Music development plan summary: Orchard Lea Junior

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-27
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Name of the school music lead	Amy Humby
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Hampshire Music Education Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rock Steady

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.

The planned curriculum for music can be found on the year group overviews on the school website. Please click on these links to find out more:

https://www.orchardlea-jun.hants.sch.uk/Learning/Year-Groups/

https://www.orchardlea-jun.hants.sch.uk/Learning/Music/

Pupils in Year 3 and Year 6 have 6 hours of music lessons every other half term. Year 3 and 6 have music lessons delivered by their class teachers and they follow the specialised music scheme of Charanga. By following this scheme, there is clear progression from Year R to Year 6 and all children have the opportunity to sing together and play the glockenspiel as well as untuned instruments. Years 4 and 5 have an hour per week of music lessons which are delivered by music specialists from

Hampshire Music Service. Through this teaching, the children learn a new musical instrument per term, which may include the drums, keyboard, brass or ukulele, for example.

Within all year groups the children have the opportunity to sing songs as part of an ensemble in their music lessons as well as with the whole school during a weekly singing assembly.

All children access the music curriculum and adaptations are made to support children with SEN. Please see our SEND policy for further details:

https://www.orchardlea-jun.hants.sch.uk/Other-Useful-Info/SEN-Equalities/

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 Orchard Lea Junior School, we currently offer individual and small-group lessons for violin, guitar and piano. Expert teachers visit the school and teach children in our dedicated music room. The children can make progress and earn their different graded certificates. These peripatetic lessons cost £60 per term and are subsidised by half for those children in receipt of Pupil Premium. We also offer Rock Steady lessons, during which, children can choose the instrument they would like to learn to play within a band, along with the opportunity to earn an accredited 'Music Performance in Bands' grade, with the support of expert teachers. These lessons are offered at a cost of £42.79 per month, with subsidies available for Pupil Premium children.

Children can also attend a school choir and a recorder group, which are both run by school staff. There is no charge for the school choir or the recorder group. To join, the children just need to put their name forward and attend the sessions during the school day.

Children from all year groups have the opportunity to take part in a school musical, which is run by school staff in an afterschool club. Most children sing and dance as part of the chorus, and there are some children who are offered solo opportunities.

Part C: Music Performances

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.

Below are the opportunities our pupils get to perform:

- All children sing regularly in assembly and have a weekly singing assembly.
- Children who are in the choir or have instrument lessons in school or outside of school can perform to the school during our Friday celebration assembly.
- Pupils in Year 4 and 5 perform, as part of an ensemble, to their parents every term.
- Pupils in Year 3 and 6 perform songs to parents as part of their parent exhibitions.
- Each year, our school choir takes part in a cluster concert where they perform with others schools and the secondary school's band.
- Pupils in Year 3 learn Christmas songs and perform to parents at the local church as part of a Christingle event.
- Pupils in Year 5 visit a local care home where they sing to the residents.
- Children who are part of the school musical perform to the school and to parents.
- The choir take part in a cluster concert each year and a 'musical in a day' workshop with other local schools.

In the future

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

Curriculum Music

- Continue to develop improvisation and composition.

Extra-Curricular Music

- Increase the amount of opportunities for children to perform to unfamiliar audiences.
- Increase the proportion of FSM-eligible pupils participating in extracurricular activities.

Further information (optional)

We are part of the Hampshire Music Education Hub and the Lead School for primary schools in the south is St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, Winchester.

Children have been invited to attend the Music Mayhem Holiday Activity Days where children can engage with instrumental workshops. This is run by the Hampshire Music Education Hub.

The Department for Education publishes a 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.