

Music development plan summary: St Oswald's CofE Academy

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	November 2026
Name of the school music lead	Charlotte Courtenay
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Jayne Geran
Name of local music hub	Warwickshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	The BIG Sing

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.

At St Oswald's, we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups. Year 4 has whole-class ensemble teaching of the drums via in class whole class instrumental learning programme run by the Warwickshire Music Hub.

We use the Charanga music scheme for our lessons which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. When using the scheme and its progressive week-by-week lessons, we are guaranteeing to be meeting all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum and progress is evident through observations, class books and our progression documents. Discussions with children have demonstrated an increasing knowledge of key music vocabulary being recalled.

Observations have shown all pupils engaged and active during the lessons, including SEND. We have a range of instruments that can be used in the lessons and our curriculum. Our music appreciation ensures a variety of music and genres are listened to and discussed. Teachers are confident with musical elements and teaching children how to listen and appreciate a piece of music.

Our school's curriculum for Music is found on our webpage:
<https://www.stoswalds.covmat.org/music>

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 St Oswald's we are fortunate to have many opportunities for the children to develop their music skills. We have weekly singing worship where a wide range of songs are learnt and performed. Regular church services throughout the year enable children to

sing the songs learnt in singing worship and parents, the local community and church groups are involved.

There is a school choir which all children are welcome to join with practice sessions within school time and run as an extra-curricular club. The choir performs at church services, in school assemblies and worship and in outside concerts.

Within the choir the children take part with confidence and enthusiasm. All of our Year 4 take part in whole class drumming, led by a specialist music teacher.

Throughout the year, specific classes have the opportunity to take part in a Nativity production and end of year performances, with music and singing performances contained within and are performed to parents and peers.

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 St Oswald's we have links with the music service to develop whole class instrumental learning and allow for opportunities to perform to parents and peers (for specific classes each year).

We have developed a good link with The Big Sing choir group who have worked with our children and prepared them for performance in outside school performances.

The school choir and all pupils have regular opportunities to sing in whole school and class worship (assemblies) and at our local church events and services, and within this, there are regular opportunities for parents to watch and join in.

We have an online presence of promoting our school choir to parents and carers and the events they can take part in.

This year our choir will be taking part in Young Voices in January 2026, the opportunity to take part in this was opened up to all of KS2 children and Year 2.

In the future

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

In the coming years, we would like to further develop our partnership with Warwickshire Music Hub and increase our use of the opportunities they offer i.e. our pupils' participation in concert events organised.

We are planning to build on our music progress by continuing to develop children's composition skills and the notation of this. We will continue to develop our school choir

and children's performance skills with more opportunities to perform throughout the year.

We intend to start offering music tuition available via our Music Hub (Warwickshire Music), with a range of instruments on offer to be learnt. We would like to source opportunities to watch live music performances and develop a strong pupil voice. Furthermore, we will continue to provide our staff with CPD to continue to develop their confidence and subject knowledge.