

Music development plan summary: St White's Primary



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Clare Tilling
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Clare Tilling
Name of local music hub	Gloucestershire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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 full details of our school curriculum for music can be found at <https://www.st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk/web/music/593698>

Our music curriculum is based on progressively teaching the elements of music with a progression across the school. In EYFS and KS1, music is taught for an hour a week with music being used at other times including brain breaks, nursery rhymes and to support other curriculum areas. In KS2, whole class lessons are for 10 weeks in year 3 and year 5. In other terms, music is taught for 6 hours a term. Singing is taught for 20 minutes each week through a whole school singing assembly.

Outcomes for each phase

Our ambitious outcomes for each phase are based on the Model Music Curriculum. They break down the areas of the curriculum into singing, composing, listening and performing.

Lesson time

During lesson time, pupils have the opportunity to develop their musicality. There is a singing progression across the school which goes from nursery rhymes and action songs to singing in rounds. All pupils from year 2 learn to play the recorder through whole class music teaching – this is how we teach pupils a depth of understanding when playing an instrument. This is then used to support other areas of the curriculum. In addition, pupils are taught by external teachers in whole class instrumental lessons through the Gloucestershire Music Hub. These take place in year 1, year 3 and year 5 and give pupils the opportunity to experience a range of instruments including violin, ukulele and brass.

Music Hub

The school works with Gloucestershire Music to provide whole class instrument teaching. They also provide CPD for staff.

Support for SEND

The music curriculum in the school is made accessible for all learners. Details of support for SEND and adaptive teaching can be found on the website: <https://www.st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk/web/music/593698>

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.

School Choir

There is a school choir open to pupils from year 2 upwards which runs weekly at lunchtime. This is free of charge to all. The choir performs at school events including the termly concert, the carol service and for special occasions.

Guitar club

There is an after-school guitar club run by Mr Venus. This runs weekly and is open to all pupils. The school offers loans of instruments to support pupils attending the group. Tuition is free for pupils who are eligible for pupil premium.

Young Voices

Children in UKS2 are given the opportunity to prepare for, and attend the Young Voices concert in Spring term 2026.

Recorder club

There is after school recorder club run by Mrs Tilling. This is open to all pupils across the school. There is a small cost to attend but this is covered for pupils eligible for pupil premium. Recorders are provided by the school and used for whole class instrument teaching.

WCET £10 instrument hire

When pupils are receiving whole class instrument lessons, they are eligible for instrument hire through Gloucestershire Music to enable them to facilitate home learning and enable them to join an ensemble.

Piano lessons

The school has a peripatetic piano teacher visiting the school to provide one-to-one lessons. There is a charge for these with support provided for pupil premium pupils.

Blue Peter Badge

Pupils are encouraged to apply for their Blue Peter Music Badge to celebrate their progress in music. This achievement is celebrated with the school.

Links

Following in school lessons from Gloucestershire Music, peripatetic lessons, groups and organisations are signposted. For example, the Cinderford Brass Band is signposted to families following trumpet lessons being delivered in school.

St White's Has Talent

Children volunteer to prepare and perform for this whole school celebration of the arts.

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.

Singing assemblies

Singing assemblies take place weekly and provide opportunities for pupils to develop their singing skills in a large ensemble. The songs they learn are used to celebrate at other times of the year e.g. remembrance, carol services.

Nativity performances

All pupils in EYFS, year 1 and year 2 take part in a nativity performance each autumn term. They learn to sing a number of songs.

Whole School Concerts

Whole school concerts take place at the end of each full term. These give pupils opportunities to showcase what they have been learning to the school and develop their confidence. Each block of whole class instrument teaching finishes with a concert where parents are invited to see what their child has learnt.

Musical production

Each year, year 6 put on a musical production in the summer term. This gives an opportunity for all pupils to participate in the choir but also includes opportunities for solos.

Concerts

The school has regular visiting performers from Wye Valley Music give concerts to KS2. These world class musicians have included pianists and string quartets. They give an opportunity for pupils to experience live music and hear from the performers about how they play their instrument and a history of the pieces.

In addition, Cinderford Brass Band regularly visit the school to perform to the children. This has resulted in pupils joining the band and benefiting from their music tuition.

Visiting musicians

Opportunities to have visiting musicians are built into our curriculum from EYFS upwards. These include both staff within the school and volunteers from the local community.

All of these experiences are provided free of charge.

In the future

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

The school is continuing to develop its curriculum offer for music including lessons in both voice and the recorder. Over the 2025-26 academic year, they will be assessing current provision and providing support for staff.

As part of whole school curriculum developments, we are looking at how curriculum time could be increased to 1 hour each week while still balancing curriculum demands in other subjects.

Further information (optional)

The school works with Gloucestershire Music and Make Music Gloucestershire.

The school has the Music Mark 2024-2025 as recognition of the school's commitment to provide quality music education and will be seeking this for 2025-2026 as well.

