

Hunts Grove Primary Academy

Music Development Plan

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Music development plan summary: Hunts Grove 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	Molly Lancaster
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Avril Ramsey
Name of local music hub	Gloucestershire Academy of Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady

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.

Each class allocates a session each week for music.

These music lessons are planned using Charanga (English Model Music Curriculum Scheme) which is aligned with the National Curriculum for Music and the non-statutory Model Music Curriculum (MMC) Guidance published by the DfE in 2021.

This Scheme provides clearly-sequenced units and lessons with week-by-week support for each year group. These lessons include a clear learning progression, as well as engaging and exciting songs through well-resourced lessons.

Our curriculum follows a spiral approach to musical learning, with children revisiting, building and extending their knowledge and skills incrementally. In this manner, their learning is consolidated and augmented, increasing musical confidence and enabling them to go further.

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.

We have been holders of the Music Mark for 4 years and have been awarded again for (2026-2027).

We are very keen on providing a wealth of musical opportunities for as many of our children as possible. In addition to weekly music lessons (supported by Charanga – Model Music Curriculum) and our weekly singing assembly, we have a range of instrumental music on offer and we encourage as many children as possible to engage in, and develop a love of, music in all its forms.

Our Whole Class Ensemble Teaching (WCET) is provided for all children from Year 1 up to year 6. Our Year 4, 5 and 6 children received whole class ukulele lessons. Year 1, 2 and 3 receive whole class recorder lessons. Such is the continued success of the programme we intend that this will be an ongoing offer - we are continuing with recorder and ukulele lessons (staggered opportunities across the year)

In addition to the (WCET), we have both individual and group peripatetic music lessons available for children to sign-up for. Individual piano and violin lessons are available. We also host Rocksteady Music once a week too, which is a group offer, where children learn an instrument (lead or bass guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals) and they take their lessons as a band together.

Each of these experiences enriches the children's lives enormously – not least by the opportunity to perform. Each term we invite parents in for an assembly/performance for each group/class to be able to share with parents and carers the wonderful progress they have made. One such performance elicited a delightful response from a y6 parent, who was heard to say, "Wow, I came along because it was my child – but that was REAL music and it was good!"

We have really seen the joy that music can give and the increased confidence in our children. It is our intention to continue our music provision in the years to come.

Individual/small group lessons available:

Individual lessons - piano and violin

Whole Class Ensemble Teaching – ukulele and recorders (hopefully adding guitar soon too)

Group band lessons - Rocksteady music – lead guitar, bass guitar, keyboards, drums and vocals

Young Voices - lead by own staff

School Choir - lead by own staff

In addition, we signpost any keen and/or talented children to GAM in order to be able to further their musical experiences.

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.

Each term there is a musical performance for parents when the classes who have completed the WCET lessons share their learning.

Each term there is a Rocksteady assembly – the bands all perform to the rest of school and band member parents.

Throughout their time at Hunt's Grove, children enjoy a weekly singing assembly where a range of traditional and more modern songs can be joined in with. We are encouraging the children to think about their musical vocabulary and enjoyment throughout these shared experiences.

There are the usual array of Christmas concerts and performances – a pre-school and reception performance; year 1 & 2 performance and KS2 carol/Christmas songs concert.

In January each year, we attend the fabulous Young Voices Concert

In July there is a performance by the y6 pupils – the last few years this has been a 'big show' such as Matilda, Aladdin and the awe inspiring Lion King. This is performed to the rest of the school in the day and there is a concert for parents in the evening.

In June we hold a music showcase in collaboration with other schools in our MAT - this is held at one of our local secondary schools.

We continue to seek out opportunities for children to enjoy and learn more about music from the wider community. We have had a quartet of strings come in and perform for the children and have a small pantomime company come in so the children can be captivated by how music and drama can go hand in hand.

In the future

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

- We fully intend to continue this broad and rich music offer for the coming years. As a holder of the Music Mark, this commitment is vital to future award.

Further information (optional)