

Music development plan summary: Christ Church CE Primary Academy

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- 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

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2023-2024
Date this summary was published	16/10/24
Date this summary will be reviewed	16/07/25
Name of the school music lead	Paula Scattergood
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	As above
Name of local music hub	The Music Partnership
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

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.

All classes from nursery to Year 6 participate in a weekly music lesson delivered by music specialists. Our Year 6 are taught as part of the Whole Class Ensemble Teaching (WCET) programme. Our nursery – year 5 classes are taught our own bespoke music curriculum. All of our year 6 pupils are taught how to play a brass instrument with other classes learning ukele and djembe drumming. Singing is also a huge part of the curriculum with this becoming increasingly complex as the children move through the school.

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.

A small number of pupils in Y4, Y5 and Y6 receive individual or small group brass tuition outside of their music lessons. This is part of the virtual school offer so there is no cost to the family. We have a choir, known as our Singing Stars, who meet weekly to rehearse and then perform two concerts a year. The cost of this is £2.50 a week. Information about music groups and choirs children can join outside of school are shared with parents and carers via class dojo.

Part C: 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.

Throughout the year a wide range of musical activities happen. These include:

- listening to a wide range of music including classical music, music from the 20th century and more contemporary music by a range of composers, performers and musical artists
- listening to a live music performance for all children from nursery to year 6; normally Key Strings
- participation in the annual WCET Celebration concert (year 6)
- participation in the Lichfield Musicshare concert (year 4)
- weekly singing in whole school worship
- annual performances by all year groups at either Christmas or the end of the academic year
- Our year 6 and individual instrumentalists perform a concert for the whole school at the end of the autumn term and the end of the academic year
- Set out what musical experiences are planned for the academic year, including regular events such as singing in assembly, musical performances, concerts and shows at the school, and trips to concerts outside of the school.

All of the above take place at no additional cost to parents/carers.

In the future

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

In subsequent years we will introduce a spring performance so there is a termly school performance. We would also like to expand our individual lesson offer so that children have the opportunity to learn woodwind or string instruments.

Further information (optional)

Curriculum information linked to music and our Cultural Capital offer can be found within the curriculum section on our school website.

<https://www.christchurchfenton.co.uk/curriculum/>

Musical opportunities offered by The City Music Service can be found on their website

<https://stokecms.org.uk/who-we-are/>

The Music Partnership website also has some useful information

<https://themusicpartnership.org.uk/>

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.