

Music development plan summary: Haddenham St Mary's CE School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/2025
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Date this summary will be reviewed	10/2024
Name of the school music lead	Elizabeth Law
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Karen Collett
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.

Music should be an enjoyable experience for pupils and staff. It should be celebratory, creative and expressive, bringing communities together both within the school environment and in the wider location.

At Haddenham St Mary's children participate in a range of musical experiences, building up their confidence at the same time. They develop their understanding of rhythm, pulse and pitch as well as learning technical vocabulary for these elements. As children's confidence builds, they enjoy the performance aspect of music. The introduction to simple music notation and music reading will enable pupils to continue onto instrumental learning and provide increased opportunities for music participation. Children experience listening to music from different cultures, eras and genres. Listening to a wide range of music will broaden pupil's musical horizons and encourage them to be open minded.

The HSM Music curriculum is an integral part of the overall curriculum and is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021). All children will have opportunities to play tuned and untuned instruments with particular focus on Percussion instruments in Reception, Hand-bells in Year 1 and Recorders and Drumming in Year 2.

The HSM Music Overview for the music curriculum for each year group can be found here: <https://haddenham-st-marys.bucks.sch.uk/> under each year group page.

The HSM Music Progression Map can be accessed here: <https://haddenham-st-marys.bucks.sch.uk/our-curriculum/planning/>

The HSM 2024/2025 Action Plan for Music can be viewed upon request.

In accord with the key features and intent of the [national plan for music education](#) all children will have:

- timetabled curriculum music, including a weekly whole school singing practice, of approximately one hour each week
- access to lessons using a range of instruments, and voice
- opportunity to join the school choir, The Treble Clefs
- space and time for rehearsals
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

Increased access for disabled pupils and support for pupils with special educational needs (SEND) is provided through the use of a wide choice of instruments, variety of different listening opportunities, singing stories, the use of sensory accessories such as scarfs, and in this academic year a focus on reception tuff tray activities and the increased use of Makaton in whole school and class singing.

A weekly singing Collective Worship allows the children opportunities to develop their singing skills, learn new songs and gain a feeling of social cohesion and closeness. Good singing practice is particularly promoted in these sessions with an emphasis on vocal warm ups, good standing/sitting and self-evaluation of the singing voice. Use of Makaton will be a particular focus in these sessions during 2024/2025.

We want to ensure that music is loved by pupils and staff across school, encouraging them to want to continue with a life-long enjoyment of and participation in musical activities.

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 Haddenham St Mary's, Music is taught as a discrete subject but also across the curriculum. Areas of learning, such as number sequencing in Maths, story learning in RE and movement in Dance can all incorporate different elements of music.

Performances, such as the Christmas play, Nativity, Mother's Day service and end of year show, demonstrate that music is important to the life of the school.

Extracurricular activities, such as The Treble Clefs choir, which is open to all in years 1 and 2 without audition, also provide children with experience and enjoyment of making music and performing. The Treble Clefs regularly go 'on tour', with visits to different venues around the village, collaboration with local businesses and societies (including: DAF, Abbeyfield, Over 60's club) as well as performance opportunities within the school.

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 Haddenham St Mary's the impact of teaching music can be seen across the school with a focus on the profile of music.

Whole-school and parental engagement is encouraged through performances and extracurricular activities. Participation in music develops wellbeing, promotes listening and develops concentration.

A huge variety of musical experiences are planned for this academic year for all children, including regular events such as singing in assembly, musical performances (including parental visits to play instruments and answer children's questions), concerts (including the Village carol Concert 2024), shows at the school, and trips to concerts outside of the school (pantomime trip Dec 2024).

Further information

Buckinghamshire Music Trust <https://www.bucksmusic.org/>

Thame Children's Choir <https://www.tcc2.org.uk/>

Local music teachers <https://www.haddenham.net/search-page-1-bXVzaWM=-1.html>