

Music development plan summary: Coney Hill Community Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Ross Hammond
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Sophie Clements Danielle Brayshaw
Name of local music hub	Gloucestershire
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	GSW Music Hub (Gloucestershire, Swindon, Wiltshire)

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.

Coney Hill Community Primary School's Music Curriculum can be found on our [website](#). We adapt the teaching of music, as indeed all other curriculum subjects, to ensure that the curriculum is accessible to all children, including children with SEND, so that they receive the support they need. As a result, children with SEND learn the same curriculum in music, and other curriculum subjects, as their peers and achieve well. This has been recently praise in our OFSTED report in July 2024.

Music is currently taught for one hour a week by all teachers, and they follow the curriculum as set out by the Music Lead. We are currently teaching the National Curriculum for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 using a scheme called Charanga, original scheme. However in 2024 – 2025 we will begin a phased transitional approach to the English Model Music Curriculum from Autumn Term 2.

The quality of the curriculum is regularly and rigorously monitored through learning walks, pupil voice and evidence from class books. In 2023 – 2024 the school achieved the Music Mark, which highlighted our excellence in the teaching of music which includes:

- Music being taught every week.
- Whole class music tuition provided by GSW Music Hub (previously Gloucestershire Music Hub).
- Visiting music teachers for children who wish to have small group or 1:1 instrument lessons in: guitar, violin, recorder and flute.
- Celebrate a wide variety of musical styles in our daily Music Appreciation sessions at the end of each school day. Music appreciation also takes place at the beginning of every assembly.
- Music is also encouraged throughout all other curriculum subjects through the use of songs to help children embed the knowledge they are learning.
- From September 2024 additional music opportunities are available to all children through external providers including SMASH HIT as well as in school after music clubs for singing building towards the Young Voices 2025 concert.

The school is supported by the Gloucestershire, Swindon and Wiltshire Music Hub to ensure that we access as many opportunities as possible. The school will be reapplying for the music mark in 2024 – 2025.

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.

Music Tuition outside of curriculum lessons

In addition to a weekly Music lesson, children at our school have the option to take part in the following additional Music opportunities.

School Choir

There is a school choir which is run as an after-school club which can be joined from any child in KS2. The school choir promote singing in our school community as well as performing at Young Voices, a consort attended by over 60,000 children each year. Additionally, the children perform at a school carol service and other special occasions.

Peripatetic Teachers

Children who develop an interest in furthering their development in a specific instrument have the option to hone their skills further with 1:1 lesson in violin, guitar and flute.

External Music Club Providers

This year we have started to offer further music opportunities for children to make music in a band style setting through a company called Smash Hit Music. This opportunity is accessible for all children and can be set up by parents contacting Smash Hit Music directly.

WCET £10 instrument hire

When children are receiving 1:1 or small group instrument tuition, they are eligible for instrument hire through Gloucestershire Music to enable them to facilitate further practise at home.

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 assemblies

Singing assemblies take place multiple times a week and provide opportunities for pupils to develop their singing skills in a large ensemble. The songs they learn are used to celebrate other times of the year e.g. remembrance, harvest, carol services.

Nativity performances

All pupils in EYFS (occasionally pre-school) and Year 1 take part in a nativity performance each autumn term. They learn to sing a number of songs and speak lines aloud.

Whole School Concerts

Whole school concerts take place at the end of a unit of whole class teaching where the children are able to showcase their learning to parents and peers.

Musical production

Each year, Year 6 put on a musical production in the summer term. This gives an opportunity for all pupils to participate but also includes opportunities for solos.

Visiting Musicians

We work with a range of local secondary schools and encourage their Year 10 – 11 students to visit our school to perform their compositions or solo performances ahead of their examinations.

In the future

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

Coney Hill is continuously developing and reviewing its curriculum offer for music and in the academic year 25-26 we have plans to move to the Model Music Curriculum to further strengthen children's musical language and notational reading skills.

We are also considering how the curriculum time for music can be further improved whilst balancing the curriculum demands for other subjects.

Further information (optional)

The school works with Gloucestershire Swindon Wiltshire Music Hub and Make Music Gloucestershire. In the year 2023-2024 the school received recognition of the school's commitment to provide a high quality and robust music education. The school plan to reapply for this mark.