

Music development plan summary:

North Cadbury CofE Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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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 Development Plan – Vision and Curriculum Intent (North Cadbury CE Primary School)

At North Cadbury CE Primary School, we believe that music is a powerful means of expression, creativity and connection. Through listening, singing, playing, performing, evaluating, analysing and composing, children develop a deep understanding of music across a wide range of styles, traditions, cultures and historical periods. We are committed to nurturing curiosity, creativity and confidence, whilst fostering an appreciation of the diverse ways music enriches people's lives. Our aim is that every child develops a lifelong love of music and is supported to achieve their full musical potential.

Music is a valued and vibrant part of school life. Specialist music teachers deliver a minimum of one hour of curriculum music teaching each week to every class, ensuring that all aspects of the National Curriculum are explored through high-quality, practical learning experiences. Children learn to play both tuned and untuned percussion instruments, compose and perform their own music, and develop the knowledge and vocabulary needed to become thoughtful musicians.

Recognising the importance of strong musical foundations, pupils in Key Stage 1 receive two hours of specialist music teaching each week as part of our ambitious commitment to developing early musical understanding and inspiring a lasting enthusiasm for music. Alongside curriculum lessons, music permeates the wider life of the school through twice-weekly whole-school singing sessions, daily reflective singing opportunities within classrooms, and a rich programme of performances and celebrations throughout the year.

Children are further enriched through specialist workshops, visiting musicians and opportunities to experience live music beyond the classroom. We actively encourage and support participation in inspirational musical experiences, including educational visits to orchestral performances and other live music events, enabling pupils to engage with professional musicians and broaden their cultural understanding.

Through these varied opportunities, every child is given the chance to develop their musical knowledge, skills and confidence, whilst experiencing the joy and collective spirit that music brings to our school community. The full music curriculum can be found on our 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.

Opportunities for Musical Development Beyond the Curriculum

At North Cadbury CE Primary School, we believe that every child should have the opportunity to develop their musical interests and talents. We are committed to ensuring that there are no barriers to participation and that all children can access and enjoy the rich musical opportunities available.

Beyond our curriculum music provision, pupils have opportunities to further their musical development through:

- Weekly instrumental tuition, including piano, violin and guitar lessons, delivered individually or in small groups.
- Twice-weekly whole-school singing sessions.
- Opportunities to perform to a range of audiences throughout the year, including school services, concerts and community events.
- Specialist music workshops and enrichment activities led by visiting musicians.

- Educational visits and experiences that allow children to engage with live music, including orchestral and professional performances.

We actively encourage all children to participate in musical opportunities, regardless of their prior experience or background. If you feel your child would benefit from accessing any aspect of our music provision but have concerns regarding accessibility, cost or additional support needs, please contact the school. We are committed to working with families to explore how barriers can be reduced and opportunities made available for every child.

For further information about instrumental lessons and musical opportunities, please contact the school office.

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.

Musical Experiences and Opportunities

At North Cadbury CE Primary School, music plays a central role in enriching school life and providing children with opportunities to perform, participate and experience high-quality live music. We are committed to ensuring that all pupils engage with a broad range of musical experiences that develop confidence, creativity and a lifelong appreciation of music.

Throughout the academic year, pupils take part in a variety of musical activities beyond their curriculum lessons, including:

Regular Musical Opportunities

- Twice-weekly whole-school singing sessions involving all pupils from Reception to Year 6.
- Daily singing and reflective worship opportunities within classrooms and collective worship.
- Musical contributions to church services and celebrations throughout the year, where pupils perform songs and, where appropriate, accompany performances using instruments.
- Class, phase and whole-school performances which provide opportunities for children to perform to both school and community audiences.

Planned Musical Experiences for 2026-27

Autumn Term

- Whole-school visit to a live pantomime performance, enabling children to experience professional music, theatre and live performance.
- Christmas Carol Concert and Nativity involving pupils from across the school, performed for families and members of the wider community.
- Advent and Christmas church services featuring singing and instrumental performances.

Spring Term

- Ongoing participation in worship services and school celebrations involving musical performances.

Summer Term

- Key Stage 2 educational visit to film production studios to explore how music is created and developed for film, including how technology is used to compose, edit and enhance film scores.
- End-of-year performances and celebration events showcasing pupils' musical learning and achievements.

Participation

All pupils from Reception to Year 6 participate regularly in singing, worship and performance opportunities. Concerts, services and productions ensure that children experience music both as performers and as audience members. Opportunities are designed to be fully inclusive, with every child encouraged and supported to take part regardless of prior musical experience or ability.

Partnerships and Enrichment

The school works with specialist music teachers, visiting musicians and external providers to enhance musical learning and performance opportunities. Educational visits, workshops and live performances help broaden pupils' cultural experiences and deepen their understanding of music in the wider world.

Accessibility and Charges

Where possible, school-based musical performances and singing opportunities are provided free of charge. Costs may apply for educational visits and external performances; however, every effort is made to keep charges affordable. Financial support may be available for families experiencing hardship, including those eligible for Pupil Premium funding. No child will be excluded from participation due to financial circumstances, and parents or carers are encouraged to contact the school confidentially should support be required.

Through this rich programme of experiences, North Cadbury CE Primary School seeks to inspire every child to enjoy, appreciate and actively participate in music both within and beyond the school community.

In the future

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

- North Cadbury CE Primary School is committed to continually developing and enriching its music provision to ensure that all pupils receive a high-quality musical education and have opportunities to pursue their musical interests and talents.
- During the 2026-27 academic year, pupils receiving instrumental tuition will work towards nationally recognised **Trinity College London music qualifications**, with pupils expected to take their first graded examinations. This represents an exciting development in our provision, providing pupils with clear progression pathways and opportunities to celebrate and recognise their musical achievements.
- Looking ahead, we aim to further strengthen our music offer by:
- Expanding the range of instrumental tuition available, subject to demand and staffing capacity, to include additional instruments beyond our current provision.
- Continuing to develop opportunities for pupils to perform regularly to a range of audiences through concerts, services and community events.
- Exploring new educational visits and live music experiences, enabling children to engage with a wider variety of musical genres, cultures and performance settings.
- Further developing partnerships with music providers, performers and cultural organisations to enhance enrichment opportunities for pupils.
- Continuing to strengthen progression in musical knowledge, skills and performance across all year groups, building upon the enhanced Key Stage 1 provision currently in place.
- Increasing opportunities for pupils to experience music technology and composition, building on the Key Stage 2 film music project and exploring further ways technology can support creativity in music.
- We will regularly evaluate the impact of our music provision through pupil voice, participation rates, performance opportunities and attainment in music. Through ongoing review and development, we aim to ensure that every child at North Cadbury has the opportunity to engage with, enjoy and succeed in music, regardless of their starting point or prior experience.