

Music development plan summary: Cedars Primary School and Nursery

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Claire Pollendine
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	MK Music Faculty
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.

Music is taught in class every week. It is based on the National Curriculum and is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021). Lessons are a minimum of 40 minutes and are taught by class teachers in a designated music room. Teaching is supported by the Kapow curriculum scheme of work. Musical learning is further supplemented by regular singing assemblies, lead by the music lead, lasting 20 minutes.

Wider opportunities in school music can be supported by the MK Music Faculty.

Part B: Co-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.

At Cedars Primary School, we currently offer individual and small-group lessons on guitar, brass, violin and woodwind in our dedicated music room. Teaching staff are supplied by the MK Music Faculty.

We have a thriving School Choir with over 70 children attending from year 1 – 6.

Individual and small-group lessons are funded by parents, however, for those children who are Pupil Premium, these lessons can be subsidised by the Pupil Premium funding.

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.

Children will have the opportunity to perform and experience high quality music this academic year through the following: -

- Year 6 pupils attend local Secondary School for Spring Gala concert performed by secondary students
- Whole school singing at Lovat Hall for Harvest Festival – open to the public
- The Choir to sing at the switching on of the High Street lights – open to the public
- Whole school performing at Christmas Concert – open to the public
- The Choir performing at the Christmas Concert – open to the public
- Year 1 and 2 to perform in a Christmas production
- The Choir taking part the Young Voices mass performance at the O2 arena
- Each class performing during their class assembly – singing and/or playing
- Year 3 and 4 to perform in a production at Easter
- Year 6 to perform in a leavers production
- Whole school regularly singing our school song
- Instrumentalists to take part in local music festivals
- Musicians from the MK Music faculty to play to Years 2-5 to generate interest in instrumental lessons

In the future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following: -

- Ensure each year group has timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week
- Continue to offer CPD to support class teachers teaching music
- Continue to offer instrumental lesson across a range of instruments
- Develop the use of music technology
- Further develop performance opportunities for the school choir
- Introduce a school ensemble
- Further develop the dedicated music teaching space for use in class curriculum lessons and by ensembles
- Further develop performance opportunities for our young musicians throughout the school year