



# Cranford Park CE Primary School

## Music Development Plan

### 2025-26



## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Lydia Howard/ Chanel Lucas
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Tina Nowell
Name of local music hub	Hampshire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	iRock

## Part A: Curriculum music

At Cranford Park, we use the 'Sing Up' scheme to teach Music to all children from EYFS to Year 6. During lessons, children are exposed to all of the Musical strands identified in the Model Music Curriculum (MMC) and National Curriculum: singing, listening and appraising, composing and performing.

Throughout a child's learning journey of Music at Cranford Park, they will be exposed to a broad and diverse range of repertoire to support their Musical development and awareness of other cultures.

When new units are introduced to children, they become familiar with the outcomes they will work towards, as well as important musical terminology that will arise throughout the unit. Each lesson starts with revealing the learning objective and the small steps required, in order to successfully achieve it. As we are keen on children developing as keen and skilled musicians, each lesson contains a warm up activity. This is age appropriate for each unit and involves children practically warming up their voice and bodies in preparation for the rest of the lesson.

The rest of a lesson will focus upon the different elements of musicianship through a range of practical activities, engaging videos and visually interesting slides. There are always opportunities for children to perform their work and receive feedback from their peers, demonstrating the musicianship skill of appraising.

At the end of each unit, children are assessed against the unit's KPI target and this is recorded as part of foundation subject data.

Music is taught by class teachers and HLTA's during PPA cover.

In EYFS, units are set out into four 3-lesson units per term to give 12 units across the academic year. Each unit contains 30-minute lessons and some include advice for activities that can then be implemented into Continuous Provision.

In KS1, units are organised into 6 and 3-lesson blocks and each lesson is 40-minutes long. Likewise in KS2, units are also organised into 6 and 3-lesson blocks, but lessons increase in duration to 50 minutes.

Sing Up also provides opportunities for teachers to implement whole class teaching of certain instruments. This will become a target for development during the 2024-2025 academic year at Cranford Park. Instrumental units are intended to be interchanged with all units for one term.

Cranford Park also has a good partnership with the Hampshire Music Service. Each year, we are given the opportunity to participate in a block of instrumental workshops. Previously, children have learnt the basic skills of how to play instruments such as ukulele and steel pan drums. Years 3 and 5 participate in these sessions so that children have the opportunity twice during their time with us. In addition, Year 4 learn the ukelele.

## **Part B: Co-curricular music**

Hampshire Music service offers peripatetic music lessons to all KS2 children. The children receive these instrumental lessons in an afternoon in small groups or individually. Children are given the opportunity to learn the following instruments: guitar, piano and ukulele. The children then perform the pieces they have been working throughout a school year to the rest of the school and parents to celebrate the progress they have made.

As a school we also welcome iRock, an organisation who give children the opportunity to form 'rock bands.' These lessons are delivered by highly experienced band coaches and helps children to develop their music skills, but also life skills and confidence that provide a solid foundation for later life. Children can receive these 30-minute lessons a week to develop their skills of voice, guitar, drums or keyboard.

As a school we believe that all children should have these opportunities, so parents of disadvantaged children can apply to have these sessions funded by the 'pupil premium' funding.

## **Part C: Musical experiences**

We believe that Music is an integral part of children's development. Therefore, we offer a range of activities that allow children to be engaged in Music and to enrich their cultural capital further.

Every week, the whole school participates in a singing Assembly. During this time, new songs are taught to children and performed. The songs chosen often are used in end of term outcomes, such as Harvest service, Easter service, end of year service. As Cranford Park is a church school, we believe in teaching children a range of songs that celebrate Christianity and the importance of a

unique and dynamic school society. 'This little light of mine' has become the school song, linking to our school strap line 'let your light shine'. Children also sing these songs during other collective worship assemblies throughout the week. Some of our Assemblies are delivered by members of our local church, St Peter's in Yateley.

In order to celebrate diversity and develop children's cultural capital, we have implemented 'Music of the week'. Each half term, the Music pieces chosen have a particular theme which will interest the children. In a Monday collective worship Assembly, the new piece of Music for the week is introduced to the children, alongside useful musical terminology that can be used to describe it. The songs are also played during quiet working times in classrooms so children can continue the musical discussion in their working spaces.

Please see below the Music themes explored in the academic year 2023/2024

**Music of the week breakdown 2023/2024**

Autumn 1	Classical Music	Chopin, Mozart, Vivaldi, Pachelbel, Tchaivosky, Rossini
Autumn 2	Film Music	Harry Potter, Star Wars, Wallace and Gromit, ET, Monsters' Inc, Toy Story, Polar Express, Home Alone
Spring 1	Choirs	One Voice Children's Choir, Boys' Choir Dagilelis, Choirs from BGT and AGT
Spring 2	World Music	Cuban, Irish, African, Spanish, Chinese
Summer 1	Songs from the Musicals	Cats, Phantom of the Opera, Evita, Starlight Express, Joseph, Jesus Christ Superstar
Summer 2	Songs from the Musicals	Six, Les Miserables, Wicked, Everybody's Talking about Jamie, Lion King, Frozen, School of Rock

**Music of the week themes 2024/2025**

Autumn 1	Carnival of the Animals
Autumn 2	
Spring 1	Planets
Spring 2	Songs about famous people
Summer 1	National anthems
Summer 2	Acapella groups

Each term, the children have an opportunity to sing and perform in the following services:

- Harvest
- Christmas
- Easter
- Summer (Year 6 leavers service)

All of these services are conducted at St Peter's Church. In each service, there are opportunities for children to perform readings and sing songs relevant to the occasion that we are celebrating.

A choir club is also available for all children to participate in. This runs as an after-school club once a week. Children learn a variety of songs from different genres and again, perform these to audiences such as children, parents, care home residents and the general public, including at the Young Voices event at the O2 in London. Many of the songs chosen are suggestions from children, demonstrating the importance of pupil voice. There is no audition process required for a child to be in choir as we believe in equal opportunities for everybody and skills can also be refined further by teachers that deliver Music confidently. Other experiences for our choir have included a fundraising concert for school in March 2025 which took place at St Peters' Church along with the local Oasis Choir. The school choir also perform at the local care home 'Willow Gardens' to residents each term.

At Christmas time, all of KS1 perform a nativity style performance for parents to celebrate the meaning of Christmas. This is performed on a stage in the school hall and everyone is invited to watch. By doing a KS1 production, we hope to instil a life-long love of Music for children from a very young age.

Also at Christmas, all children have the opportunity to watch a pantomime either performed by a dramatic company, or in a visit to the theatre. The company come into school and bring all of their costumes and props to put on a production that will appeal to all children from EYFS to Year 6. The interactive production involves singing, dancing and acting for all to take part in.

During the summer term, Upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6) perform a production. For the academic year 2023-2024, the children performed 'Cinderella and Rockerfella' and in 2024-25 we performed, 'Aladdin Trouble'. The children learnt a variety of songs and these were also accompanied by dance and drama. This is performed at the local secondary school in a proper theatre set up. All of KS1 and lower KS2 are also invited to watch the dress rehearsal performances too.

Year 6 children annually attend a leavers service held at Winchester Cathedral by the Diocese in the summer term. During the day, the children take part in a range of activities such as a self-led tour of the cathedral, a calligraphy workshop and finally a service where they sing songs to celebrate Christianity and the new journey they are about to embark on.

We also hold an annual summer arts festival where children get to sing, dance and act. Some of the children who receive peripatetic music lessons showcase the pieces they have been working on through the school year and the show includes snippets from the upcoming production. The choir perform and small groups of children showcase what they have been working during indoor Gym and Dance PE lessons. Each child also gets an opportunity to produce a piece of framed

artwork for their parent to then purchase from the school's art gallery during the festival too. The staff are also able to participate and let their shine!

Each year, we are fortunate enough to receive some workshops through the Hampshire Music Service. These have included ukulele sessions for years 4 and 5 and steel drum sessions for years 5 and 6 over the course of four weeks. They learnt how to hold the instrument, how to play it and other playing techniques. In previous years, the children have had exposure to instruments such as samba percussion.

Every term, each class leads an Assembly, based on a theme of their choice. At the end of the Assembly, the class perform a song that is linked to the theme to emphasise the importance of meaning through song.

## **In the future**

We are planning on enriching children's musical interests and experiences in a variety of different ways as outlined below.

For our KS2 Christmas performance in 2025, the children will be learning some traditional Christmas carols in different languages to extend their cultural capital. They will also have another opportunity to learn some sign language that they can perform when singing some Christmas songs to demonstrate the importance of inclusion and equality for all within our community.

Our Music committee want to recognise and celebrate all gifted and talented musicians that we have within our school. Therefore, we will be giving them the chance to perform in whole school collective worships to emphasise their courage, creativity and compassion, our three school values that all children should uphold.

The school's music committee will meet on a termly basis to discuss the progress of Music within the school and further areas for development. Any feedback from staff or children will be welcomed at this meeting and discussed by the committee. Through these regular meetings, we hope to continue to raise the profile of Music at Cranford Park Primary School.

Each year, the school will host a community tea party where the children will be able to perform to residents of the local community, ex staff and other elderly residents.

### **Calendar of 2025/2026 musical events at Cranford Park**

October	Harvest festival at St Peter's Church
November	Choir perform at Yateley Lions Christmas Fayre Year 3 and Year 5 workshops
December	Pantomime performance to the whole school Choir perform at Willow Gardens KS2 Christmas Service at St Peter's Church KS1 nativity performances
January	Community tea party with choir performance
February	Young Voices at the O2 Arena

March	Easter service at St Peter's Church Easter tea with songs for parents National Musical Theatre Day
April/May	Fundraising event
June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral Summer Arts Festival
July	Y5/Y6 Summer production

**Music of the week themes 2025/2026**

Autumn 1	Traditional Hymns
Autumn 2	Celebrations and Events
Spring 1	Teacher's favourite musical pieces
Spring 2	Film scores
Summer 1	Music through the decades
Summer 2	