Music development plan summary: Combe CE Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	September 2026
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Name of the school music lead	Kate McBride
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Rachel Joannou
Name of local music hub	Oxfordshire
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

The school curriculum for music for each year group is found on the school website.

Music is timetabled to take place for 1 hour per week in KS1 and KS2, throughout the academic year. Music lessons also take place regularly in EYFS.

Our school music curriculum is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021) and the Oxfordshire Music Hub Music Skills Progression document.

In Year 5 and 6 pupils learn to play an instrument during lesson time through whole-class ensemble teaching. This takes place in the for one term each year.

Combe School works with Oxfordshire Music Hub and Oxfordshire County Music Service. In addition to this, we occasionally work with other music education organisations, such as Oxford Opera.

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.

Combe School offers music tuition outside of what is taught in lesson time. Pupils can sign up for one-to-one piano or guitar lessons. These pupils progress through ABRSM graded examinations.

Pupils can join the school choir from Year 3 to Year 6, which is run after school once a week. This is free to all pupils. The choir perform regularly at village events (such as church services, May Day celebrations, Christmas Lights).

Children can join a musical theatre club, taking place once a week after school. This is paid for by parents, or can be free in certain circumstances. Each term ends with a performance to parents and staff.

During wellbeing afternoons, pupils are offered the opportunity to elect to join in with singing activities.

Pupils receive an instrument loan when taking part in whole class instrumental lessons.

Oxfordshire County Music Service offer Saturday music ensembles, which pupils can join.

We are partnered with Oxford Opera, with their staff visiting across the year to lead workshops and performances.

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.

Musical experiences are planned throughout the academic year. Children participate in:

- Singing in daily assemblies and opportunities to learn new songs
- Annual talent show for all pupils
- Annual nativity performance for EYFS/KS1
- Biennial concert for KS2
- Biennial musical show for KS2
- Whole school Harvest and Easter performance in the local church each year
- KS2 carol concert in the local church each year
- Biennial singing as part of Young Voices for Year 5 and 6 and the school choir (fully subsidised)

- Biennial singing as part of Oxfordshire's 'The Big Sing' for Year 5 and 6 (fully subsidised)
- Workshops in school delivered by professional musicians, such as Oxford Opera and Jo May Percussion (fully subsidised)

Children are members of the audience for:

- Whole school trip to a pantomime once a year (paid for by parents)
- KS2 visit to a show in London's West End once a year (paid for, or free for parents or carers in particular circumstances).
- KS2 visit to classical musical concert, organised by Oxfordshire Music Service, once a year (fully subsidised)
- Biennial attendance at Young Voices for Year 5/6 and the school choir.

Combe School has partnerships with Oxfordshire Music Hub and Oxford Opera.

In the future

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

- Review medium-term planning documents.
- Increase variety of instrumental lessons offered to all pupils.
- Signpost pupils to local and county vocal ensembles.
- All staff to engage with subject-specific CPD.