School music development plan summary

Music development plan summary:

Windy Arbor Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026/27
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Rebecca Josephs
Name of local music hub	Solihull Music North

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

Music is taught weekly at Windy Arbor Primary School, all lessons are taught by the class teacher, with support from the Kapow scheme. Kapow provides wide exposure to musical styles and genres from different times and places and promotes the exploration of music through active listening, performing and composing activities. Kapow includes many examples of music styles and genres from different times and places. These are explored through the language of music via active listening, performing and composing activities, which enable understanding of the context and genre. The Kapow Music Scheme provides teachers with week–by-week lesson support, for each year group in the school. It is ideal for specialist and non-specialist teachers and provides teaching videos, lesson plans, clear progression and assessment quizzes. The scheme supports all requirements of the National Curriculum and is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021).

Children are actively involved in singing, body percussion and playing instruments. They explore sounds, listen actively, compose and perform. They also develop music-specific vocabulary and collaborate through composition.

We have fostered partnerships to support curriculum music, from Solihull Music: In Years 3, 4 and 5 pupils are taught by music specialists who teach whole-class ensemble lessons in djembe, ukulele and guitar. Each class has half a year's tuition, with the other half taught through Kapow by their class teacher.

Part B: Co-curricular music

At Windy Arbor we offer a choir for free for Years 3–6. We have a partnership with Armonico Consort, which we continue to strengthen. This year we are offering music tuition to LAC children through Solihull Music. Solihull Music Wider Opportunities facilitate the loaning of instruments such as djembes, guitars and ukuleles. They also provide opportunities outside of school for pupils to make musical progress.

Part C: Musical experiences

Children take part in weekly singing practice. EYFS and KS1 perform an annual Christmas Nativity, while KS2 children perform annual class assemblies and Year 6 present a summer Leavers Production, usually a full musical. The choir performs in various events such as the Touchwood Christmas competition and has twice performed at the Royal Albert Hall. They have also performed at Coventry Cathedral and the Collegiate Church in Warwick. This year we hope to visit local care homes to sing during the festive season.

In the future

Our school plans to:

• Broaden cultural capital with live music experiences (rap, classical, opera).

• Strengthen partnerships with Armonico Consort and MAT schools.

•Engage actively with Solihull Music with the hope to maximize opportunities for our children

• Develop a school band launched from whole-class provision.

• Potentially engage with arts mark / Trinity music assessments.