

Music development plan summary: Callowell Primary School

Overview

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

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.

EYFS Continuous provision ensures that children are actively involved in music, including singing and playing instruments – this adds up to an hour each week.

KS1 and KS2 Children take part in one 80 minute lesson every two weeks and one twenty minute singing assembly each week.

At Callowell, we follow the Charanga Model Music scheme of work. Charanga introduces children to a range of musical styles and allows them to experience singing and playing a variety of instruments.

Children also take part in 'Daily Download' where they are encouraged to reflect on and appreciate a range of genres, composers, instruments and eras.

During 2025-2026, children in KS2 will be introduced to playing the recorder. Each child will have their own recorder to play.

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.

Outside of lesson time, children are offered a range of opportunities to engage with music. There is a free singing club offered to Y3-6, along with the option of performing in assemblies to their peers and parents.

Furthermore, instrumental lessons are available where children are offered the opportunity to learn the guitar or drums in weekly lessons.

iRock' visit the school weekly, working with children from Y2-6 to both learn and perform the drums, guitar, keyboard and vocal accompaniment to songs to an audience of their peers and parents.

Pupil premium children can apply to receive these lessons free of charge.

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.

In addition to weekly singing assembly, other assemblies will often include a song at the end. There are numerous pupil performances throughout the school year for children to perform including Harvest Festival (KS1 + KS2), Christmas shows (EYFS and KS1), Music Celebration Day (EYFS – Y6) and a summer production (Y6). Children, whose year group are not performing, are part of the audience.

We also have a theatre company visit the school to perform a pantomime for all children.

In the future

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

From 2026 - 27 academic year, we will offer for all of KS2 children to take part in Young Voices. This is a national choir of 7,000 children who perform at some of the country's biggest arenas. This takes place at the start of the spring term and parents are invited to be part of the audience.