

Music at North Cadbury



North Cadbury C of E Primary School & Nursery

Music Development Plan:

This is how North Cadbury C of E Primary School & Nursery 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](#):

- We have timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for EYFS, Key Stage 1 & 2.
- Our children have access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice. This year we are focusing on string instruments.
- All children can participate in choir sessions.
- We ensure that the school library can be used as a space for rehearsals and any individual practice required.
- Each term we have a school performance. In Autumn this is focused on Christmas. During the Spring Term these are class based, and we end with a whole school production in the Summer Term.
- Our children have the opportunity to enjoy a live performance at least once a year.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
Date this summary was published	August 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	February 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Lisa Thompson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs Lisa Thompson
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Somerset Music

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 music curriculum and overview is published separately, and this breaks down how we teach music skills across all year groups at North Cadbury. It can also be accessed here:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/northcadbury/UploadedDocument/03a987b7-e525-48fc-898c-8f2f34d41cd2/0924-whole-school-music-overview-ks1-2.pdf>

- Our school music curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3.
- All our children have the opportunity to sing a number of times every week, as well as a dedicated one-hour music lesson weekly. They also begin to learn untuned instruments from Nursery, and this leads onto tuned instruments in KS2 – this year it is violin.
- We use the specialist peripatetic teachers from Somerset Music to support us in delivering high-quality music tuition.

Part B: Extra-Curricular Music

This details how our children have additional opportunities to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, productions and specialist teachers and events, and outlines how our pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

Children at North Cadbury can:

- Elect to have additional music lessons with a specialist teacher. This is charged to parents directly, but where possible is subsidised for children in receipt of pupil premium.
- Participate in sessions with specialist teachers such as choir workshops, drumming workshops and music/drama club after school.
- If required, children can use the school library as a rehearsal space.

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.

Every year we ensure that our children are able to experience music above and beyond the provision that we are able to accommodate in school. We also have set regular events that always incorporate music and ensure that music is a daily component of school life. This can include:

- singing in assembly
- musical performances/events and workshops
- seasonal church services and concerts and shows at school, church or the village hall
- trips to concerts/shows/pantomimes outside of school

Future Plans & Provision

As a small village school we always ensure that we use specialist music teachers, workshops and events to further enhance our music provision. We have plans to increase the range of extra-curricular instrument tuition available and plans for a KS2 choir, alongside a termly music assembly to share with parents. We are aware that sometimes what we are able to offer is

limited by our size, so please do make use of the DfE resources available via this link:

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.

