

Music Development Plan Summary

Southbourne Junior School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	February 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Louise Boiron
Name of local music hub	West Sussex Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	West Sussex Music

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.

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.

To read more detail about the provision of music at Southbourne Junior School, please visit our curriculum page where you will find our curriculum overview, music policy and progression of learning in music.

<https://www.southbournejuniors.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=578&type=pdf>

<https://www.southbournejuniors.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=340&type=pdf>

<https://www.southbournejuniors.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=196&type=pdf>

Our music curriculum was created by our music lead (Louise Boiron) in 2019 using the National Curriculum guidance and our school belief that our curriculum should provide ‘a clear and connected story between subjects’. This curriculum has then been reviewed and adapted in light of the Model Music Curriculum published by the DFE in 2021 and training completed by Louise Boiron through the National College on a school’s Intent, Implementation and Impact of their music curriculum in 2021/22.

Music is taught in school for around an hour each week or equivalent to this across the half term depending on the learning journey. For example, if the children are composing, this process requires a longer lesson to allow them to complete the full process of improvising and committing their ideas to paper.

In addition to classroom teaching, all children experience weekly singing assemblies delivered by a class teacher. The songs learnt connect to our assembly themes so that they enhance the understanding of the children.

To ensure that all children experience learning an instrument, in year 4 they learn to play the keyboard. These lessons are delivered by either Louise Boiron or Emily Kelly (class teacher) who both play the piano. This approach to whole class instrument lessons was implemented in 2021. Prior to this, the children in year 4 learned to play the clarinet with a teacher from West Sussex Music. However, with the clarinet being in the key of B \flat and the tuned percussion used across the school being in the key of C, it was felt that the children weren't learning transferable skills in terms of their understanding of formal notation.

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.

At Southbourne Junior School, we currently offer individual and small group lessons on the keyboard, guitar, clarinet, saxophone and flute. These lessons are delivered by a music teacher from West Sussex Music during the school day in small spaces such as the school library. Parents are able to hire instruments directly with West Sussex Music. These lessons are funded by parents but we are able to support our Pupil Premium families in attending lessons. If you would like more information about instrumental lessons, please contact the school office or West Sussex Music directly.

During the Autumn Term, Louise Boiron runs a school choir as an afterschool club. Every other year, the choir rehearses songs to perform at the O2 Arena in London as part of the Young Voices choir. In the years in between this, the choir rehearses songs to sing at the local care homes. It is free to join the choir and we support those eligible for Pupil Premium with the essential costs of the Young Voices concert.

West Sussex Music offers musical opportunities throughout the year, including the school holidays. We aim to inform our parents of these but parents can also follow them on social media to keep updated.

Musical Events

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.

All children will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year.

Below is a list of these.

- All children will have the opportunity to perform songs learnt for harvest in St John's church as part of our harvest celebration.
- All children will have the opportunity to perform in the Christmas play.
- Children in year 4 and 5 will visit the local care homes to sing carols.
- The Young Voices choir will perform at the O2 in London (January 2026).
- Year 4 keyboard ensemble will have the opportunity to perform to their peers (spring term).
- Those attending individual or group instrumental lessons will have the opportunity to perform both to their classes and to the school throughout the year.

- Children will have the opportunity to be part of the school production of 'Alibaba and the Bongo Bandits'. Rehearsals for this begin in March 2026.
- Children will have the opportunity to perform in or watch the school production at the end of the Summer term.
- Our year 6 children will have the opportunity to perform songs to the school and their parents as part of their leavers assembly.

In the Future

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Develop opportunities for children to hear live music from experienced musicians such as attending the Children's Concert held at the Chichester Festival Theatre.
- Establish an ensemble or band with the support of West Sussex Music.
- Provide opportunities for the children to perform the songs learnt in singing assembly.

Further Information

If you would like to investigate extra curricular musical opportunities for your child, please follow the following links.

[Music education: information for parents and young people - GOV.UK](#)

[West Sussex Music | Learn to play or sing](#)