- A worship band is formed for end of term services at Caistor.
- A Grasby pupil accompanied peers on the piano last academic year at the leavers' service.
- Children from both schools are invited to sing at various events throughout the year: e.g. singing at Greenacres Care Home, singing with the Caistor Male Voice Choir.

Part C: Musical experiences

During the previous academic year, Children at both schools heard performances from:

- John's Gents – which included a workshop (voluntary group with expenses covered by a donation).
- Opera Magic – including songs to prepare – funded by the Music Hub.
- Pain in the Brass – a performance funded by each school, with talented Brass Players from Grimsby College.
- Songsation – a live band with singer, again with songs for the children to prepare and sing.
- Q&A with Konya Kanneh-Mason.

We are currently looking to find other free or subsidised events but will have a focus on composition this year. Both schools are looking forward to professional pantomimes in the autumn term.

In the future

This year school is planning to streamline music provision to ensure quality over quantity. We will revisit the Model Music Curriculum and the National Plan for music as well as working with Lincolnshire Music Hub.

Further information

We are grateful to David Chambers and the music hub for the support we have received this far and looked forward to working with them during the next academic year.

We are also grateful to Francesca White for helping us to develop progression across the school; the summer term violin concert was very well received by parents, staff and pupils and goes from strength to strength.

We are also extremely grateful to Diane Chant, our Bishop's Visitor at Grasby, who gives up her time to teach recorder at Grasby each week.

Any parents wishing to learn an instrument can contact either school office in the first instance.