

Music development plan summary:

Harlington Lower School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
Date this summary was published	November 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Sarah Sanby
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Victoria Blunt
Name of local music hub	Inspiring Music, Central Bedfordshire
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Sing Up

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.

Publish the school curriculum for music for each year group online. Include a link to this information in this summary.

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Curriculum information published to parents in termly class newsletters.

Year 3 have a term of PBuzz taught by trained school staff, and half a term of voice lessons taught by Inspiring Music.

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.

Music tuition is offered outside of what is taught in lesson time as follows:

- One-to-one and small-group tuition for piano, woodwind and brass offered by Inspiring Music who charge parents/carers directly. School funding is available for pupils who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.
- School choir is offered for any pupils in KS1 and LKS2 and is held at lunchtimes and free to join.
- Recorder club is held at lunchtime for pupils in KS1 and LKS2 and is free to join.

Pupils have instrument loans and the opportunity to take part at Saturday music centres.

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.

Musical experiences are planned throughout the academic year these include: -

- Daily singing in assembly.
- Schedule of music to come into the assembly to has been planned for the year to ensure exposure to a range of musicians.
- Weekly singing assembly to sing and learn new songs.
- Music assembly termly for children to perform a solo piece of music on their instrument, play in a group or sing in the choir
- Opportunities for the choir to sing at the music assembly, carolling events, small audience events local to school. Additional opportunity for the choir to sing at Voice in a Million.
- Choir participate with the local town band in a Christmas concert.
- Whole school trip to the pantomime.
- Weekly singing lesson for Year 3 with Inspiring Music for a half term and an opportunity to perform in a choir alongside children from other local schools, at The Grove Theatre, Dunstable. Participation is free for pupils and parents can pay to attend in the audience.
- Weekly PBuzz lesson for Year 3 with school staff trained by Inspiring Music for a term.

- Early Years Christmas Performance – free for parents.
- KS1 Christmas Musical performance – free for parents.
- KS2 End of Year Musical performance – free for parents.
- Carol service for the whole school at the local parish church.
- Easter service for the whole school at the Methodist Church.

In the future

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

- Our school will continue to value music and whole class music lessons will continue to be timetabled for an hour a week.
- All children will have the opportunity to join the school choir.
- All children will have the opportunity to learn to play the recorder.
- Staff from Inspiring Music will continue to deliver singing lessons and P Buzz lessons to Year 3.
- Inspiring Music will continue to give individual instrument lessons across the school for piano and brass. Our school will investigate providing individual instrumental lessons for other instruments.
- Broaden the range of musical experiences that children are exposed to and ensure that these represent diversity.
- Attend 'Voice in a Million' with the school choir.
- Our school will encourage links with the music department at the middle school and the upper school, as well as with other Lower Schools in the Trust.

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Our [music hub](#) has a local plan for music education in place from September 2025 that should include useful information.