

Music Development Plan, 2025-8: Carterton Primary School

Overview

Music has the power to ignite self-expression and develop confidence in all pupils. At Ridgeway Education Trust (RET), we recognise this by prioritising a high-quality, inclusive music curriculum and well-planned, wide-ranging extra-curricular opportunities in Primary Schools. This ensures that every learner, regardless of background or ability, has the opportunity to experience the joy and empowerment that music brings. The range of musical experiences – including accessible instrumental and vocal tuition - breaks down barriers, allowing all students to create and enjoy music together. This results in a well-rounded high-quality musical experience for all in our primary schools.

RET Primary Schools aim to provide all pupils with access to high-quality musical learning through.

- Access to a high-quality music curriculum
- Inclusive, well-planned extra-curricular provision
- Opportunities for instrumental/vocal lessons for primary-aged pupils

Detail	Information
Publication Date	September 2025
Review Dates	July 2026, July 2027, July 2028
Music Subject Lead	Simon Jackson
RET Primary Music Lead	Kat Melidis
Name of local music hub	Oxfordshire Music Service

A. The Music Curriculum

At Carterton Primary School, music is more than just a subject—it's a heartbeat that brings our community to life. We believe that every child deserves the chance to express themselves through sound, rhythm, and creativity. From joyful singing in assemblies to collaborative performances and instrument exploration, music helps build confidence, teamwork, and joy. Our vision is to nurture a vibrant music-making culture where children not only learn music, but live it—and carry that love into everything they do.

Pupils with SEND have support in place using a range of different options further details can be viewed here: [Carterton Primary School - SEND and Equality](#)

[2025-26 Sing Up Music Curriculum Intent.docx](#)

Actions: To improve the Music curriculum further, actions planned for 2024-25 are:

Action	Intended impact	Monitoring
Offer CPD training to staff as required to build subject knowledge/keyboard skills at KS2 and Glockenspiel at KS1.	Staff will feel more confident to deliver the curriculum and will be more successful at embedding a strong music culture in the school.	KLM
In light of this CPD, update Curriculum Intent, including long-term curriculum plans	There is a clear, updated plan of the content and progression of music skills across the school	KLM/SJ
Provide further CPD Material to support Staff Development outside of lessons	Staff will feel more confident in their own subject knowledge and understanding of how to teach the Sing Up Music curriculum and will be more successful at embedding a strong music culture in the school.	KLM

B. Extra-curricular Music

For 2025-28, the following Music tuition is available at **Carterton Primary School**

- **Choir**, open to pupils in KS2 year groups. This is led by Mr Watters.
- **Instrumental lessons** are also available with Rock Steady

Actions: To improve our extra-curricular Music offer further, actions planned for 2025-28 are:

Action	Intended impact	Monitoring
Audit equity of access	To monitor access, ensuring that all learners who are interested are able to access learning a musical instrument, with a particular focus on disadvantaged pupils and those with SEND.	KLM/SJ
Increase provision of instrumental lessons available and make available to parents	Increasing the options for musical tuition in school will widen the musical opportunities for all and will build on the music making culture in school	KLM/ SJ

C. Musical Experiences

At Carterton Primary School we believe participation in musical experiences develops not only musical skill and a love of music, but also supports pupils to develop confidence and the ability to work closely with others.

Assemblies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once a week, pupils practise their skills and learn new songs during singing assembly.
Performances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils in Key Stage One (Y1 and 2) learn and perform songs as part of our annual nativity production for parents and carers in December. In Y3 and 4, pupils learn songs for our Easter performance, again shared with a large audience. In Y5 and 6 Performance in the Summer Term
Concerts and events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Light Event in Carterton

Actions: To improve our extra-curricular Music offer further, actions planned for 2025-28 are:

Action	Intended impact	Monitoring
Actively seek new opportunities	To broaden the opportunities currently available to students	KLM/SJ
Review performance opportunities	Look at expanding performances through the year with the new instrumental teachers to increase music profile and culture in the school and Glockenspiel/ Keyboard and singing across the school	SJ

Further information

External Music groups/organisations: (ADD LOCAL GROUPS)

<https://www.matrixartscentre.org.uk/>

[Home | Wantage Silver Band | Community Music Making \(wantageband.org\)](#)

[ABINGDON MUSIC CENTRE – Music for Everyone](#)

[Dance & Drama Lessons for kids - Singing & Acting Classes \(stagecoach.co.uk\)](#)

Instrumental Loans/ Purchase help:

[Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme \(AIPS\) | Music Mark](#)

[Hiring instruments | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

[Buying instruments | Oxfordshire County Council](#)