



Music Development Plan Summary 2024-2025

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	September 19 th 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	May 2025
Name of the school music lead	Jon Winyard, Kat Watkin, Dale Bradman
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Dale Bradman
Name of local music hub	Aylesbury Music Centre
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	The Cottesloe School

Part A: Curriculum music

All children in school have a weekly 45-minute class lesson and a 20-minute singing whole school assembly. Children learn to appreciate different genres by listening to a range of music at the beginning of whole school assemblies three times a week.

In KS2, the children have experience of playing a variety of instruments as part of their learning.

We follow the Kapow music scheme. Sessions include work around developing an awareness of rhythm and beat. Children learn notation and are able to read simple music. They are taught musical terms and are to refine and perform music to a wider audience of their peers, parents and visitors.

SEND children are supported in whole class lessons and singing assembly and if sensitive to noise, ear defenders are available for children as needed.

Some year groups have experienced whole class drum and ukulele instrumental teaching sessions and we are fortunate enough to facilitate this through The Cottesloe School. These sessions take the form of workshops and can be delivered over half a term, once a week depending on the availability of their staff.



More detail is available in our progression document for Music.

Part B: Co-curricular music

At Overstone Combined Primary School, we currently offer individual and small-group lessons on guitar and piano. We have access to specialist music teachers through the Music Centre in Aylesbury and are able to offer drums, woodwind and string lessons if requested. All music lessons take place within the normal school day and are taught by specialist teachers who visit the school. Each peripatetic teacher attends the school on different days of the week to avoid room clashes, but, where possible, rotate their lesson timings on the day they are in school so the children are not always leaving the same lesson.

Individual and small group lessons are funded by parents. Parents pay for lessons directly to the peripatetic teachers. For those children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, school is able to fund 50% of their lessons.

For information regarding music tuition, please contact Mrs Buckingham-Brown at the office.

We hold weekly rehearsals for our thriving KS2 choir and all instrument ensembles are provided by music specialists or staff within the school and are free to attend.

We are working towards including Music in our after-school offer.

Part C: Musical experiences

Children have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music during the academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:

- All children from Year 1 to Year 6 to perform during our House Music Christmas Sing-Off
- Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoying the opportunity to sing in their nativity performances
- Year 3 singing in their Harvest Assembly at the village church
- Year 4 singing in the May Day celebrations at the village church
- Year 5 singing as part of the Easter service at the village church
- Singing opportunities for Year 6 during our carol service held at the village church
- The choir performing at the Young Voices concert in Birmingham.
- The choir performing in assemblies and to parents.
- The guitar ensemble performing in assemblies.
- Our music evening in June open to all musicians throughout the school.



- Weekly singing assemblies.

Part D: In the future

We will continue to build links with community in performances outside of school and work with the Bucks Music Trust to help improve our offer for musical performances. We have started to form a partnership with Wing Singers who will share their expertise as the partnership develops.

We will also include the opportunity for all children to watch and enjoy live music during their time at Overstone.