

Music development plan summary: Sowe Valley Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 – 2026
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Name of the school music lead	Leah Martin
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Beth Jackson
Name of local music hub	Heart of England Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Coventry Music

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 how much time is spent teaching music, and what is covered in those lessons.

At our school, every child takes part in a rich and engaging music curriculum. Each class enjoys five hours of music every half term, delivered through the Charanga Music Scheme, taught by their class teachers. This structured programme provides children with the opportunity to explore music in a fun, practical, and progressive way.

Charanga offers a wide variety of songs, activities, and resources that allow children to:

- Listen to and appraise different styles of music from a range of cultures and time periods.
- Sing and perform with confidence, both individually and as part of a group.
- Play instruments and use their voices to create and explore sounds.
- Compose and improvise, developing their creativity and ability to express themselves musically.

- Develop musical understanding, including rhythm, pulse, pitch, and notation.

Through this approach, children build not only their musical knowledge and skills but also important wider qualities such as teamwork, confidence, and creativity.

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 offers the children a range of enriching opportunities within the subject of Music. With input from specialist tutors at Coventry Music, the children are offered the opportunity to learn to play an instrument in further depth through weekly music lessons offered at a small, subsidised cost.

Lunchtime choir/singing club is offered to KS2 on a weekly basis, with performance opportunities for the regular participants, including in the community, and raising money for charity. The weekly sessions allow the children to further develop their vocal skills and repertoire – focussing on good posture, breathing, projection, diction and performance skills through singing. We have also added in Makaton/BSL signing to further enhance our children's experiences. This helps our Choir to be inclusive for all learners and audiences.

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 Christmas, KS1 rehearse and perform a Nativity for the school and parents – which is held in the school hall.

During the Summer term, KS2 support Year 6 with their end of year production, performing to the whole school and families – held in the school hall. Year 6 students are given the opportunity to act as sound engineers and support with backstage duties, including set, props and costume design – giving them a taste of professional roles they may wish to partake in the future.

A talent show is held twice a year, where the children have the opportunity to audition and showcase their musical and non-musical talents – with prizes for all who take part and a larger prize for the winners voted in each year group.

Singing opportunities arise during seasonal and celebration assemblies, where children sing with and to the whole school. Examples of this include for the VE celebration day last year.

In the future

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

In future, we would like to begin offering more of a range of instrumental lessons for children to learn and experience – as well as increase the number of performance opportunities throughout the year, in and out of school.

We are beginning to search for more opportunities for the children to perform in professional venues in and around the Coventry area with Coventry Music and Heart of England Music Hub.

Further information

The Coventry Music service website: <https://www.coventrymusic.co.uk/>

The Heart of England Music Hub website: <https://www.heartofenglandmusic.com/>

The power of Music: A National Plan for Music Education:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-power-of-music-to-change-lives-a-national-plan-for-music-education>