Music development plan summary: Oatlands School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
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Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Phil Copsey
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Surrey Arts
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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

At Oatlands School we use Charanga Musical School as the basis for our music curriculum, informed by the Model Music Curriculum, the National Plan for Music Education and the National Curriculum for Music.

All children receive an hour of Music teaching each week. This includes opportunities for singing and playing instruments, appraising, composing and improvisation. In KS1 children learn to play djembe drums, glockenspiels and recorders as well as other tuned and untuned percussion. The children are also taught Drumba as part of the PE curriculum which supports development of key musical skills.

The school is supported by Surrey Arts, our local music hub.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

At Oatlands School we offer the opportunity to join choir in Year 2. This is offered for free and is open to all children.

Part C: Musical experiences

Children sing daily in assembly and in addition there is a weekly singing assembly for all children. There are regular performances throughout the year including a Harvest Festival, Christmas Carol Concert, Christmas nativities, Easter Service and Year 2 Summer Performance.

There is an annual music week in the Summer Term when all children have a chance to take part in musical activities such as workshops and interactive performances. There is a musical theatre show for all children in the Autumn Term and the Charity of Robert Phillips have funded visiting performers for Music Week. Students from Cleves School and Heathside, Weybridge also come each year to perform for the children.

Year 2 children also have the chance to perform with the choir at local residential homes, the local church Winter Fayre and as part of the Elmbridge Schools Choir Concert in the Summer Term. Each year children also have the opportunity to perform in assembly on any instruments they have been learning privately.

In the future

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

In the coming year the school is looking to develop its provision of instrumental tuition in class by partnering with Surrey Arts to provide recorder lessons for all children in Year 2.

The school is reviewing its current curriculum offering to ensure there is a clear balance of appraising, composing, performing and development of musical skills. This is with a view to being fully in place by 2026-27 academic year.

The school is exploring other opportunities for extra-curricular opportunities for example folk dance and boomwhackers.

Further information

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/arts Surrey Arts for information about opportunities available, instrumental lessons and events.

https://www.surreymusichub.com/ Music Hub for support and resources.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6061f833d3bf7f5ce1060a90/Model Music Curriculum Full.pdf Model Music Curriculum