

Music development plan summary:



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	Jessica Malcolm
Name of local music hub	Central Bedfordshire Inspiring Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rock Steady Music School

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.

We believe that the development of musical skills is important to the wellbeing of our children and the creation of balanced young people. We encourage enjoyment and understanding of music through listening, composing and performing. Children are taught a wide range of songs and introduced to a variety of instruments.

To meet the requirements of the Model Music Curriculum we work closely with Bedfordshire's Inspiring Music service, who provide KS2 whole class instrumental tuition annually. In year 3 children learn to play the recorder and in year 4 they learn to play the ukulele, taught by specialist teachers.

We use the Charanga music scheme of work to support high quality music teaching and to ensure progression of skills throughout the school. All staff have received training on this. We have recently purchased a new class set of glockenspiels that all of our children have been able to use alongside our percussion instruments within music lessons.

Our Music curriculum is inclusive for all and our well trained staff make adaptations to activities to ensure that pupils with SEND can access the curriculum alongside their peers successfully.

On average our pupils in Key Stage one and Key Stage two receive at least one hour of music education each week.

We have achieved our Music Mark award for the last 2 years.

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.

The school works with music professionals to provide opportunities for children to take individual or small group instrumental lessons in piano, keyboard or rock band instruments (RockSteady Music School). Most of these come at additional cost to parents, however we do use our pupil premium funding to provide these experiences for vulnerable pupils and low income families. The children enjoy celebrating by playing to the whole school.

We also have a school Choir, which is free of charge and open to all pupils. Our school choir perform at School and Church concerts and events.

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.

We organise an annual 'Make Music Day', when each class composes and/or performs to the whole school.

Our children who attend RockSteady end each term with a concert to the school and parents. Pupils who learn the keyboard and piano also perform to the whole school.

We often sing within our daily acts of worship within school, and we learn about different composers and genres of music through 'Composer of the Week'.

Our children sing at the Church Christmas Bazaar and with their parents 'Carols on the Playground'.

Each year the whole school attends the Dunstable Pantomime and our children and families really enjoy this live musical event. We have in previous years sang and performed with other Diocesan schools at St Albans Abbey.

In school we have a Harvest Festival, a Christmas Nativity Service, a Christmas Production and an Easter service in which our children have speaking and singing parts, with some solo singing performances.

In the future

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

We would like to invite more musicians into school so that the children are inspired by a variety of live musical performances.

Further information (optional)

[Inspiring Music - Central Bedfordshire](#)

[Home - Rocksteady \(rocksteadymusicschool.com\)](http://rocksteadymusicschool.com)

[A world-leading, configurable music teaching and learning platform - Charanga](#)

