



Music Development Plan Summary

Cowley St. Laurence Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	October 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Lynn Pearce
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Overseen by Deputy Head Jo Rindsland
Name of local music hub	Hillingdon Music Hub
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.

At Cowley St. Laurence the music curriculum is informed by the Charanga Model Music Curriculum (March 2021) non-statutory guidance for teaching music. The scheme of work is planned using a combination of the Original Scheme and the Model Music Curriculum, ensuring that the music aims for the National Curriculum are being taught. All pupils participate in music within the school, ensuring that experiences are accessible for pupils with disabilities and/or SEND needs. In EYFS, music is an integral part of learning where children learn through listening, participating and reacting to nursery rhymes. All children receive at

least 40 minutes-1 hour of music teaching per week. All children sing and play a range of instruments during their classroom lesson time, including tuned and untuned percussion instruments. The school is supported by the Hillingdon Music Hub who support the music lead teacher with online and face to face meetings. You can access the school curriculum for music online.

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.

At Cowley St. Laurence, pupils can join the popular school choir each academic year. In September, pupils will be asked to show their interest in joining the choir and 30 pupils will be chosen equally across years 2 –6. Children who are not successful remain on a waiting list. If a child leaves, the next child on the waiting list in the same year group will be offered a place. This is a free club which runs after school for one hour per week. The choir has opportunities to perform at different events outside of school throughout the year, some of which parents can attend.

Part C: Musical Events

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.

All children take part in regular singing assemblies; these are weekly for KS1 and KS2. In Early Years, children take part in a Christmas sing along with their parents and perform a short musical nativity in Reception. In Key Stage 1, the children perform a Christmas Nativity for families and Key Stage 2 children perform a Christmas carol concert. Key Stage 2 children are also given the opportunity to audition for and perform a Christmas show which is rehearsed outside of school hours. There are class assemblies planned in across the year for children in Years 1-6 which include singing and the opportunity to play instruments where parents will be invited. Children will also have a chance to share their music learning with each other informally, for instance performing to their class peers or to a different year group. In the Summer term, Year 6 perform their fully staged end of year show for the school, families and members of the community. We also have an annual competition - 'Cowley's Got Talent' where the children have the freedom to showcase their talent in singing, performing or playing a musical instrument.

Pupils perform annually as part of a larger choir with pupils from across Hillingdon as part of the Hillingdon Music Events at various venues such as The Wycombe Swan. This opportunity allows students to enhance their musical skills, build confidence, and experience performing inside a wonderful venue with a much bigger audience.

The **Cowley St. Laurence Choir** also takes part in annual visits to sing Christmas carols during services at Cowley St. Laurence Church. This event fosters community connections and spreads holiday cheer.

As part of the **Frays Multi-Academy Trust**, Cowley St. Laurence collaborates with other schools to create unique performances that celebrate music-making throughout the year. This helps cultivate a shared ethos of appreciation and love for music within the Trust.

In the future

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

- Look at 1:1 music tuition.
- Look at how to increase the capacity of the choir.
- Explore teaching whole class ensemble lessons
- To invite inspirational musicians into school.

Further information (optional)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people> A guide for parents and young people on how they can get involved in music in and out of school.

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/1221/Hillingdon-Music-Service>

<https://charanga.com/site/music-hubs/online-home-learning/>