

Music development plan summary 2025-2026: Gunthorpe C of E Primary school



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	September 2025 – August 2026
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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

We follow the Kapow curriculum for music. This provides a clear sequence of musical activities to use in the classroom which are practical and engaging. Key musical concepts and themes are developed and revisited, building on knowledge and understanding at every stage. The curriculum enables children to develop a range of skills in singing, playing a wide range of instruments, listening, composing, improvising and exploring notation. It focuses on a variety of genres and music from a diverse range of cultures.

Our music curriculum covers the statutory National Curriculum for England and satisfies a wealth of suggestions made in the Model Music Curriculum. Children have 1 hour of curriculum music each week.

Every staff member has access to the Kapow curriculum which enables all pupils including those with special educational needs to take part either with the whole class or individually/ in a small group.

As part of our music curriculum, all the junior classes have the opportunity to play glockenspiels together as a whole class and each child also has a 20-minute singing assembly once a week with the whole school.

We have connected with the Nottinghamshire music hub to support our music curriculum and provision and have taken part with some sing up events.

Part B: Choirs and ensembles

At Gunthorpe C of E Primary school, we have a school “Young voices” choir, free for any child to join in Key Stage 2. We practise every week in school and work towards the “Young voices” concert in Sheffield.

We also have Rock Steady music who offer music lessons across a range of instruments in small groups these bands then hold a concert once a term for the whole school and parents.

We have a newly formed weekly music and singing club that meets after school, where pupils learn and sing together, with the choice of songs driven by the children’s interests.

Part C: Musical experiences

There are many performance opportunities at Gunthorpe C of E Primary School during the school year.

All our children take part in a weekly singing assembly, where they learn a variety of songs throughout the year. They also sing during collective worship.

We also have a different piece of music from the BBC Ten Pieces to listen to in assembly each week. We explore our thoughts about the piece and how it makes us feel.

At Christmas time, our infant children perform a nativity play, learning songs telling the Christmas story and the children in Key stage 2 sing a range of Christmas songs/carols. We also host a senior singalong which is open to the senior members of our community. Where children serve refreshments and entertain the audience, singing a range of uplifting songs and carols. All of our school concerts are free to attend. The school also leads the village ‘carols round the tree’ at the Christmas light switch on and lantern walk.

In the Summer term our Key stage 2 children all take part in a production which they perform to the rest of the school, parents and wider community. Once a term, we hold an achievement assembly that celebrates, among other things, pupils’ musical talents and provides an opportunity for them to perform.

We have links with Open Doors creative arts group who come regularly into school to lead workshops with our children. These include singing sessions that explore storytelling, music from around the world, as well as “Play in a Day” experiences.

In the future

We would like to offer all the children more opportunities to experience more live music and so will look at taking the children to concerts or arranging for more visiting musicians to come in to and perform.

We are looking to extend the opportunity for instrument tuition across the school.