

# Music development plan Rock Ferry Primary 2024- 2025



**Rock Ferry**  
Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Andrea Lavender
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Edsential Musical Routes
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rock Kidz Penny (piano teacher)

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 Rock Ferry Primary offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

## 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 for each year group can be found on our website

<https://www.rockferry.wirral.sch.uk/page/music/144275>

Our curriculum is based on the Charanga music scheme based on the model music curriculum (March 2001)

<https://charanga.com/site/>

The Charanga scheme sets out how we can increase access for disabled pupils and support for pupils with special educational needs (SEND). These standalone music units work alongside the main scheme or on their own.

<https://charanga.edsential.com/send>

We spend the equivalent of 1 hour per week teaching music in key stages 1 and 2.

We currently teach singing in key stage bands and/or year groups and are looking at developing this during 2024-25.

Y3/4 have weekly ensemble ukulele lessons during the Spring term concluding with a whole school performance for the whole school and their parents. These are provided by Edsential Musical Routes First Access programme delivered by peripatetic music teachers.

In 2024-2025, we will develop further links with our local music hub, Musical Routes, run by Edsential to enhance our music curriculum further.

## Extra-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

All pupils in key stages 1 and 2 are invited to join an after school choir which provides opportunities to perform within school, in our community and in larger multi-school events. This year the choir will be performing in a multi-school event in the autumn term at St. Nicholas Church in Wallasey. This is fully funded with a commitment that every child can join in regardless of family income.

KS2 choir have been invited by the CEO of Cammell Laird to sing "Ferry Across the Mersey" at their upcoming Keel Laying Ceremony for the new Mersey Ferry that is currently being built. This will take part in January 2025 and it will be an honour for us to be involved in such an important event.

During the spring term, all key stage 2 pupils are invited to join an after school djembe drum club which provides opportunities to perform within school for peers and parents and our local community.

Pupil premium money is being used this year to provide 1:1 piano lessons to a group of disadvantaged pupils. They will be given the opportunity to perform to peers and parents throughout the year. They will also have the chance to take music exams to gain qualifications in piano.

Junior Duke is offered as an extra curricular and home-based learning opportunity which allows pupils to pursue musical themes if they wish.

## Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

We will continue to place high priority on giving all our pupils from Reception to Year 6 at least 1 opportunity to perform for a large audience during 2024-25.

EYFS, Key 1 and KS2 pupils will all perform in a Christmas musical performance for their families and the rest of the school in the final week of the autumn term. Parents are also invited to a KS2 outdoor carol singing event.

During the spring term, year 3 will perform their ukulele repertoire for the whole school and a family audience.

During the summer term, year 6 will invite the whole school and their families for a final expressive arts performance before they leave for high school.

During school assemblies, all pupils can hear and join in with a variety of songs. They are exposed to different types of music to enhance their listening and appraisal skills.

Rock Ferry provide all pupils with at least 2 opportunities to experience musical performances or concerts in and out of school where they are both participants and an active audience. During the month of December, we invite all our pupils to a musical performance (Pantomime) at the Gladstone Theatre in Port Sunlight. This requires a contribution from parents and carers, but those in particular circumstances are subsidised or free. In the summer term, EYFS to Year 6 pupils are participants in a rock concert led by RockKidz based on a theme of our choosing. Separate workshops for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 culminate in a whole school workshop, all fully funded by the school.

GSCE performing arts students at West Kirby Grammar School have invited year 6 pupils to their production of the musical Arabian Nights also in the autumn term.

Edsential Music Routes has subscribed to Musical Mondays for all schools in Cheshire West & Chester and in Wirral to benefit from a live performance via Zoom from Live Music Now's professional musicians Edward Robinson and Rachel Fright (Baritone and piano). Music will include songs from a wide range of genres and be available free of charge to all pupils at Rock Ferry.

An after school Dance club joins other schools for an annual dance performance at the Floral Pavillion New Brighton incorporating a wide genre of music.

We will continue to think creatively about accessing community and school links to individuals and organisations to further enhance the breadth of music the school experience and engage with at Rock Ferry. If we provide events or experiences that are charged for, we will ensure that our children who are eligible Free School Meals are not at a disadvantage by subsidising or fully funding.

## **In the future**

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

During 2024-25, we are developing our provision of 1:1 and small group instrumental tuition. This will be subsidised or free where possible, catering for all families regardless of circumstances such as pupil premium eligibility. Musical Routes, Edsential Wirral provide ongoing opportunities for pupils learning musical instruments to attend bands and orchestras in order to develop their education further; they also run a junior choir, which is free for those involved in the First Access programme.

We are currently developing opportunities for whole school singing to be a more regular feature of our whole school assemblies by teaching children songs that to be used for these occasions.

## Further information

The Department for Education publication on how parents and young people can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people>

Edsential Musical Routes - information, links and partnerships

<https://edsential.com/music/>

RockKidz on Tour – workshops link

<https://www.rockkidzuk.com/>

Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight

<https://gladstonetheatre.org.uk/events/cinderella/>