

Crawley Down Village C of E School



Music Development Plan

♪ 2025-2026 ♪

Our Crawley Down Village C of E School Music Development Plan outlines our strategic approach to delivering a high-quality music education for children across the school. It reflects our commitment to the National Plan for Music Education and aims to ensure that all pupils have access to a broad, rich and inclusive musical experience.

Vision for Music

At our school, we believe that every child is a unique individual with their own musical potential waiting to be discovered. Our vision is to nurture that potential by offering a diverse, inclusive and engaging music curriculum that reflects the rich variety of musical traditions, experiences and pathways in the world around us. We aim to ignite curiosity, foster creativity and develop a lifelong enjoyment and passion for music. Through high-quality teaching, opportunities for exploration and personalised support, we strive to help every pupil find their own musical voice whether that is as a performer, creator, listener or enthusiast. We want to ensure that music enriches their learning and personal growth in a way that is meaningful and memorable.

Curriculum Music

Curriculum music refers to the structured teaching of music during lesson time. Our curriculum is designed to meet all the National Curriculum attainment targets and ensures progression across year groups. We use Charanga music to collaborate and formulate high-quality, engaging and challenging music lessons.

Each year group is allocated 45 minutes per week for music lessons, in addition to daily worships and signing practise which averages around one hour of music provision for all pupils weekly.

The sequences of lessons are carefully planned around the National Curriculum statements following the strands of singing, musicianship (including performing), listening and composing. Children at Crawley Down Village School will also develop their musical vocabulary as they move up through the school, being able to discuss and reflect on different types of music and develop their reading of notations through clear progression.

Co-Curricular Music

We offer a wide variety of co-curricular opportunities to enhance pupils' musical development:

- Weekly singing worships where pupils have the opportunity to learn and perform different music styles

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- Rock Steady music lessons available by external teachers; funded by parents or pupil premium where applicable
- Parents are invited in to watch mini music showcases of the pupils learning in paid for lessons
- Performance opportunities; pupils perform in assemblies and school events
- Choir club during at least one term of the school year

Musical Experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise. These are to help inspire and broaden pupil's musical horizons:

- Weekly singing worships
- Choir performances
- KS1 and KS2 local little and big sing events hosted by West Sussex with other primary schools
- EYFS - Nativity Performance
- Year 1 – Christmas Carol Performance
- Year 2 – Harvest Performance
- Year 3 – Easter Performance
- Year 4 – Pentecost Performance & Ukulele Lessons
- Year 5 – Remembrance Performance
- Year 6 – End of Year Performance

Future Development Priorities (2025-2026)

This focuses on what Crawley Down Village school is planning to focus on over the course of the year:

- Expanding cultural diversity in musical experiences
- Enhancing instrument provision through collaboration with trust schools
- Continuing to develop outside opportunities for performers/workshops visiting Crawley Down to develop staff expertise and pupil experience, especially for Pupil Premium pupils
- Further engagement with performance events for the performing arts
- To collect further pupil voice around music and performing arts provision and opportunities
- Develop music leadership links with other schools in Hurst Education Trust