

Music development plan summary: Cookham Dean Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Date this summary will be reviewed	31 st October 2026
Name of the school music lead	Fenella Reekie
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Berkshire Music Trust
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

For information regarding the music curriculum at Cookham Dean Primary School, please visit our website at <https://www.cookhamdean.org/music>

Music is taught in each class every week using the Kapow Scheme of Work.

Kapow Primary's Music scheme has been designed as a spiral curriculum with the following key principles in mind:

- Cyclical: Pupils return to the same skills and knowledge again and again during their time in primary school.
- Increasing depth: Each time a skill or area of knowledge is revisited it, is covered with greater depth.
- Prior knowledge: Upon returning to a skill, prior knowledge is utilised so pupils can build upon previous foundations, rather than starting again

Our curriculum has taken into account taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3

- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

Lessons are a 1 hour and are taught by class teachers or a music specialist. This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly hymn practise lasting 30 minutes.

Children in years KS2 learn an instrument as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialists from Berkshire Music Hub or class teachers. Each project lasts 10 weeks and culminates in a concert where children perform songs and pieces together.

Whole class teaching takes place in the classrooms with individual lessons taking place in our dedicated music room.

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.

At Cookham Dean Primary School, we currently offer individual and small-group lessons through Berkshire Music Hub, Dawkes Music and private music teachers. Teachers visit the school and teach children in our dedicated music practise room. We offer lessons in string, brass, piano, drums, guitar, singing and recorders.

We have a thriving Key Stage 2 Choir with approximately 90 children who have opportunities to sing at Windsor Castle, the 02, Cookham Arts Festival and local talent shows. Individual and small group lessons are funded by parents, however for those children who are Pupil Premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium provision.

We have a KS1 choir with approximately 20 children.

Rocksteady is an integral part of our music provision. It is a music school that provides in-school band lessons for children ages 4–11. Their mission is to make music more accessible and inclusive, and to help children develop confidence, teamwork skills, and a sense of belonging.

Children are encouraged to play their instruments as children enter for assembly. This develops performance skills and confidence.

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.

Every assembly has a piece of music associated to the theme of the assembly – taken from a wide range of repertoire.

Each class has an opportunity to perform once a year that include singing – nativities for KS1 and EYFS, Christingle for LKS2 developing into plays and pantomimes in UKS2.

Children have hymn practise every week for 30 minutes with songs from Isingpop and children's hymns. Children performed in an isingpop concert in St John the Baptist church.

Every child that has lessons (including choir) is invited to perform at the annual musical soiree in the summer term – no matter what their standard.

Children also have opportunities to sing at our local care homes at Christmas, Easter and summer term.

In the future

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

- Develop opportunities for children to hear live professional music
- Whole class teaching of instruments for KS1
- Improve quality and quantity of resources
- Music Lead to attend CPD offered by music hub
- Pupil Premium - update the register of Pupil Premium children engaged in extra-curricular music activities; review budget and ensure equality of provision for children who cannot afford to access paid-for provision.

Further information (optional)