

# Music development plan summary: *Norwich Road Academy*

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Emily Hilder
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Norfolk Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Thetford Music Project Rock Steady Music School

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

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.

Every child in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two has a weekly hour-long music lesson. Music is scheduled on the weekly timetable for three half terms of the school year. Children in our Early Years provision experience music throughout their daily routines and continuous provision, with a more specific focus in the Reception classes.

Our school music curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum and resourced through the Kapow scheme. Information on this scheme can be found here -

[https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/?gad\\_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjw28W2BhC7ARIsAPerrclULth-j5stT8\\_HXtPQpnsbhGhcD6-AKByWrIn8Ib2iu8JpN8GrI9EaAnppEALw\\_wcB](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjw28W2BhC7ARIsAPerrclULth-j5stT8_HXtPQpnsbhGhcD6-AKByWrIn8Ib2iu8JpN8GrI9EaAnppEALw_wcB).

All children in every year group have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument in a whole class ensemble during class-based music lessons and they are also all welcome

to sign up for additional instrumental tuition through our partnerships with the Thetford Music Project and Rock Steady Music School.

The Norfolk Music Hub provides more specialist teaching of a musical instrument to all pupils in Year 4.

Further information on the school's music curriculum and music policy can be found on the school website, with details about how access to music lessons for disabled pupils and any children with special educational needs is supported -

<https://www.norwichroadacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Music&pid=50>.

## Part B: Co-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.

Norwich Road Academy works in partnership with two musical organisations that provide instrument tuition in small groups.

The Thetford Music Project currently offers small group learning of the keyboard and drums, with plans to expand further into other instrument offers. The Thetford Music Project works with children from Reception to Year 6. The cost of these lessons varies depending on the group size, but instruments are loaned or provided during lessons free of charge.

Rock Steady Music School offers the opportunity to learn to play an instrument in a rock ensemble, with the choice of electric guitar, keyboard, voice or drums. There is a financial responsibility upon parents of children attending Rock Steady Music School, but one scholarship place is provided each year and there is the possibility for a Pupil Premium funded place also.

Norwich Road Academy has a thriving Key Stage Two choir that is offered as an after-school club during the Autumn term. This is free of charge to attend and provides opportunities to perform at local venues and have performed twice at the Royal Norfolk Show.

Opportunities that arise throughout the school year through the Norfolk Music Hub to learn new instruments or witness live performances are frequently acted upon to expand our pupils' musical experiences.

The Norfolk Music Hub has a wealth of opportunities for pupils to expand their musical learning further with many ensembles, groups and choirs meeting outside of school hours. Further information about these sessions can be found on the parent section of the Norfolk Music Hub website - <https://www.nmhub.co.uk/site/>.

## Part C: 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.

The following musical experiences are planned for the upcoming academic year. The school always welcomes additional opportunities that arise.

- Weekly singing assemblies for children in Year 1 – Year 6.
- Weekly Choir Club for children in Key Stage Two during the Autumn term
- Choir visits to local venues to sing at Christmastime
- Weekly timetabled class-based Music lessons for all children in Year 1 – Year 6
- Music as part of the Early Years daily routine and continuous provision
- Thetford Music Project small group instrument tuition
- Visits to Thetford Academy to watch student performances
- Carol singing performance for all children at Christmas time
- Rock Steady small group ensemble tuition
- Rock Steady performances at the end of each term to watch as an audience member and perform in as a pupil
- Spring singing performance for all children at Easter time
- Choir performance at the Royal Norfolk Show
- Year 6 end of year production including performance to parents and the rest of the school
- Year 6 watching a West End musical performance in London

## In the future

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

These are the targets Norwich Road Academy would like to achieve in the subsequent years:

- Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons.
- Deliver weekly one hour Music lessons as part of the timetable for all six half terms of the school year.
- Further develop performance opportunities for our young musicians throughout the school year.
- Increase opportunities to enjoy live music and other performances.

- Increase opportunities for children to perform to the school and wider community.
- Continue to monitor the teaching of Music across the school using pupil voice, lesson observations, teacher questionnaires and work samples.
- CPD to be offered to staff where necessary.

## Further information

Further information about the music partners that Norwich Road Academy works with can be found here:

Norfolk Music Hub - <https://www.nmhub.co.uk/site/>

Rock Steady Music School - <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

Thetford Music Project - <https://thetfordmusicproject.co.uk/>

The Department for Education publishes a guide for parents and young people on how they 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>

The Norfolk Music Hub has created a document detailing its Inclusive Music Strategy which can be accessed via their website - <https://www.nmhub.co.uk/site/>.

Norwich Road Academy is part of the Eastern Multi Academy Trust. Further information about their trust-wide policies can be found here - <https://www.eastern-mat.co.uk/>.