

Wallisdean Junior School – Music Curriculum Overview – 2026–2027

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 3	Title/Context: Storm Interlude by Benjamin Britten Musical elements: timbre and structure Key Skill: Invent their own musical motifs	Title/Context: Volcanoes Musical Elements: pitch and structure Key Skill: Develop instrumental skills and techniques	Title/Context: Stone Age Musical Elements: Key Skill: Using non-standard symbols
	Title/Context: Christmas Performance Musical elements: pitch and duration Key Skill: To perform with control and awareness of others	Title/Context: Ancient Egypt Musical Elements: texture Key Skill: To understand layers of sound and discuss their effect	Title/Context: ‘Four Seasons’ by Vivaldi Musical Elements: tempo Key Skill: Evaluate music using musical vocabulary
Year 4	Title/Context: Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saens Musical elements: pitch, tempo and duration Key Skill: Use musical elements to describe	Title/Context: Sea Shanties Musical Elements: Key Skill: To maintain a simple part within a group	Title/Context: The Romans Musical Elements: dynamics Key Skill: Understand how rhythmic patterns fit into a steady beat
	Title/Context: Christmas Performance Musical Elements: pitch and duration Key Skill: To perform with control and awareness of others	Title/Context: A Night on the Bare Mountain by Mussorgsky Musical Elements: structure Key Skill: Invent their own musical motifs and structure them into a piece	Title/Context: Frozen Lands Musical Elements: timbre and structure Key Skill: Recognise notes on a musical stave
Year 5	Title/Context: Doctor Who theme and Mars by Gustav Holst Musical Elements: pitch and duration Key Skill: Use standard musical notation	Title/Context: ‘A Bao A Quo’ by Mason Bates Musical Elements: Key Skill: To improvise and compose for a range of purposes	Title/Context: Anglo-Saxon and Viking Saga Songs Musical Elements: Key Skill: Sing expressively and in tune
	Title/Context: Christmas Performance Musical Elements: pitch and duration Key Skill: To perform with skilful playing	Title/Context: African Drumming Musical Elements: timbre and duration Key Skill: To perform rhythmic patterns	Title/Context: Read, write and remember to Twinkle Musical Elements: pitch and duration Key Skill: Use standard music notation
Year 6	Title/Context: Film Music Musical Elements: pitch, tempo, dynamics, structure, texture and duration Key Skill: Use vocabulary to accurately describe music	Title/Context: ‘Dies Irae’ by Verde Musical Elements: Key Skill: To create songs with verses and a chorus	Title/Context: ‘Enigma Variations’ by Elgar Musical Elements: Key Skill: Create musical motifs and combine them to make a piece
	Title/Context: Christmas Performance Musical Elements: pitch and duration Key Skill: To perform with skilful playing	Title/Context: Garage Band (Alex Rider) Musical Elements: Key Skill: Using digital technology	Title/Context: Leavers Performance Musical Elements: Key Skill: To perform as part of an ensemble