

Music development plan summary: Chalfont St Giles Junior School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2027
Name of the school music lead	Mr James Holmes
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Buckinghamshire Music Trust
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.

- Each Year Group follows lessons from the Charanga scheme of work, informed by the Model Music Curriculum (2021). This includes the use of tuned and untuned percussion and other instruments, as well as singing. This is currently for 30 minutes per week.
- Currently, we do not have any formal partnership with our local music hub, but they do perform for the children and run all of our individual music lessons.

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.

- All children can request individual music lessons and then we will process applications and communicate with the local music hub to arrange a teacher to come in. Currently, we have the following lessons running throughout the week: drums, brass, piano, guitar, woodwind & strings.
- Children work towards Grades in these instruments.
- Children can request an instrument we do not currently provide and we will arrange for a teacher to come in.
- Pupils perform their instruments in assembly to other pupils.
- We recommend Saturday Music Centre to pupils.
- Pupils can practise in the Hall during Break and Lunch, working on pieces they will be performing.

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.

- All classes have a weekly singing assembly (together) for 25 minutes covering a variety of genres and children's suggestions are requested and used.
- Children also sing songs on the way into and out of assembly daily.
- We hold our annual Music and Arts Evening where children are encouraged to perform musical instruments. They then perform in front of the whole school as a dress rehearsal before the actual evening performance to parents/relatives/friends.
- We hold an annual Christmas Service at the local church and pupils play the instruments whilst the rest of the school sings. This is split into the Lower and Upper School to allow more players to perform.
- Year 6 sing in their school play at the end of the year and other year groups incorporate singing into their annual assemblies too.
- We invite the local Music Centre and other performers in to perform to children.
- Children shall be competing in a House Music event in the Summer Term, performing in front of the entire school.
- Vache Baroque work with Year 5s.

In the future

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

- Increasing music lesson time to one hour per week.

- Starting a choir/ensemble.

Further information (optional)

Here is a link to The Department for Education's [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.