

# Music development plan summary: St Andrew's CE Primary School, Chinnor

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	Sharon Phillips
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Kendra Gerrish
Name of local music hub	Oxfordshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisations	Oxfordshire County Music Service Joyful Music Ali Andrews

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.

Our whole school curriculum for Music is available on our website. Children receive one hour per week of Music learning in school. This is partly in key stage singing practice which is led by class teachers sharing their love of singing and a range of songs from their own experience. Class lessons are taught by class teachers giving children opportunities to explore and develop skills in playing instruments, improvising, composing and performing. They also develop their understanding of the inter-related dimensions of music and to read and use notation. Our curriculum is based on the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021) using [Charanga Musical School](#) but is adapted to allow creative and cross-curricular links. CPD is available to all teachers through Charanga in addition to the support of the Music Lead, OMS and our peripatetic teachers.

All children have high quality whole-class ensemble instrument tuition in Year 3, funded by SASA and provided by Oxfordshire Music Service. Instruments are provided and can be taken home for practice.

Year 5 participated in the English National Opera's 'Finish This' composition challenge in 2023. Their entry was one of 15 entries selected to be presented as an animated film.

All children learn to sing and to perform as a year group and whole-school ensemble in weekly acts of Collective Worship, Harvest Festival, Christmas and Easter and perform shows to an audience. These performances provide evidence of the progression in singing across the school. Singing is also used across the curriculum to enhance the enjoyment of learning for example in Maths and MFL and to increase cultural awareness when studying different parts of the world and historical eras.

Music learning is made accessible to all children including those with SEND through good quality teaching, use of signing and support for children sensitive to noise. Instruments, including tuned and untuned percussion instruments, and music technology are accessed in classrooms ensuring that no child is excluded from music lessons. Our [SEN policy](#) can be found in the school website.

## 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.

In addition to learning music in class, children are able to receive instrument tuition in school in groups or 1:1 lessons. String tuition is available through Oxfordshire Music Service following the whole-class tuition in Year 3. Joyful Music provides tuition in piano, guitar, ukulele, drums and recorder in our dedicated Music Room. Brass and woodwind tuition is also available with Ali Andrews who also teaches and plays with the Chinnor Silver and Training Bands. Children receiving tuition have gained a range of music qualifications including Grades in ABRSM and Rock-School.

The school holds twice-yearly music recitals for children in KS2 to perform to their parents and peers, to celebrate their progress and to inspire new musicians. There are local opportunities for further ensemble participation in the Chinnor Training Band and The [Thame Music Centre](#). There are instruments available for children to try and tutors can give information about instrument hire. Support with costs can be given to those eligible for Pupil Premium.

Children in KS1 can join a lunchtime Music Club to enjoy a range of instruments together including ukelele and boom-whackers.

School choirs are free of charge. Children are invited to sing at community events such as the St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival and our local Care Home. Choirs also participate in the Thame Partnership Christmas Festival of Music and the Oxfordshire Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey.

## 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.

Singing remains a key element of our life at St Andrew's CE Primary School. Each Year group is involved in at least four performances throughout the year which include:

- Weekly Singing Practice
- Singing in weekly Collective Worship
- Harvest Festival – all year groups
- KS2 Carol Service
- EYFS Nativity
- Year 1 Christmas Carols
- Year 2 Nativity
- Year 3 Christmas Production
- Year 4 Concert
- Year 5 Easter Production
- Easter Service – all year groups
- Year 6 Summer Production
- Annual Pantomime – visiting theatre group funded by SATA
- Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra Schools Concert at the Sheldonian Theatre.

As well as singing together, there are opportunities for solo, paired or group performances within these shows.

We have also taken part in Young Voices and the Oxfordshire Music Service Pop Concert.

Information on choirs and music clubs are in the school's list of [clubs](#) and dates of events can be found in the school [calendar](#) on the website. Participation in choirs and music club is free however transport and audience tickets may require payment for some out-of-school events. Invitations to all extra-curricular activities are sent to parents/carers by email.

## In the future

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

To further enhance our music provision, we will continue to look for opportunities for the following:

- Experiencing live music through trips or visiting musicians
- Participation in ensembles in school
- Participation in community events

## Further information (optional)

For Music tuition, contact the school office:

Joyful Music - for tuition in piano, ukulele, recorder, guitar and drums

Ali Andrews – Brass and woodwind

Oxfordshire County Music Service – mixed strings

You can find out more about the [Oxfordshire Music Hub here](#).

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.