

Music development plan summary: Stoke Row Primary School 2026-2027

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	
Date this summary will be reviewed	
Name of the school music lead	Cait Raaff
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Oxfordshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Oxfordshire County Music Service

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-curricular provision and musical events and performances – 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

Children in all classes have weekly classroom music lessons.

The main music resource for classroom is Charanga.

Children in Year 3 and 4 are taught to play a glockenspiel as part of their class-music lessons. During Lower Key Stage 2 they will learn the following notes; A, B, C, D, E, F, G. They learn to play musical pieces independently, and begin to read and annotate music, as well as having a deeper understanding of musical language.

Part B: Extra-curricular music including music tuition, choir and orchestra

There are plenty of opportunities for children to broaden their musical experience outside the classroom:

Singing

Children sing at least one worship song or hymn in our whole-school collective worship.

There is a 30-minute whole-school 'hymn practice' every week where the children practice hymns for these collective worships.

Spotlights on key musical artists are also explored. This incorporates pupil voice as children are encouraged to suggest artists/genres they would like to include.

Playing

Children are offered one-to-one or small-group instrumental tuition from Year 3 onwards. The school uses guitar tutors from Oxfordshire Music Service. There is a charge for this instrumental tuition, except for pupil premium children who are provided lessons and the hire of an instrument without charge. Lessons are held in a dedicated music room and can be accompanied by a piano if required. Music lessons with the Oxfordshire Music Service are designed to be inclusive of all pupils. An after-school club, to learn the keyboard is currently being established.

There is a 'piano club' which is held before school. All children are eligible to attend. There is a charge for this instrumental tuition, except for pupil premium children.

Children are given the opportunity to play and perform at the regular celebration assembly attended by the whole school community. Children with special educational needs are able to play and perform and may be supported by a parent or member of staff during their performance.

Listening

As the children walk in and out of collective worship, a variety of music is played, either on an organ in the church or through an electronic device. In Religious Education, children are exposed to various different music styles. In Art, children in Upper Key Stage 2 have an opportunity to listen to a variety of genres of music and draw images to what they hear and how the music makes them feel.

The children attend the annual Christmas Pantomime at The Kenton in Henley-on-Thames. This provides an opportunity to listen and join in with a variety of different songs.

Part C: Musical events and performances

Throughout the year, children are encouraged to perform individually or in small groups during collective worship. Children are regularly reminded that they can perform in collective worship.

Autumn Term:

Harvest Festival – This is held at the local church. A collection of songs are sung some to parents and some congregational hymns.

Christingle Service – The children practice and then perform songs to family members in our village church. Some songs contain solo or small group parts.

Nativity Performances – Children in Years Reception to Year 2 take part in a number of Nativity performances. The performances are to parents and other family members.

Spring Term:

Easter Celebration – Children take part in the Easter service and sing appropriate songs which are linked to readings, drama and artwork.

Summer Term:

Key Stage 2 Play – Children in key stage 2 perform in a musical drama production. There are performances to the other school children and staff and to family and friends.

Leavers' Service and Achievement Celebration – Children in Year 6 take part in a Leavers' Service at the local church for family and friends. This includes solo performances, songs sung by the children only and communal hymns.

The music co-ordinator and SENCO work with parents and teachers to ensure that children with special educational needs have equal opportunities to participate in musical events.

In the future

We aim to broaden our provision in the following ways:

- 1) Developing our provision of peripatetic musical teaching
- 2) Having a whole-school music workshop run by a professional external provider.
- 3) Arranging an opportunity for children to experience a live music performance by external professionals.

- 4) Taking part in a bigger event (eg Prom Praise for schools; Berkshire Maestros RAH performance; or Festival of Voices with the National Association for Primary Education at Dorchester Abbey.)