

Music development plan summary: Alder Grove CofE Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	Summer Term 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	Summer Term 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Rebecca Alexander-Dawson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mr Philip Theobald
Name of local music hub	Berkshire Music Trust
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Wokingham Area Schools Music Association Music Guru

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.

Alder Grove CofE Primary School follows the Kapow Scheme for music. Every class from Year 1 to Year 4 has a timetabled slot where music is taught on a weekly basis. Kapow provides class teachers with pedagogical content and knowledge to deliver well-planned lessons, ensuring our pupils are successful in their outcomes. The scheme varies between a practical and theory-based approach, whereby pupils explore a variety of different instruments. Through explicit modelling of skill using 'I do, we do, you do', we enable all learners including our SEND children to feel successful as skills are clearly modelled and broken down into smaller instructions.

Pupils are taught to play a variety of pitched and unpitched instruments and school is well resourced with lots of musical instruments for all pupils to use. In the Early Years,

pupils are exposed to music through continuous provision and adult lead activities with access to a variety of instruments and sound makers.

The school has built a growth model of musical performance allowing all pupils to experience and showcase musical performances from Reception to Year 4. This includes church services across the year (Harvest, Easter, Christmas and End of Term). Nursery and Reception nativities, Year 2 Christmas play and Year 4 Spring play.

Whole school singing assemblies also take place once a week, with the aim of developing an awareness of pitch, understanding of harmony and development of part-singing. During their time, our pupils learn to sing a variety of genres.

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.

Pupils have the option to learn an instrument in private sessions or within a group. Currently the school offers piano and guitar lessons. Within these sessions, the pupils have the time to learn the fundamentals skills including learning how to play the instrument, learning to read notes and playing a range of music. The aim is also to develop the pupil's confidence and love of music.

The pupils can take part in weekly choir sessions. These sessions allow the pupils to learn different genres of music and perform regularly to an audience, including their peers and parents. There is also the chance for KS2 pupils to partake in singing events across the borough. Pupils, if they wish, can take part in events including the Wokingham Mayor's Christmas Choir Concert (with Berkshire Music Hub orchestra) and Wokingham Area Schools' Music Association ensemble choir concert (The Hexagon, Reading).

All pupils in Year 4 will take part in the 'In2Music' scheme run by Berkshire Music Trust. The In2Music scheme allows pupils from all backgrounds to have the chance to learn a musical instrument. The sessions are run by a specialist music teacher who teaches the children how to confidently play the instrument and read music. Parents can purchase the instrument, if they wish, for their child to continue to learn.

Set out what ensembles that pupils can join outside of what is taught in lesson time, such as choirs or vocal ensembles, as well as instrumental ensembles, bands and groups, and other forms of music-making.

Set out how pupils can make progress in music outside of lesson time, including instrument loans, weekend, after-school or holiday provision such as Saturday music centres, and any qualifications or awards pupils can achieve.

Also consider including:

- what instruments are offered, charging and remissions information, and if the tuition is subsidised or free, including for parents or carers in particular circumstances (e.g. pupil premium eligibility).
- how pupils can join choirs or ensembles and from which year groups, charging and remissions information, and if the tuition is subsidised or free, including for parents or carers in particular circumstances (e.g. pupil premium eligibility).
- information on where pupils can rehearse or practice individually or in groups.

Draw on information of any partnerships the school has to support co-curricular music, such as with your local music hub or other music education organisations.

Alternative titles for Part B could be 'Extra-curricular music' or 'Music tuition, choirs and ensembles'.

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.

Nursery

Christmas Nativity

Watching older pupil performances

Visiting theatre company

Reception

Christmas Nativity

Watching older pupil performances

Visiting theatre company

Weekly singing assemblies

Year 1

Access to private music lessons (guitar and piano)

Weekly singing assemblies

Year 2

Access to private music lessons (guitar and piano)

Christmas musical production

Weekly singing assemblies

Year 3

Access to private music lessons (guitar and piano)

Wokingham Mayor's Christmas Choir Concert (with Berkshire Music Hub orchestra)

Wokingham Area Schools' Music Association ensemble choir concert (The Hexagon, Reading)

Leading Christmas Church service

Weekly singing assemblies

Year 4

Access to private music lessons (guitar and piano)

Wokingham Mayor's Christmas Choir Concert (with Berkshire Music Hub orchestra)

Wokingham Area Schools' Music Association ensemble choir concert (The Hexagon, Reading)

Year 4 Spring Play

Whole class musical instrument lessons

Weekly singing assemblies

In the future

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

- Wider development of choir offer for KS2 pupils
- Introduction of Year 4 whole class musical instrument lessons
- Staff CPD

Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your school's music development plan, including links to your local music hub partners, other local music education organisations and contacts.

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.

Your local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.

If your school is part of a multi-academy trust with a trust-wide music development plan, you may also want to include a link to any published information on this plan.