

## Music development plan:

### Christ Church CE Primary (NW1)



#### Summary

- Music taught for 45-60mins for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 to each class weekly
- Hymn practice taught for 30mins to whole school weekly
- Junior and Senior choir sessions per week taught for 45 per session.
- Peripatetic lessons taking place for piano, guitar and recorder
- Wider Opportunity Recorder lessons for year 4 once a week
- Advanced recorder group with years 5&6 once a week
- After school music club (semi-selective for G&T students)
- Weekly music listening tasks (led by class teacher)
- QCA scheme of work informs progression through learning intentions; Combination of Government Model Music Curriculum, Kodaly technique and Voiceworks used.
- Part of Camden Music Service Hub, regularly participating in borough-wide events, concerts and training.
- 'Music Therapy' one-to-one sessions for children with behavioural/emotional needs

#### Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2023-24
Date this summary was published	January 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	January 2025
Name of the school music lead	Oliver Keen
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Amy Stroud
Name of local music hub	Camden / North London
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

## Part A: Curriculum music

Our school curriculum for music for each year group is online on this link.

<https://www.cchurchnw1.camden.sch.uk/page/?title=Music&pid=65>

Christ Church is an inclusive school which means that children with special educational needs (SEND) are given every opportunity possible to access the curriculum, participate in music lessons, in choir and in other extra curricular music activities. 'Music Therapy' one-to-one sessions are provided for some children with learning difficulties and children with behavioural/emotional needs.

All children at Christ Church are instructed in music for at least 1¼ hours every week. This includes music taught in designated lesson time 45 mins for EYFS and 60mins for KS1 and KS2. This also includes whole school singing assembly taught for 30mins to the whole school weekly. Many children get more music time with the addition of extra-curricular activities.

- The Christ Church curriculum is a bespoke scheme of work that has been created over time to suit the needs of the school and that informs progression through learning intentions; It is made up of a combination of influences including Government Model Music Curriculum, Kodaly technique and Dorset Voiceworks used.
- Children have access and instruction on instruments throughout their school life, beginning with unpitched percussion, pitched percussion, a year of 'wider-opportunities' style recorder instruction in year 4, followed by chances to learn ukuleles, keyboards and music technology higher up the school.
- Christ Church works closely with Camden Music Service which enriches our music offering with CPD and training for music leads, participation to borough-wide events, inter-school collaborations, enables access to free and subsidised concerts and partnerships with top London arts organisations such as The Royal Academy Of Music, Orchestra Of The Age Of Enlightenment and many more.

## Part B: Extra-curricular music

- We have two active choirs at Christ Church. Junior Choir for selected children in years 3&4 and Senior Choir for selected children in years 5&6, who represent the school in numerous trips and performing opportunities inside and outside school throughout the year.
- There is an extra-curricular 'Advanced Recorders Group' for selected children in year 5&6 who show promise on the instrument in year 4. This is an opportunity to push our most talented musicians with general music theory and technique.
- We have a growing uptake of individual instrumental tuition. Currently with two piano teachers, a guitar teacher and recorder teacher. The school provides a number of children with full financial support for these lessons. Other subsidised lessons and full bursaries have been won from Camden and London Mayor Fund.
- We have a weekly after-school music club for year 6 children who wish to further pursue their interest in music.
- There are also numerous Camden borough after-school and weekend groups open to any children partaking in instrumental lessons through Camden.

## Part C: Other Musical experiences

- Regular annual performances and concerts at school include; Harvest, Christmas and Easter services at church, with performances by the Senior Choir, whole-school Christmas Nativity play, Year 6 Leavers Play, three end of term music concerts in school for all school ensembles and individual instrumental tutees.
- We arrange regular performances in the local community including at carol singing at Euston station, the local assisted living centre and the Regent's Park Barracks.
- The school is involved in all borough-wide performances, such as the bi-annual Camden Schools Music Festival at The Albert Hall and bi-annual

Camden School Choir Festival, annual Primary Choirs Cluster Festivals and Camden Ceilidh Day. Participation in all of these events is free.

- In addition to the Nativity and Leavers Play, we have on occasion run a school musical, most recently a performance of Yanomamo (an ecological musical), involving all of KS2, the visiting choir of a primary school in Southwark and a small adult pit-band.
- In 2023 our Senior Choir participated in an Opera 'Moonhares' run by The Orchestra Of The Age Of Enlightenment and performed at Queen Elizabeth's Hall at The Southbank Centre.
- This year we have had a free in-school workshop on composition for Y3&4 run by Royal Academy Of Music with a bonus trip to watch a rehearsal with the RAM Symphony Orchestra.
- Also this year, our year 1 children were treated to a performance of 'Beethoven And The Dinosaurs' at Kings Place, London, exposing them to the music of Beethoven and some top quality chamber music performers.

## In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years to develop our music offering.

- We plan to develop the curriculum to include more music representative of the school's ethnic make-up. This will include consultation with families to explore the music that happens in the wider school community (parents and extended family), with a view to sharing culture and celebrating diversity.
- Develop more music technology focussed schemes of work across KS2 in consultation with Camden Music Service.
- Continue to promote and expand peripatetic instrumental lesson take-up through communications to parents and termly concerts.
- Develop integration of music curriculum in EYFS with coaching of non-specialist staff to implement a consistent approach.
- Continue to seek out revenue streams and apply for bursaries to improve resources and instruments in school.
- Invite more musicians into school for demonstrations and performances.