Music Development Plan

Overview

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026 - 2027
Date this summary was published	July 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Geoff Bonner
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Hounslow Music Service

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-curricular provision and musical events – and any 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

Our school curriculum for music is published online (click here) This includes details of the weekly lessons allocated for curriculum music from Years 3 to 6, including children in our Swan Centre, augmented and consolidated by every child also attending regular singing assemblies for lower key stage 2 (Years 3/4) and upper key stage 2 (Years 5/6).

Our music curriculum has been developed by our music specialist and leadership team and is informed by a combination of national curriculum guidance and the government's model music curriculum of 2021.

Every child learns to sing, with increasing control, complexity and harmonisation through weekly lessons with a music specialist.

During their time at Strand, every child learns to play at least three instruments: glockenspiel (Y3 and Y5), brass (Y4) and djembe drums (Y6). Our local hub, the Hounslow Music Service,

provides the brass tuition for every child in Y4, alongside our peripatetic programme, whilst the glockenspiel and djembe are taught by our music specialist.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

At Strand we have a peripatetic programme delivered in partnership with our local hub – Hounslow Music Service. They provide small group tuition on a range of instruments including violin, clarinet, guitar and trumpet. The charge for this is £225 per year for 30 sessions. Our Rock School partners deliver lessons to pupils on electric guitar and drums whilst an established partnership with Pelican Music provides piano lessons after school.

Our in-house music specialist runs choirs which every child throughout the school is able to attend. They develop vocal skills and expand their song range, singing in parts, rounds and harmonies with a view to performing in front of audiences.

Our music co-ordinator also offers an after school club in African drumming for Year 6. They acquire techniques and skills on the djembe and learn a series of increasingly complex rhythms using the 'echo' and 'call and response' approaches. They also develop a profound respect for the instrument through learning about its history and cultural significance. By the end of the course the children will have reached performance standard and will have learnt an entire piece. These include well-known djembe compositions such as Djole and Morabyessa.

In the cases of both our choirs (for which there is no charge) and the djembe groups (£15 for 8 weeks) our pupil premium and SEND pupils are very well represented as a result of a proactive approach to encouraging these children to participate.

Part C: Musical events

As previously mentioned, all of the children at Strand sing regularly at assemblies. Throughout the year there will also be a variety of musical performances in front of a range of audiences. These include, in chronological order:

Harvest Supper (October 2026) charge of £5 (which includes soup prepared by the children). This takes place at the end of the first half term and includes our Year 6 children performing three songs in front of an invited parent audience.

Christmas Carol Concert (December 2026) – free of charge
A major annual event, this will take place in mid-December and involves the entire school community. Parents, pupils and staff come together at the local Baptist Church on Wellesley Road. Each year group performs three carefully selected songs. In addition, there are two whole school songs to open and close proceedings and everyone in attendance sings along with four community carols.

Year 4 brass concert (June 2027) – free of charge
The culmination of the whole year's brass tuition in which each child from Y4 will have learnt to play either a French horn or a...., this concert for parents includes every child in

Year 4 performing as an ensemble. The recital, organised by our partners at the Hounslow Music Service includes all of the pieces they have learnt to play during the course of the year.

Year 6 Show (July 2027) charge of £5
Encompassing singing, acting and dancing, this event brings together a range of expertise within the school to facilitate a very special end of Year show by our Year 6 pupils. A script written by staff, a set design, props and costumes designed by some of our TAs, dance routines choreographed by a number of our teachers and a setlist of around 15 songs are performed by all of the children, backed by a full band comprising our music coordinator, a colleague from the Infants, friends, relatives and local musicians.

In addition to these events, our choirs will perform, at our bi-annual fairs. We have developed links with Kew Bridge Rise and Meadowcroft residential care home enabling our older children to perform locally.

Our djembe group will be included at our Christmas Carol Concert in December. This will involve three performances in front of a parent audience at a local Baptist church.

Next Steps

Music at Strand Juniors is valued and supported by the whole school community. We have plans to enhance our music provision and remove barriers so all pupils can enjoy music education. These include:

- **Increasing the number of pupils who continue to play an instrument after our Year 4 programme**

- **Building links with local brass ensembles to inspire pupils to continue to play brass**