

Music development plan summary: Oakthorpe Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Lauren Pierce
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Jude Garrad
Name of local music hub	London North
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Enfield Music Service

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.

The school has a scheme of work planned for music which is progressive and maps out the content and knowledge and skills to be taught. Our curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3 or any other published curriculum guidance. You can view our music curriculum map [here](#) on the school website.

Each year group timetables a weekly music session. All pupils access music lessons in class and the needs of pupils with SEND are taken into consideration by class teachers and adaptations made when required.

All pupils have the opportunity to sing and play an instrument during lesson time. In some year groups there is whole-class ensemble teaching.

The school is linked with Enfield Music Service, who provide support for the music lead including termly meetings. Enfield Music Service is part of the London North hub for music.

The headteacher has previously chaired the local music hub board.

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.

The school offers music tuition outside of what is taught in lesson time.

At the commencement of the academic year 2024 the current offer includes piano or keyboard, drumming, guitar, flute and clarinet. These are a mixture of 1;1 or group lessons.

Some of this tuition is subsidised or free, including for parents or carers in particular circumstances (e.g. pupil premium eligibility).

A KS 2 choir is open to all pupils and takes place during a lunch break. This is led by the music lead. This is free to all. Children participating in this choir have the opportunity to attend national events (Voice in a Million) and partnership events with local schools.

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.

Pupils at Oakthorpe love to sing!

There are weekly singing assemblies for both KS1 and KS2. Children learn a wide range of songs including songs for special times of the year e.g. Harvest, Holocaust Memorial Day and Christmas.

In addition to this every year group has the opportunity to participate in a performance during the school year. This includes Reception Nativity, KS 1 Summer show, Lower KS2 celebration performances e.g. Easter Show and Upper KS 2 Show in the Autumn

Term. Parents are invited to these performances and have frequent opportunities to be part of an audience.

We have a whole school annual carol singing event when we gather together and each year group performs a song combined with singing together.

Additional events are planned during the year including, drumming workshops, concerts involving dance and music, music as part of Black History Month and linked to artists studied during art week.

The school has been involved in some exciting projects including Sing our Story, where a songwriter worked with families to compose and perform songs with a number of our pupils.

Pupils from Mulberry Woodside visit the school to perform. Most recently this was linked to activities planned for Black History Month.

Children in KS1 and Year 3 visit the Millfield Theatre to watch a pantomime.

In the future

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

Targets/plans for the future:

- ensuring all pupils can access a musical performance by increasing the number of visitors
- evaluation of the music curriculum at Oakthorpe
- Developing opportunities for staff professional development
- Forming a musical ensemble in school.
- Our EYFS children will perform to the residents of a local care home (Dec 2024)

Further information

Parents may wish to view the published Department for Education [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.

You can find out more about Enfield Music Service [here](#)