

MUSIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUMMARY: ARGYLE PRIMARY

OVERVIEW

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026/2027
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Annette Pryce
Name of local music hub	Camden Music Hub

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 plays an integral and established part of school life at Argyle Primary School. We aim to provide opportunities for all children to create, play, perform, listen, analyse and enjoy music across a wide range of periods, genres and styles. We value the importance of ensuring all children have the means to learn an instrument and the ability to read notation. That children go to secondary school with the key to unlocking their musical potential.

The objectives of music teaching at Argyle are:

- Children use their voices to sing, express themselves, create and compose music.
- Children are given the opportunity to perform, listen to, review and evaluate their own and others' music across a range of time periods, genres and styles.
- Children learn to read and explore notation and understand musical terms
- Children have the opportunity to learn an instrument and use instruments to create and compose music.
- Children develop an understanding of how music technology is used in creating and recording music.

Please view our music curriculum here: [Argyle Music Progression Map](#) The map clearly shows the music skills taught in every year group, and how this is achieved.

Our Music Curriculum follows the National Curriculum objectives. From the EYFS up, children are taught to read music in different forms and this skill is used regularly in lessons. In Year 4 and 5, every child learns to play an instrument with their class as part of the Everyone Playing In Class project. In Years 3, children learn basic knowledge of a range of instruments, including djembe drumming, tin whistle and keyboards.



Every child receives a weekly music lesson taught by a specialist music teacher (Nursery: 30 mins; Reception: 45mins; Year 1: 60mins; Year 2: 60mins; Year 3: 45mins; Year 4: 45mins; Year 5: 45mins; Year 6: 45mins).

In addition to this, Year 4 and 5 have a weekly 30-minute instrumental lesson on either violin or recorder (their choice), as part of the EPIC scheme. There are also weekly whole school singing assemblies. Music is embedded in teaching and daily routines in EYFS, and class teachers confidently bring music into the curriculum. Every member of staff has access to SingUp, which gives class teachers access to singing resources that can be used outside of music lessons. This ensures that music isn't just something taught by a specialist, but it is part of every day school life.

In order to enrich our music curriculum even further, we collaborate with some fantastic local music organisations such as the Camden Music Hub, Royal Academy of Music and the Aurora Orchestra. We greatly value these partnerships as they enable us to offer a broad music curriculum to pupils.

PART B: CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC

-We offer **peripatetic lessons** on a range of instruments at Argyle Primary School. These lessons are taught during school time by visiting Camden Music Service tutors. Children sign up for lessons in advance and receive 10 lessons per term. The school offers grants to children that do not have the means to pay for lessons, but show commitment and enthusiasm. The school lends out guitars, violins and recorders at no cost to the parents. Other instruments can be hired from the music service.

Instruments offered:

Percussion – Drum kit

Strings –violin, guitar

Woodwind – recorder, flute, clarinet, saxophone

Piano/keyboard

-At Argyle Primary, we have a thriving **choir**. The choir is made of KS2 children and rehearsals take place on Mondays during lunchtime play. Over 30 children consistently attend this free club, this shows the great commitment children at Argyle have towards singing. The choir loves to perform both in and outside of school. They always participate in Camden music events, such as the Camden Music Festival at the Royal Albert Hall. The choir enjoys showcasing at major school events and share songs with parents and the school during assemblies.

-Argyle has two instrumental ensembles, **recorder and violin**, consisting of interested and enthusiastic Year 6 children that hold weekly rehearsals. This gives children the opportunity to continue learning the instrument they learnt during the EPIC! scheme in Year 4 and 5, but in a smaller setting. It is free of charge and children are given instruments to take home to practise.

We encourage our young musicians to make music outside of school by joining the Camden Music Service Ensembles. Musicians from Argyle Primary can be members of Camden SuperBlast, SuperString, SuperStrike and SuperToot, which take place every half term. Camden Music also run an extensive Saturday morning centre where children of all ages can take part in a range of music making activities from learning an instrument to singing in a choir or playing in an ensemble. These ensembles are a stepping-stone into the senior bands and orchestras in Camden and provide opportunity to further ensemble playing skills.

For further information regarding these, please look on the Camden Music website: [Camden Music Hub](#)

PART C: MUSICAL EXPERIENCES

There are plenty of performance and enrichment opportunities for children in and out of school throughout the year. Here are some of our regular performance opportunities and musical experiences:

-Our EYFS and KS1 children attend the **Aurora orchestra** concerts at King's place at least once a year, where children are active participants in stories and songs that are specifically aimed at their age groups.

-We have a close link with the **Royal Academy of Music**. This means that whenever suitable workshops or concerts take place, we are offered free spaces. This year, Year 4 and 5 will be taking part in a project with the Academy that focuses on further developing singing skills and enjoyment.

-Our Year 2 children perform at **Euston station** once a year, singing carols to raise money for the Lord Mayor's chosen charity.

-Year 2 also participates in the **Camden KS1 Singing Festival**, where children across Camden gather to share joint repertoire as well as performing individual items. This year, we were joined by a clarinet player from the Royal Academy of Music, who taught the children more about the woodwind family.

-Our choir participates in annual choir festivals. On alternate years, the **Camden Choir Festival** takes place at the Royal Albert Hall. In 2005, we performed in the **Royal Albert Hall**, alongside roughly 2000 other children singing and playing instruments. Year 5 children, who showed enthusiasm during their Everyone Playing In Class sessions, were selected to play violin or recorder in the Camden WCET band at the Albert Hall. In 2026, we took part in the Camden Choir Festival at the **Somerstown Sports Centre**. Argyle's choir collaborated with the KS2 choir at St Mary and St Pancras Primary for our joint item. This involved the two choirs rehearsing together and children making new connections and friends, and gaining confidence from each other.

-Every summer, our EYFS and KS1 children perform to parents in our **EYFS/KS1 Summer Singalong**. This concert consists of joint repertoire, as well as individual items by each year group. It showcases the excellent progress children make during music lessons, and the clear progression in ability from Nursery to Year 2. It is well liked and attended by parents and carers.

-Our Christmas **Nativity** is performed by Year 2 and packed full of songs, dances, fantastic acting, costumes and excitement.

-Year 6 have the opportunity to showcase their musical talents in the **Year 6 Production**. Productions are always of a high standard and a highlight of the school calendar. This year, every child auditioned for a solo role. Children were confident singers, taking leading roles and working hard.

-To welcome the change of seasons, ALL of Argyle Primary School participates in our **May Day Festival**. Children learn songs and dances and enjoy traditional May Day music. Even parents and carers join in with a Maypole dance!



-Every class from Years 1-6 has an annual **class assembly**. Here children share their learning with the school, parents and carers. Music is always an integral part of these assemblies, and everything from a dance, rap and song to a violin performance can be expected.

-Visitors are always welcome to share their musical journeys at Argyle. For example, this year we enjoyed an assembly and workshops from a young tuba player from the **National Youth Orchestra**.

Performing and attending concerts are part of our curriculum and enrichment experiences and children thrive when given the opportunity to share their musical talents and show their hard work.

IN THE FUTURE

Music at Argyle Primary will continue to be an integral part of school life. We will ensure the continuation of all that we offer and are always looking for more performance and enrichment opportunities.

The music curriculum is reviewed every year, to ensure the quality of teaching and learning remains high.

The recorder and violin ensembles are a new addition to our provision this year. It will be taught by Camden Music tutors and the ensembles will aim to collaborate with some joint repertoire. We will support the tutors to make the ensemble a success and then look ahead to make sure we continue this provision.

We would like to increase the amount of instrumental grants offered. The current grant students have thrived. Now, we would like to expand on the number of grants offered. Ensuring they are supporting our more vulnerable students who have financial barriers to learning an instrument.

In Spring term, we want to deliver a whole school musical production. This will involve all year groups, singing, acting and costumes. It is an ambitious project but one we feel the children at Argyle are more than capable of achieving.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Here are some useful links, that offer more information on our partnerships:

-Please view the [Camden Music Service Progression Policy](#) to find out more about their future plans for music in Camden.

-View the [Camden Music Service Website](#) to find out more about musical opportunities outside of school in Camden.

-Visit the [Aurora orchestra website](#) to learn more about this fantastic orchestra and the excellent educational work they do.

