



MUSIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Music Development Plan Summary

Princess May Primary School's music provision — 2026–2027

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year this summary covers	2026–2027
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Name of the school music lead	Sarah Ward
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Sophie Klimt
Name of local music hub	Hackney Music Hub, led by Hackney Music Service
Name of other music education organisations we work with	Hackney Music Service (instrumental tuition)

This summary sets out how Princess May delivers high-quality music education in three areas: curriculum music, co-curricular music, and musical experiences. It also explains what we plan to improve in future years, and how families can find out more.

Part A: Curriculum music

Music is taught to every class from Nursery to Year 6. We use the Charanga scheme of work, which is sequenced to build pupils' knowledge, skills and vocabulary from year to year, in line with the national curriculum and the Model Music Curriculum.

- Pupils in Years 1 to 6 receive one hour of music teaching each week. In EYFS, music is woven through daily provision, singing and rhymes.
- Lessons cover singing, listening, composing, improvising and performing. Pupils listen to and discuss a wide range of music, from different times, places and traditions.
- Pupils learn technical vocabulary such as pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo and dynamics, and use it to talk about music.
- Pupils use tuned and untuned percussion in lessons. We do not currently offer whole-class instrumental teaching; this is a priority for development (see 'In the future').
- Pupils' progress is assessed using Charanga assessments and progress passports, and recordings of performances at the start and end of units.
- Lessons are adapted so that pupils with SEND can take part fully.

Part B: Co-curricular music

- **Instrumental tuition:** a specialist tutor from Hackney Music Service teaches instruments, including violin, in school. Lessons last 30 minutes and cost £20 per lesson for one-to-one tuition or £10 per pupil for paired lessons. Pupils eligible for pupil premium receive a 50% reduction, in line with our Charging and Remissions Policy.
- **Piano lessons for pupils with sensory needs:** targeted pupils receive piano lessons free of charge to develop listening skills and provide a sensory outlet.
- **Choir and clubs:** our choir and djembe ensemble are open to all pupils in Key Stage 2.
- Families are signposted to Hackney Music Hub ensembles, lessons and holiday activities outside school.

Part C: Musical experiences

- Pupils sing together in assemblies each week.
- Every year group takes part in performances, including EYFS, KS1 and KS2 productions, and seasonal and end-of-year concerts.
- Pupils take part in music festivals and community events.

- Pupils experience live music through visiting bands and musicians.
- Music is celebrated through displays, class assemblies and photographs shared with families.

In the future

In 2026–2027 and beyond we plan to:

- Increase the number of pupils learning an instrument in school, with a focus on disadvantaged pupils.
- Develop whole-school concerts and events, with teachers working together to plan them.
- Offer more trips and live music experiences to deepen pupils' and teachers' musical knowledge.
- Embed our assessment approach using Charanga, so assessment supports creativity as well as checking knowledge.
- Audit and refresh our instruments and equipment so all lessons are well resourced.

Further information

Families can find out more about music at Princess May from our Music Curriculum page or by contacting the school office. Hackney Music Hub provides further opportunities for young people in Hackney, including ensembles, lessons and holiday activities: www.hackneymusic.co.uk.