

Music Development Plan Summary: Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Hannah Warne
Name of local music hub	Hertfordshire Music Service

Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery prides itself on the quality, breath and inclusivity of the music it offers their children. We feel we offer a high quality of music education for all and as such, we meet a high proportion of what is identified within the HM Government's National Plan of Music (NPM)

Curriculum Music

Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery uses a bespoke music curriculum which meets the requirements of the Model Music Curriculum (MMC). Our music curriculum is delivered from Nursery through to Year 6 and is taught by a specialist music teacher. Currently children receive a 45-minute music lesson weekly, and attend a daily act of worship which includes listening to music and singing hymns. In addition to this all children in Key Stage 2 attend choir for 45-minutes each week.

Our curriculum is written so children learn to sing properly, appraise a wide range of music and read, play, compose and improvise music on tuned and untuned instruments.

In Year 3 children are taught to play the recorder.

In Year 4 children learn to play instruments as an ensemble using boomwhackers and hand bells.

In Year 5 and Year 6 children are taught to play the guitar.

Children in Key Stage 2 perform an ensemble piece during the yearly music performance evening.

Co-curricular Music

At Offley Endowed Primary school and Nursery we pride ourselves with the breath of instrument lessons we have on offer. All instrument lessons are taught by specialist music teachers from Hertfordshire Music Service and the local area, all have been teaching at Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery for many years. This strong relationship ensures continuity of teaching for our children, aiding both progress and enjoyment.

Offley endowed Primary School offers instrument lesson from Year 1 – Year 6 in piano, violin and ukulele. Lessons are charged weekly which includes where appropriate the loan of an instrument. Those children who are eligible for pupil premium are offered lessons which are fully funded. Our music lessons are taught in a dedicated room which is timetabled weekly.

Children in key Stage 2 who learn instruments are invited to play individually and as part of our music ensemble in the music evening in the Summer Term.

Musical Experiences

All children at Offley Endowed Primary School take part in daily assemblies with singing opportunities. They are given the opportunity to sing with their year group in the Harvest Festival and children sing in regular church services: Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Leavers' Service.

All children in Year 6 are offered the opportunity to sing as a soloist in the Christmas concert and many also perform solos in the end of year summer production.

Musicians perform at the Christmas and Summer concerts.

All children in Key Stage 2 attend the Young Voices concert at Wembley Arena to perform and experience live music in a large venue. The school funds the trip with a contribution for transport requested from parents. Children eligible for pupil premium are fully funded for this trip.

All children experience live music at the annual pantomime.

We have had visiting musicians to the school to showcase their music.

Children have experienced musical theatre productions at local theatres.

All children take part in music performances Key Stage 1 and EYFS at Christmas and Key Stage 2 in the annual musical school production.

Offley Endowed Primary School offers children many performing opportunities outside of our school such as singing at local residential care homes and supporting the chaplaincy at Luton Airport with their annual fund-raising activities, by performing at the airport annually.

Our Year 6 children have been involved in creating an original song for Young Voices which has been published in their 2026 music repertoire. We worked on the project with the composer Pete Letanka.

In the future

Moving forward Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery is aiming to build on the depth of music we already have in place by extending the opportunities to explore music further.

Mrs Warne and Mrs Clark have been invited by Young Voices to speak at the Young Voices Teacher Workshops in October about the composing process of Move Towards The Light.

We appreciate how vitally important it is to maintain the strong ties we have with our community, and work in the future will focus on this.

As a school, we are looking for ways to increase cultural diversity throughout our wider school provision and we are keen to establish links with music organisations which can offer cultural diversity within the arts for our children such as drumming workshops.

We would like to continue to offer music experiences for our children and are looking to offer the opportunity to take part in local competitions in the future.

We are exploring the possibility of taking the Year 6 children of 2025 to The O2 Arena in London to see their song being performed by a mass choir of 20,000 children. The children in our current Years 4, 5 and 6 will be taken to Young Voices in order to take part in the concert and see the song composed by previous pupils being performed by a mass choir.

Individual music lessons are offered to all children and we will continue to encourage all children to take part in music lessons and fund those who are eligible for pupil premium funding.