Wimbotsham and Stow Academy, St Germans Academy and Magdalen Academy Music Development Plan 2026-2027

POLICY	**School Music Development Plan 2026 - 2027**
STATUS/DATE OF THIS VERSION	**September 2026**
APPROVED BY	**Board of Trustees**
RATIFIED BY	**Trust Board**
REVIEW	**September 2027**

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- **Highgate Infant School**
- **King's Oak Infant School**
- **Wimbotsham and Stow Academy**
- **Magdalen Academy**
- **St German's Academy**
- **Great Dunham Primary School**

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026/27
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Lee Dowers
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	As above
Name of local music hub	Norfolk Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

The national plan for music education comprises the following key features:

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

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.

- At Wimbotsham, St Germans and Magdalen Academies, we have timetabled 1 hour music lessons in our mixed aged classes each. We use the charanga music scheme for our lessons which is aligned with the national curriculum. This is mapped out over a two year rolling programme to ensure children build on

previous knowledge and skills. The lessons are planned week by week. The learning within the scheme is based on:

- Listening and Appraising
- Musical Activities — creating and exploring
- Singing, Playing Instruments and Performing
- Everything is clearly and simply explained, and the planning support is extensive.

All pupils, including SEND, engage actively within the lessons. We have some musical instruments to support the teaching of the units which children can use. Children in EYFS and KS1 are actively encouraged to experiment with musical instruments both indoors and outdoors. Music is used when coming into/ leaving assemblies to support the development of an appreciation of music within different genres.

Part B: Extra/Co-curricular music provision

This is about how we provide 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.

Children take part in whole school singing assemblies which are planned out across the year. This is a programme of songs taken from Out of the Ark as well as songs linked to themes/ special days. Through the Norfolk Music Hub children in our Year 3/ 4 classes experience whole class music tuition for a term where they can learn keyboard, ukele's etc. This is varied each year.

We have an outside provider who offers 1:1 music tuition and support children in accessing lessons in the local area. Children are encouraged to share their progress learning instruments in school during celebration assembly.

Part C: Musical experiences and 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.

We work hard to provide a range of opportunities to experience music and link this closely with our school Pledges:

Children sing in all assemblies and this is shared with parents in our celebration assemblies. They will often sing to local groups in the villages.

Whole school events include harvest festival, Easter and Christingle performed in the church. (At Wimbotsham harvest is performed at the local farm) All children from Reception to Year 6 also take part in a christmas performance/ nativity where a mix of modern and tradition songs are performed.

Every year the whole school attend the local pantomime which is subsidised by the school to ensure all children can attend.

Year 6 visit London for their leaving treat each year and watch a west end show to appreciate the musical theatre.

Every 2 years the children in Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to participate in the young voices choir to experience singing in a large ensemble in a stadium.

Year 1 and 2 participate in the local dance festival where they sing and dance in a theatre.

EYFS children invite parents in to join in with songs and nursery rhymes.

Year 3 and 4 participate in an event at the local corn exchange alongside the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. This is a mix of music and drama, performing alongside a live band.

In recent years the children have recorded a christmas song which is played on local radio.

Our Future Plans

This is about what we are planning for subsequent years.

Actions for future years:

- To continue to upskill teachers and t.as to deliver the music curriculum through the Norfolk Music Hub training CPD.
- To provide further opportunities for children to learn to play instruments through whole class, group and 1:1 music tuition.

Further information

For further information, please see links below:

Norfolk Music Hub

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.

Norfolk Music Hub