

# Music development plan summary: Cheddington Combined School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
Date this summary was published	July 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Kat Hopper
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Bucks Music Trust
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

Cheddington Combined School already publishes the school curriculum for music for each year group online. This includes how we are increasing access for disabled pupils and supporting pupils with special educational needs (SEND). Further information can be found on our web site- [www.cheddingtonschool.org](http://www.cheddingtonschool.org)

Each child has an hour of music per week delivered by the class teachers. We follow the National Curriculum and use Charanga music throughout the school. Through this all pupils have opportunities to learn to sing and play an instrument during lesson time through whole-call ensemble teaching.

## 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.

Cheddington Combined School offers music tuition outside of what is taught in lesson time, including one-to-one and small-group peripatetic music lessons.

Children can join our Cheddington School choir, which takes place at afterschool every week. Our school choir often sings at our school church services and local events.

Pupils can learn to play the violin, guitar, piano, drums and a variety of brass instruments as well as receive singing tuition through individual lessons provided by several peripatetic music teachers. Children work towards qualifications and awards in their instruments.

Parents pay for these directly in accordance with our Charging and Remissions Policy. Pupil Premium children are financially supported to access these lessons. Pupils who take these lessons have an opportunity to perform for their class mates and parents in the Summer Term at our end of year celebration evening.

## 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.

Children sing in assembly regularly. Each academic year, we have a weekly singing assembly, musical performances, and class assemblies for parents. We have had theatre companies visit the school performing musical shows for all children at school.

The choir performed at Birmingham arena as part of the Young Voices Choir alongside professional singers, dancers and musicians. They also sang at our Grand Community event and at the village fete.

For our class assemblies, each class learns and performs a range of songs. Year 2 perform a nativity each Christmas and Year 5 perform a musical linked to their learning. Year 6 perform a Leaver's Assembly with songs.

Year 6 perform a large production theatre piece (The Lion King in 2025) including solo and ensemble performances, using a local secondary school theatre.

Each year children listen to live music when our peripatetic music teachers come into school to perform.

Each week in assembly the children listen to and learn about a different piece of music. These include a variety classical, modern and world music.

KS2 visited a local theatre to see the Beauty and the Beast pantomime, including live music and singing.

The children across the school took part in a range of musical activities including playing, composing and listening and appraising music in a celebration of World Music Day.

## **In the future**

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

In the academic year 2025 – 2026, we are taking our choir to perform at the Birmingham Arena as part of Young Voices.

Year 6 will be performing a Disney musical at the local secondary school as part of their transition.

We will be offering singing lessons in addition to our existing provision from our very talented peripatetic music teachers.

Our KS2 children will be going to a local theatre to see a pantomime

Our EY and KS1 children will have the opportunity to enjoy a live performance.

## **Further information (optional)**

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.