



‘Let your light shine’ Matthew 5:16 is central to all that we do as a Christian school community. We work together to nurture the well-being, learning and development of everyone, empowering all to shine as individuals through clearly understood values and behaviour, founded in the Christian faith.

Music Development Plan

Cuddington and Dinton Church of England Primary School

At Cuddington and Dinton C of E Primary School, we provide children with a wide range of quality musical experiences which engage and inspire them; our aim is that pupils will develop a life-long love of music.

Overview Details	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	December 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	December 2025
Name of school music lead	Mrs. Ferlin Thomas
Name of Local music hub	Bucks Music Trust
Name of other music education organisation(s)	Garsington Opera

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.

Curriculum Music

- Our music curriculum is based on the national plan for music education and the model music curriculum using the Kapow music scheme (following the ambition of the New Model Music Curriculum) with resource input from Charanga, BBC Ten Pieces, Sparkyard and Sing-up.
- Through the Kapow scheme, a broad range of music is taught covering a diverse range of genres and cultures. Music from different time periods and from around the world is evenly balanced throughout the curriculum.
- Our music curriculum develops our children’s skills through singing, listening, composing and performing using our well-resourced musical resources.

- All children sing and perform in class assemblies linked with our school values. KS2 assemblies often feature music recitals.

Potential Next Steps

- To continue to develop a structured system for tracking individual student progress and achievements in music, making notes, filming and recording the start and end of each unit to provide more personalised support and recognition.
- To improve our provision and enable children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to learn an instrument through regular weekly lessons to gain the basic skills at beginner level in an instrument – supported by a specialist teacher from Bucks Music Trust – in year 3 or 4.

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.

- Singing assemblies
- KS2 Choir (Y3-6)
- Recorder club
- Music tuition - Instrumental lessons: piano, singing & guitar. These lessons are offered on a one-to-one, paired or small group basis. Our tutors are currently provided by Bucks Music trust. Parents and carers pay for these lessons.
- Additional music lead support is available and used - composing, creating and practising songs for assemblies, carol services and productions across year groups F2-Y6

Musical Experiences 2024-2025

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. There are performance opportunities for our children each term including:

KS2 Choir (42 children Year 3 - 6)

- Royal Albert Hall Echoes 10 'Seascapes' performance April 2024
- Carol Singing for the customers of Waddesdon Garden centre (November 2024).
- Opera First Benjamin Britten's – A Midsummer Night's Dream' Workshops x 2 performed to school (June 2024 & 2025- for all Year 4)
- Opera First Garsington Opera visit to see professionals - for all year 4 children (July 2024 & 2025)
- Christmas nativity and musical performances KS1
- Class collective worship assemblies with performed songs and instruments

- Christmas Carol concerts in St Peter's and St Pauls church Dinton
- Year 5 & 6 Summer Production – Summer 2025
- KS2 annual pupils Drumming performance to pupils and parents – June 2024 - 2025
- KS2 pupil Piano recital to parents Summer 2024 - 2025

Whole School

- Live concerts and orchestra performances throughout the year – Bucks Music Trust
- Recitals in instrumental assemblies
- Children who take private instrumental lessons have opportunity to play at start and end of whole school assemblies

In the Future

- Invite in BMT to lead a singing assembly
- Develop a singing curriculum – purchase Sparkyard to support singing and music lessons. (October 2024)
- Regular timetabled music and singing with Early Years Foundation Stage and continued support with performances.
- Increase peripatetic instruments on offer – invite instrumental teachers into school to lead assemblies promoting their instruments.
- Participate in Energise 2025
- Participate in Choir of the year event 2025
- Attend future CPD and Bucks Music Conference (Grassington Opera 2024 & 2025 staff training sessions)
- Make a Whole school music concert an annual event