

Music development plan summary: North Hinksey CE Primary

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, 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

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
Date this summary was published	October 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	October 2026
Name of the school music lead	Harry Frost
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Hannah Forder-Ball
Name of local music hub	Oxfordshire 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.

North Hinksey Primary School – Our Music Offer

At North Hinksey Primary School, music is a vibrant and integral part of our curriculum and wider school life. We believe that every child should have the opportunity to explore their creativity, develop musical skills, and experience the joy of performing.

Our pupils engage in a rich and varied programme of musical learning, from singing and instrumental work to composing and performing. Working in partnership with Oxford Song, children have the unique opportunity to create and perform their own original songs, developing confidence, teamwork, and artistic expression through professional guidance and authentic creative experiences.

Each year, the school also takes part in an Opera project inspired by the Royal Opera House's Create and Sing programme, where pupils explore storytelling through music, movement, and drama. These operatic focuses allow children to immerse themselves in character, narrative, and emotion, while deepening their understanding of how music can bring stories to life.

Performance is at the heart of our music offer. From class and school concerts to larger-scale productions, pupils are encouraged to share their talents with pride. Highlights of the year include a Shakespeare musical and performances in prestigious Oxford colleges, giving pupils unforgettable experiences performing in historic and inspiring settings.

As a school we take part in regular church services and work in classes and in phases to learn both traditional and modern hymns,.

Through these diverse opportunities, North Hinksey pupils not only develop musical skills but also confidence, creativity, and a lifelong love of the arts.

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 North Hinksey Primary School, pupils enjoy a wide range of musical lesson opportunities designed to nurture their skills and passions. Alongside high-quality classroom music teaching, children can take part in Rock Steady bands, where they learn to play instruments such as guitar, drums, keyboard, and vocals as part of an ensemble, developing teamwork and performance confidence. We also work in partnership with the Oxfordshire County Music Service, offering specialist guitar and piano lessons for pupils who wish to develop their instrumental skills further. In addition, our dedicated music lead runs small group choirs that rehearse and perform at school and community events, giving children the chance to experience the joy of singing together and representing the school at a variety of occasions.

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.

At North Hinksey Primary School, we are committed to enriching our pupils' musical education through a wide range of inspiring experiences beyond the classroom. Children have regular opportunities to attend live musical performances in Oxford, including concerts, recitals, and theatre productions, helping them to appreciate different styles and traditions of music. We also organise visits to London's West End and Stratford-upon-Avon, where pupils experience professional musical theatre and opera performances in world-renowned venues. These memorable trips not only broaden pupils' cultural horizons but also deepen their understanding of how music, drama, and storytelling combine to create powerful performances that inspire their own creativity back at school.

In the future

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

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement in music education, North Hinksey Primary School is focusing on further developing our provision across all age groups. Early Years staff are undertaking specialist CPD to enhance their confidence and skills in delivering high-quality music teaching, ensuring that our youngest learners experience a strong and joyful start to their musical journey. We are also refining our music curriculum to more deeply embed elements from the Royal Opera House's Create and Sing programme and our partnership with Oxford Song, ensuring that composition, performance, and creative storytelling through music are woven throughout the school. These developments aim to create a coherent and inspiring music curriculum that builds progressively from Early Years to Key Stage 2, fostering a lifelong love of music in every pupil.

Further information (optional)

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