

## School Music Development Plan 25-26



## School Music Development Plan – Laurance Haines Primary School

General overview	
Details of music development plan	Information
Academic year that this development plan covers	2025-2026
Date this development plan was published	July 2025
Date this development plan will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Becky Makinson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Becky Makinson
Name of local music hub	Hertfordshire Music Service
Name of other music education organisations	

Part A: Curriculum music

Development area	Action required	Resources required and cost of action	Personnel responsible to initiate action	Date/timescale
<p><b>Our Laurance Haines website features our Music curriculum overview, Progression of Skills document, and EYFS Progression Document for easy access and reference.</b></p>	<p>Music lead to ensure that these documents are up to date and ensure these checks happen regularly. Check documents on website.</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Becky Makinson</p>	<p>September 2025</p>
<p><b>Our Music curriculum offers teachers flexibility to achieve outcomes and skills, enabling them to tailor lessons to their specific class needs. We host annual visits from Electric Umbrella, providing live music experiences with learning disabled people, which helps promote equality, diversity, and inclusion within Music education</b></p>	<p>Our Music lead to ensure staff have necessary resources to differentiate the Music curriculum for students with specific needs. They collaborate with SEND provision to enhance music teaching. Teacher feedback helps assess confidence in adapting lessons for diverse needs, including SEND. We partner with Herts Music Service to develop best practices for delivering music lessons to SEND provision, publishing these strategies on our website for transparency and wider accessibility.</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Becky Makinson/ Class teachers</p>	<p>September 2025</p>
<p><b>Music is taught in a week block (covering 7 hours of music) each half term in KS1 and KS2. In EYFS, music is an integral part of the daily routine and so is included and taught in multiple ways throughout the week.</b></p>	<p>Ensure that the time allocated to music per half term across all key stages is clarified in the Curriculum. Monitor the quality of music lessons and activities in Music curriculum reviews.</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Becky Makinson</p>	<p>September 2025</p>

The school's current music curriculum is written following the National Curriculum and the Model Music Curriculum.	Keep up to date in changes to the Music Curriculum.	Free	Becky Makinson	Annually
Each week both KS1 and KS2 enjoy a singing assembly where new songs are taught and performed at the Harvest, Christmas, International Day performance and our Summer concert. Each class also learns their own song for the concerts throughout the year. Throughout the curriculum units, lessons are dedicated to composition and performance.	Ensure Sing Up is the scheme that is used correctly – skills and musical knowledge and progression are clearly mapped out and sequenced across KS1 and KS2. Review this in our Music curriculum review.	£184 for this year	Becky Makinson	September 2025
Hertfordshire Music Hub	Explore the partnership with Hertfordshire Music Trust and ways they can support us more in our music development	Free	Becky Makinson	September 2025
<b>Part B: Extra-curricular music</b>				
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At Laurance Haines, beyond our practical music-making curriculum, we offer instrumental tuition through external providers. Visiting specialists teach Guitar and Violin lessons. Additionally, we run a weekly choir specifically for Key Stage 2 children, providing further musical development opportunities.	Ensuring the opportunities for all children to have the chance to take up extra tuition of musical instruments, at the start of the year and throughout. Working alongside HMS to provide more opportunities for music instrument tuition.	Free	Becky Makinson	September 25-26

<p><b>Children at Laurance Haines perform together in weekly singing assemblies, enjoying various songs. Our KS2 choir works toward performance opportunities, exploring different singing styles including unison, multi-part, and harmonies. The entire school performs at Harvest, Christmas, International Day, and our Summer concert, providing valuable ensemble experience.</b></p>	<p>Organise lunchtime talent concerts for children to perform by singing or on an instrument. Promote choir further. Organise a community choir event for the Summer concert</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Becky Makinson</p>	<p>September 25-26</p>
<p><b>We maintain links with Herts Music Service, ensuring pupils know how to continue their musical learning beyond lessons. They organise year-round local events for children featuring vocal and instrumental performances. These opportunities are advertised through newsletters and sent directly to parents.</b></p>	<p>Ensure Laurance Haines families stay informed about musical events and participation opportunities through efficient communication via school platforms, social media, and word of mouth. Our monthly newsletter features a dedicated music segment highlighting accessible events for pupils. We maintain strong partnerships with external agencies and consistent communication with Herts Music Service, keeping us updated on available opportunities and application deadlines for various musical events.</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Becky Makinson</p>	<p>September 25-26</p>
<p><b>Children in extra tuition lessons learn about available music qualifications and awards for their instruments. Our older pupils prepare for the 11+ music</b></p>	<p>Liaising with our extra tuition teachers about what qualifications the children can be put in for and if we</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Becky Makinson Class Teachers External tutors</p>	<p>September 25-26</p>

<b>test, helping them secure places at schools using music criteria in their admissions process.</b>	are encouraging them to do so. Encouraging our children with Music potential to get involved with the Music 11+ exam to ensure they are pursuing this talent.			
<b>Our Laurance Haines school choir is free and open to everyone. Extra Tuition instruments range in price and all the pricing information can be found on our school website.</b>	Consider ways to ensure there are no barriers for participating in extra-curricular musical activities. Ensure families know how children can use Pupil Premium funding to access music lessons	Free	Becky Makinson	September 25-26
<b>Our free, inclusive choirs welcome all interested children at Laurance Haines. We actively promote these opportunities during weekly singing assemblies to encourage maximum participation across our school community.</b>	Choirs are free and accessible for all children to join. All children take part in their weekly singing assembly. Choirs well promoted both on school platforms/social media and singing assemblies.	Free	Becky Makinson	September 25-26
<b>The community room is used by our external tutors and children to practise in. Children also practise in the Upper Hall and playground</b>	Children are aware of the spaces available to them to be able to rehearse musical performances within school.	Free	All staff	September 25-26

**Part C: Musical experiences**

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<p>Throughout the year, we offer numerous whole-school musical performance opportunities, including Harvest Celebration, Christmas Performances, International Day, Summer Concert, Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, and our School Play. Additionally, our school choir visits local community venues to perform Christmas carols, connecting with the wider community.</p>	<p>Ensure that every occasion we have access to musical performances that are related and suitable. Depending on dates, KS1 to get involved in the Herts Music Service Sing Along events. Consistent communication with Herts Music Service so we are aware of events taking place and when we can apply for them.</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Becky Makinson</p>	<p>September 25-26</p>
<p>All children participate in school-wide musical performances throughout the year. Choir visits are available to regular attendees. During most performances, year groups work on specific numbers and showcase them to the entire school, ensuring every child has opportunities to perform and develop their musical confidence.</p>	<p>Make sure performances are age appropriate and allow teachers and children to showcase their musical talents.</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Becky Makinson</p>	<p>September 25-26</p>
<p>Most musical experiences that take place at Laurance Haines are free. Where there is a small cost for coaches or participation fee, PP children are able to use their grant money, as well as having money specifically set in the music budget to support funding these experiences.</p>	<p>If children are Pupil Premium, they can use their funding to support attending musical experiences when a fee is needed. For those not PP, we must make sure that these are suitably priced to allow maximum participation. Planning in advance to ensure fundraising opportunities are available and effective.</p>	<p>Free/Music Budget/Pupil Premium funding/Small fee where applicable</p>	<p>Becky Makinson</p>	<p>September 25-26</p>

**Part D: Improvements**

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<p><b>Ensure consistent high standard of music teaching following the music curriculum skills and knowledge mapping.</b></p>	<p>Conduct half-termly music curriculum reviews that create specific action points. Share with staff for implementation. At the next review, the music subject lead checks whether action points have been met and creates new ones, ensuring continuous curriculum improvement through this cyclical process</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Becky Makinson</p>	<p>September 25-26</p>
<p><b>Liaise with Hertfordshire Music Hub to provide more opportunities for all our children to access instrument tuition here at school and outside school</b></p>	<p>Music lead to meet with Hertfordshire Music Hub</p>	<p>Free/ Music budget/ Pupil premium funding</p>	<p>Becky Makinson</p>	<p>September 25-26</p>
<p><b>Explore more external musical experiences from different cultures and genres of music. Some of these could be local experiences and some further away.</b></p>	<p>Plan in advance to maximise opportunities</p>	<p>Small fee/ Free/ Pupil Premium funding/ music budget</p>	<p>Becky Makinson</p>	<p>September 25-26</p>