

Music development plan summary: Farnham Common Village Schools

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 – 2026
Date this summary was published	March 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	March 2026
Name of the school music lead	Miss Tyndale-Ford
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs J Hurst
Name of local music hub	Bucks Music Trust
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Teach Major

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. At Farnham Common Village Schools, music is taught by the class teacher and / or a teacher during PPA.

We allocate on average one hour per week for music for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Class lessons are based on Music Express scheme of work, with resources accessed online. It was selected as being appropriate for non-specialist and specialist teachers. Resources include lesson banks and song banks appropriate from EYFS to the end of Key Stage 2. The lessons include opportunities to use percussion instruments, and to learn and perform songs and compositions. We also have available African drums and ukuleles. Curriculum lessons are also used for learning songs in preparation for assemblies and productions. Year groups sometimes have the opportunity to showcase their work from music lessons in assemblies.

Key Stage 2 children take part in a song practice once a week where they learn a variety of songs including songs for singing in assembly, songs linked to special events e.g. World Book Day, as well as other songs to encourage participation and enjoyment.

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.

There is a junior school choir open to all children from year 3 to year 6. This runs at lunchtime once a week, usually for two terms per academic year. The school choir performs at the Young Voices concert at Wembley or the O2, at the local care home, and at village events such as Orchard Day and the Christmas Tree Festival. In some years, there is opportunity to perform at the Bucks Music Echoes concert at the Royal Albert Hall. The choir also performs at school events.

Teach Major offer 1 -1 and small group instrumental lessons in school (guitar, singing and piano).

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.

EYFS	Christmas sing-along
Year 1	Key Stage 1 Christmas Show
Year 2	Key Stage 1 Christmas Show End of Year 2 Assembly / production
Year 3	Year 3 assembly Lower School Christmas Carols
Year 4	Year 4 assembly Lower School Christmas Carols
Year 5	Year 5 assembly

	Upper School Christmas Carols
Year 6	Year 6 end of year production Year 6 Leavers' assembly Upper School Christmas Carols
Choir	Young Voices Concert Echoes Concert (some years) Singing at Signature Care Home (including Harvest and Christmas) Performances at Orchard Day in September Performing carols at Farnhams Christmas Tree Festival Performing at Christmas fayre and LS / US Christmas Carols
Individuals having peripatetic music lessons	Some children perform at the start / end of assemblies. There is usually an opportunity for children to perform to parents at an informal concert organised by Teach Major.
Other opportunities for individuals	Participation in Junior school talent show

In the future

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

- It is planned to continue FCVS participation in Young Voices and events in the community. It is hoped to extend this beyond the choir, for example other groups performing at The Orchard day.
- Within music lessons, it is planned that lesson content and opportunities will be developed, acting in response to pupil feedback expressing the wish for greater opportunities to create and perform compositions.