Music development plan summary: Colnbrook C of E Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Toni Hosken
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Amandeep Bharj (AHT – Curriculum)
Name of local music hub	Slough Music Service
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 different areas, in particular, curriculum music, co-curricular and musical experiences. It also details 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 and how much time is spent teaching music on a weekly basis.

Pupils at Colnbrook C of E Primary receive approximately one hour of timetabled music provision each week. This is delivered using the Kapow Primary scheme of work.

Our music curriculum is delivered by either class teachers or music specialists from the Slough Music Service. In KS1, pupils receive lessons of a 30-minute duration; in KS2, lessons are extended to 45 minutes.

Music lessons at Colnbrook cover 7 key strands:

Songs/singing

Kodaly/pitch
Pulse and rhythm
Listening
Improvisation
Composition
Performance

Every pupil has the opportunity to play an instrument as part of their curricular lessons. In KS1, children play tuned and untuned percussion instruments. In Year 3 and 5, children receive whole class recorder and ukulele lessons delivered by experts from the Slough Music Service. In Year 4 children explore music and instruments from other cultures, for example Japan and South America. Year 6 spend time developing their composition skills and developing greater accuracy in pitch and control.

SEND pupils are encouraged to take part in all curricular music lessons with relevant support and adaptations in place where required.

In EYFS, singing is an integral part of the daily school routine, and the children can often be found using song to help them to learn across the curriculum.

For more detailed information about objectives covered, please read our whole school music curriculum map.

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.

Our school has a close link with Slough Music Service. This enables our pupils to take part in choir and ensembles that they offer. Currently, this includes a KS2 choir and a drum ensemble.

We also use Slough Music Service to deliver peripatetic music lessons where children can learn a range of different instruments including, guitar and keyboard.

KS1 and KS2 pupils at Colnbrook attend weekly hymn practice where they learn a selection of seasonal hymns that will later be sung during church services.

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 Colnbrook are given several opportunities to perform throughout the school year. During the year, we have many church services where the children showcase the different hymns they have learnt during hymn practice. EYFS have a yearly nativity and Christmas concert. Each class performs a class assembly to the school and parents in which they showcase a song or peice of music they have learnt. In addition, all pupils in Year 6 perform in a production at the end of the summer term as part of their leaver's events.

Slough Music Service organise a host of events at external venues throughout the school year which pupils from Colnbrook attend:

Everyone Can Play – All pupils in Year 3 and 5 perform in a massed band alongside other schools in the local area.

Slough Music Service showcase- Pupils in the KS2 choir take part in the end of year music showcase.

Pupils receiving whole class instrumental lessons perform in a showcase to parents at the end of the summer term as well smaller performances throughout the year.

KS2 attend a yearly trip to the pantomime at Theatre Royal in Windsor and EYFS/KS1 pupils enjoy a performance from a visiting theatre company.

We host a yearly ‘Talent show’ which is put together by the school council. Pupils audition and the winners perform to the school, teachers and parents.

In the future

From this academic year (25-26), we are asking each year group to put on an additional musical performance to parents. This can be as part of an Express Event or a separate musical performance, which can take place in either the autumn, spring or summer term.

We will be inviting teachers from our music service to give demonstrations in assemblies more frequently to entice more pupils to take up an instrument.

We will continue to work collaboratively with Slough Music Service to further develop choir and instrumental club.

Further information (optional)

Slough Music Service https://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk/

The DFE's guide for parents and young people provides information on how parents/children can get involved in music in and out of school and where to go for support beyond school