

Music Development Plan Summary

Corby Primary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
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Name of the academy music lead	Miss Laura Meehan
Name of academy leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	NMPAT (Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	GF Music Musicana Ltd Rock Stead Music Schools

This is a summary of how our academy delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, wider music provision/opportunities 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 academy offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum Music

This is the information 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 Corby Primary Academy, music is taught following the Sing Up curriculum, which provides a carefully sequenced and knowledge rich programme of study from Early Years to Year 6. The curriculum develops pupils' understanding of musical concepts, vocabulary, notation, composition, performance and appreciation, whilst exposing them to a diverse range of musical traditions, genres and composers.

Further information on our music curriculum can be found here: [Corby Primary Academy - Music](#)

The Music curriculum and the time we spend on Music is set out as follows:

- In EYFS we ensure there is a 20–30-minute stand alone, weekly music lesson. Additionally, we provide musical activities within the provision.

- In Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 we ensure there is a weekly 40 minutes to 1 hour music lesson. Additionally, we provide singing opportunities within assemblies.
- We regularly review our provision against national guidance, including the Department for Education's Model Music Curriculum, to ensure pupils receive a broad and balanced music education
- There are a wide range of opportunities that pupils have to learn to sing or play an instrument during lesson time at this academy. These include:
 - Year 2 Drums
 - Year 3 Ocarina
 - Year 4 Ukulele
 - Year 5 Recorder
 - Christmas performances in all year groups
 - Year 6 End of year performance

Music lessons are adapted to ensure all pupils, including those with SEND and disabilities, can access and participate fully. Teachers provide appropriate scaffolds, adapted resources and practical support where required. As part of our Sing Up Music scheme, we aim to support our SEND learners through a practical, multi-sensory approach to music-making.

Part B: Wider Music Opportunities

This is about the opportunities for Corby Primary Academy 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.

Corby Primary Academy offers a wide range of music tuition outside of what is taught in lesson time (as described above), and this includes:

- We provide one-to-one tuition for instruments, provided and delivered by GF Music. Instruments on offer are 1:1 weekly guitar and Ukelele lessons.
- We provide one-to-one piano tuition provided and delivered by Musicana Ltd.
- We also provide small group music sessions with the Rock Steady Music School. Pupils perform to their peers and parents three times a year.
- Children in Key Stage 2 are also able to join the choir, performing during assemblies, school events and community engagements. The choir often come together for community performances that include a visit to the local care home.
- Further opportunities for musical performance are provided through our partnership with NMPAT (Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust). Pupils in Year 3 and Year 5 have the opportunity to perform the music they have

learned through NMPAT projects to fellow pupils and parents, celebrating their progress and inspiring younger children to engage in musical learning.

These enrichment opportunities provide clear pathways for pupils to develop their musical interests and talents, ensuring that those who wish to pursue music further are able to build upon the knowledge and skills gained through the music curriculum.

Part C: Musical Experiences

This section sets out all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

We have set out here what musical experiences and opportunities are planned for the standard academic year at Corby Primary Academy.

Regular events include:

- Weekly singing assembly for pupils in Early Years and KS1.
- Musical performances (Christmas – all year groups).
- Musical performance by Year 6 in the summer term.
- Concerts and shows at the academy are mapped into the curriculum.
- Choir for KS2.
- M&M Theatre Productions perform at the academy every January.
- Music recitals in December and July (guitar, piano and choir)
- Ocarina performance Y3
- Recorder performance Y5
- KS2 Musical trip to London.
- Live music assembly visits from NMPAT and Rocksteady Music School.
- Young Voices choir to sing and collaborate with other school choirs

Subsidised options (such as Pupil Premium) or for families, we know are facing financial hardship are provided for external events.

In the future

At our academy we have an ambition to enrich, broaden and continue to develop the opportunities and curriculum provision for Music. In this section we set out what this could be and what we hope to achieve.

To develop our music provision, we would like to:

- Engage staff with musical expertise and CPD within our new Music scheme: Sing Up Music.
- Form an additional lunchtime club for the Young Voices celebration.

- Widen the range of instrument tuition on offer.
- Form a weekly singing assembly for EYFS (Nursery and Reception) and KS1 to sing and celebrate some of the songs taught in weekly sessions from our Music scheme.

Further Information

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts trust is the county's biggest arts teaching provider, providing lessons inside and outside of schools. NMPAT provide music tuition outside of school. NMPAT can provide lessons on a wide range of instruments and disciplines, including:

- brass: cornet, trumpet, tuba, trombone, French horn, tenor horn, baritone, euphonium composition
- drama
- guitar: acoustic, bass, electric
- harp
- keyboard and piano
- music production
- percussion: drum kit, orchestral percussion
- SEND
- strings: violin, viola, cello, double bass
- voice
- woodwind: clarinet, oboe, flute, bassoon, saxophone, recorder

Lessons outside school hours are usually arranged on a one-to-one basis with a specialist teacher and take place during term time, at NMPAT, Kettering Road, Northampton.

Payment details can be found on the NMPAT website: [Apply and Pay - NMPAT](#)

Corby Primary Academy works in partnership with Rocksteady Music School, which provides pupils with the opportunity to learn an instrument and perform as part of a band. Delivered by specialist music teachers, Rocksteady lessons develop musical skills, confidence, teamwork and performance experience. Pupils progress through a structured programme of learning and can work towards nationally recognised music qualifications, supporting their musical development beyond the core curriculum.

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.