

# Music development plan summary: Poplar Farm School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	Summer 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	Summer 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Olivia Dowling support from Miss Becky Smith
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Lincolnshire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Charanga

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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.

At Poplar Farm School, Music is timetabled to be taught to all children in Key stages 1 and 2 for an hour each week. Our Music curriculum is based on the scheme 'Charanga'. This is supported by the Lincolnshire Music Service. Our Music curriculum documents can be found on our website: <https://www.poplarfarmsch-cit.co.uk/web/music/689079>

Each lesson includes 'Listen and Appraise', 'Musical Activities' and 'Performance'. As children move up the school, lessons also include 'Composition', 'Improvisation' and 'Performance'. We follow the SEND Code of Practice and school and CIT SEND policy to ensure, where possible, that lessons and musical opportunities are accessible and inclusive for all pupils.

At Poplar Farm our children have a range of opportunities to learn to sing and play instruments:

- EYFS and Year 1 will learn to sing and play percussion instruments. EYFS also have access to Music as part of their continuous provision, in line with the Early Learning Goal for Expressive Arts and Design.
- Year 2 will learn to sing and play percussion instruments, as well as to play recorders in Summer term.
- KS2 will learn to sing and play percussion instruments, as well as to play recorders, glockenspiels and additional instruments. They will also have a larger focus on composition, improvisation and performance.

We also use Music to enhance feelings of pride and community at Poplar Farm – in the form of the Poplar Farm School Song!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aglOJrVyeQ8>

## Part B: Extra-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.

Children at Poplar Farm have extra-curricular opportunities to sing and play music. Our after school and lunchtime clubs run by school staff are free of charge for parents. Club registers include both children with SEND needs and on the Pupil Premium register.

We provide these opportunities through:

- Musical theatre club
- Music clubs e.g. guitar – clubs change termly
- Access to Music lessons provided by the Lincolnshire Music Service. These are booked and paid for by parents.

We are lucky to have a piano for music lessons, as well as spaces for musical experiences, such as the Studio.

## 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.

Poplar Farm pupils also are given additional opportunities for musical experiences, such as chances to perform and watch live music:

- Our yearly festival event, PopFest! This event is made possible by asking parents for a donation of around £15. All children have the opportunity to perform, watch live music and learn new musical skills through workshops. If you'd like to see more about PopFest, videos of these events are on our YouTube account: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndTCt7gOuR8>
- Young Voices is open to KS2 pupils. This is paid for by parents. Children get the opportunity to travel to a nationwide competition and perform in an arena alongside other schools.
- Weekly singing assembly in the hall for all pupils.

## In the future

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

In the future we plan to have more performances for parents and the community, such as musical theatre productions. We also hope to offer more opportunities for watching different forms of live music. In addition, we will explore opportunities to access musical therapies or alternative provision, to further support pupils with SEND and PP.