

Music development plan summary: Swanton Morley VC Primary School

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	08.10.2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	21.07.2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs K O'Dell
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Mrs S Lake
Name of local music hub	Norfolk Music Hub

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.

Please see full information regarding our Music curriculum here:

<https://www.swantonmorleyprimary.co.uk/curriculum/subjects/music/>

Our school uses the Sing Up Music Curriculum to deliver engaging and high-quality music lessons which give pupils lots of opportunities to sing, play, improvise, compose and perform. Pupils are taught Music for one hour per week in all classes, with a clear progression of music lessons provided by Sing up, which allow pupils an opportunity to master a wide range of song and musical skills.

Music is taught weekly with units of work covering listening and appraisal, improvisation and composition and singing and playing. Pupils have an opportunity to learn a wide range of songs from various artists across cultures as well as having ample opportunity to explore musical traditions using improvisation and performance.

Pupils have the opportunity to learn to play instruments in both group and whole class ensembles throughout the year group as well as the opportunity to pursue individual music tuition.

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.

At Swanton Morley, pupils are given opportunities to sing as part of all our collective worship. Pupils learn new songs which they enjoy singing within assemblies and as part of religious festivals.

As part of Christmas celebrations, children in EYFS and Key Stage One put on a nativity performance and at the end of year, children in Year 6 devise and perform an end of year performance.

As a school, we work closely with iRock! to provide group musical tuition and teach children to play instruments together in a band. This is a service that is paid for by parents and promoted to the rest of the school through termly performances in assemblies by the band.

Swanton Morley has a choir that is full of keen children who enjoy singing to an audience. The choir currently performs at the church as part of religious festivals and at the Lincoln Care Home in the village.

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.

Singing is highly valued within the school, with weekly singing assemblies allowing pupils an opportunity to celebrate and worship through song. Pupils sing enthusiastically and enjoy learning new songs as a whole school.

During this academic year we plan to take all pupils to a pantomime performance. This trip will allow all pupils to be part of the audience for a musical and dramatic performance. This event will be subsidised by our Friends of the school, with pupil premium pupils attending for free.

At Swanton Morley, we work with iRock! to encourage small groups of children to learn to play musical instruments and perform together as a band. This is paid for by parents. Each term iRock! put on a band performance for the rest of the school to enjoy.

Each year the choir perform in the church during religious festivals such as Christmas and Easter and also perform to the residents at Lincoln Care Home within the village at regular points throughout the year.

As part of our Christmas celebrations, children in EYFS and Key Stage One perform a nativity play to parents and children within the school. This involves learning a range of new songs to perform. At the end of the year, our Y6 pupils also put on an end of year performance to share with pupils and parents in school.

In the future

Moving forward, we would like to expand our pupil's opportunities to perform in and be the audience at a wider range of musical experiences. One of these is to involve our choir at the St Andrew's Hall Musical performance event organised by the Norfolk Music Hub.

Since the departure of our music teacher who provided individual tuition for pupils, we would also like to explore options of other ways of promoting and sign-posting our children to music tuition and encourage them to start learning to play a musical instrument.

Further information

More information regarding the Norfolk Music Hub can be found here:

<https://www.nmhub.co.uk/site/>

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.