

Music development plan summary: Abingdon Primary School

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	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	Summer 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	Summer 2027
Name of the school music lead	Stacey Moody
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Emma Coupe
Name of local music hub	Tees Valley Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	SING Education

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 Abingdon primary school, all children follow the SING education curriculum. They receive a 30-minute session, once a week, every alternate half term. The lessons are taught by a music specialist.

Within our music lessons we believe every child has a voice. We build children's musical confidence through singing rounds, partner songs, and songs from around the world, and playing instruments including recorders, ukuleles, and glockenspiels. We follow Kodaly and Dalcroze principles to develop children's skills in rhythm and pitch.

The music curriculum is taught focusing on key areas each half term.

These key areas for KS1 are:

- pulse
- rhythm
- pitch
- composing
- ensemble skills
- reading notation

The key areas for KS2 are:

- reading rhythm notation
- reading pitch notation
- instrumental performance (recorders, ukuleles and glockenspiel)
- composing and improvising
- creating and performing
- singing and listening

Pupils in the SEND hub receive specially tailored music lessons, weekly. Here is a link to the model music curriculum which SING education bases their curriculum from.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6061f833d3bf7f5ce1060a90/Model_Music_Curriculum_Full.pdf

In addition to this, pupils take part in a weekly, one-hour singing session led by a specialist singing teacher. This is delivered through a whole-school singing assembly supports pupils to develop vocal confidence, pitch awareness, rhythm, listening skills, musical memory and performance skills.

This provision strengthens our whole-school music offer by ensuring that every child has regular access to high-quality vocal tuition.

The weekly singing assembly complements the SING education music teaching and wider musical opportunities across school, helping to create a stronger culture of singing and musical engagement.

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.

Abingdon Primary school has a school choir for key stage 2 children. Children rehearse at least once a week and perform in assemblies, for parent audiences and in a range of external performances.

The school choir also have the opportunity to perform with other schools in The Legacy Learning Trust. Annual performances with the trust schools are enjoyed by large audiences and give the children experience of large live music events.

The school also offers instrumental tuition in the form of weekly ukulele lessons. These lessons are available for children in key stage 2.

Alongside music lessons, children enjoy weekly opportunities to sing together in singing assemblies. Children from reception to y6 participate in the singing assemblies.

All of the music provision at Abingdon Primary is free of charge for all pupils.

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.

Abingdon Primary school have a range of musical experiences for the children.

All children from reception to year 6 sing in weekly singing assemblies and perform together.

All children from reception to year 6 also enjoy annual pantomimes which gives them experience of both music and drama. The pantomimes are sometimes in school and sometimes at Middlesbrough college or Middlesbrough little theatre.

The school choir perform in an annual concert with the other schools in The Legacy Learning Trust. This is in Middlesbrough Town Hall and is an impressive live music venue for the children to experience.

At Christmas, the choir sing in a local care home, go busking in the town centre and participate in Snappy Christmas concert which is attended by multiple schools from the local area.

The children in the choir have also had the amazing experience of performing in York Minster with other schools that are part of the SING education programme.

All of the extra musical experiences for the children at Abingdon Primary school are free of charge for the children.

In the future

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

Abingdon Primary school is committed to provide a well-rounded, high quality music curriculum in subsequent years. We will continue to work with SING education to provide music lessons with skilled music teaching in both singing and instrumental performance.

In addition to the performances we already offer, we plan to include more opportunities to enjoy live performance at least once a year from a range of singers and musicians, either in school or in external venues.