

# Music development plan summary

St Nicolas' School Taplow

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Jenny Dobson
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.

Each class has a weekly music lesson of 1 hour. The curriculum overview can be seen on our website.

Our school music curriculum is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021) and is personalised to our school so that it is very cross curricular. Our music lessons regularly work alongside other subjects e.g in year 5 the history topic is the Ancient Greeks so in music we will make music related to Greek myths and legends and the children will compose music relating to Greek Gods. In KS1, for example, the children learn about creation in RE and their music will be related to light and dark, flowers, trees and animals.

In addition to this year 2 all learn the recorder for a whole term including learning to read basic music notation; year 4 all learn the Djembe drum for a whole term and learn to write their own rhythms using traditional music notation and year 5 all learn the trumpet in small groups for half a term each.

Music is taught by a specialist music teacher who ensures that progression is made throughout each year.

## **Part B: Extra-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.

We offer private individual and small group lessons in piano, brass, woodwind and strings. Apart from piano, these lessons are provided by Bucks Music Trust.

We have a very popular KS1 and KS2 choir who practise at lunch time and also KS1 and KS2 ukulele groups. All these groups are free for children to attend.

We have 2 paid-for recorder groups, one for year 3 and the other for years 4-6. These meet before school in the morning each week.

For special occasions we have a school orchestra which meets to practise on an ad hoc basis. Many of our pupils who play instruments are invited to join in the orchestras at Bucks Music Centres based in Amersham and Aylesbury.

## **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 sing every day in assembly, and Monday is singing practice assembly. Children regularly perform in assemblies, the recorder group often accompany hymns and children perform in groups and as soloists.

We have a KS2 summer concert every year in which every child who learns an instrument performs either a solo or in a group and the choir sing. This is held in the church and is a formal occasion which is always well supported. Tickets are sold to parents and friends.

We have a KS1 and early years concert every summer held in the school hall which is very informal and we invite parents to see every class sing, the year 2 recorders perform after their term of learning and the KS1 choir and ukulele group perform.

Our choir sings at every special service during the year, Harvest, Christmas, Easter and our leavers' service, as well as regularly singing in assembly.

At our Christmas fair the KS2 recorder group welcome guests outside the school by playing Christmas carols and the KS2 choir go carol singing to the local supermarkets every December to raise money for one of our school charities.

The choir often learn new songs which they then teach to the rest of the school in assemblies. Every 2 years they join in with Bucks Music Trust in a concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

This year we are very excited to welcome the New Mozart Orchestra to give a performance to the whole school and a group of 30 children will be selected to work with them in a workshop the following day.

Year 4 learn about instruments of the orchestra as part of their curriculum learning and they have visits from professional musicians who demonstrate their instruments to them.

Our BMT teachers regularly visit classes to do demonstrations of their instruments and encourage children to learn new instruments.

Each summer term we have a very competitive school singing competition when each class learns a song and we invite a judge in to award a trophy to the winning class in each key stage.

## In the future

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

We are very keen to maintain our music provision in the school and we want to future proof this provision. We are continually looking to make cross curricular links and use resources like SingUp to enhance our learning.