

## Music development plan summary: *Milby Primary School*

### Overview

| Detail                                                                             | Information        |
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| Academic year that this summary covers                                             | 2025/26            |
| Date this summary was published                                                    | September 2025     |
| Date this summary will be reviewed                                                 | July 2026          |
| Name of the school music lead                                                      | Janice Rowstron    |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | Amy Coates         |
| Name of local music hub                                                            | Warwickshire Music |

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 Milby Primary School, we utilise Kapow Primary's music scheme of work (condensed 20 lessons). The scheme takes a holistic approach to music, in which the individual strands are woven together to create engaging and enriching learning experiences, on average for one hour per week.

The strands are as follows:

- Performing
- Listening
- Composing
- The history of music
- The inter-related dimensions of music

Over the course of the scheme, children will be taught how to sing fluently and expressively and play tuned and untuned instruments accurately and with control. They will learn to recognise and name interrelated dimensions of music – pitch, duration, tempo, timbre, structure, textures and dynamics.

Our children will then have the opportunity to use this knowledge in their own improvisations and compositions. The learning of how to play a tuned instrument is taught by a specialist teacher.

Our music scheme of work is mapped so that all of the National Curriculum attainment targets are met and it shows progression of skills taught within each year group and how these develop year on year.

In line with the DfE's 2021 Model Music Curriculum, the music specialist delivers whole-class instrumental tuition for years 1 to 6. Each of these year groups receive a weekly one hour lesson, for one half term a year. They have the opportunity to learn to play the flute, boomwhackers and/or ukulele.

Also, part of the music curriculum entitlement includes weekly singing assemblies in both key stages, seasonal performances including practice, and other events linked to Warwickshire Music hub. We have secured a bespoke instrumental package from Warwickshire Music and will receive 30 ocarina for our KS1 children. They will learn to play the ocarina in their whole class instrumental lessons taught by Mrs Rowstron.

We were successful after submitting a bid to 'Universal Music UK Sound Foundation' for school funding and we purchased fifteen keyboards to enhance our whole-class instrumental music lesson provision.

## Part B: Extra-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.

We have peripatetic music teachers from Warwickshire Music, who offer lessons in a wide range of instruments including drums, piano, guitar, voice, flute and clarinet. Our disadvantaged learners have the opportunity take up the offer of free music lessons with our peripatetic music teachers.

We also have a small choir that performs at our summer fair and Christmas performances at our local church, whilst also allowing children to perform in small groups.

We work closely with our local music hub – Warwickshire Music – and we are currently a Music Mark School in recognition of our commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all our children.

Since January 2025 we run a Creative Arts House competition where children across the school can submit entries for music, art and dance. This is an annual event and will take place again in January 2026.

## Part C: Musical Events

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.

- Weekly assemblies where children have opportunities to listen to different genres of music (every Monday).
- Weekly assemblies where children have opportunities to learn new songs and sing as a key stage (every Wednesday).
- Weekly assemblies where children have opportunities to sing to an audience (every Friday).
- Yearly pantomime visit where children get to experience a live musical performance involving singing, acting and dancing.
- Yearly Christmas productions where children in EYFS, KS1 and year 5 get the chance to sing and perform (December each year).
- Yearly summer fair where children in our school choir have learnt songs throughout the year with Mrs Rowstron (music subject leader) and perform to an audience.
- Yearly visit for children in year 3 to watch Higham Lane School's (our local secondary school) musicians perform live music (December each year).
- Yearly visit for children in our school choir to perform songs they have learnt at St Nicolas Parish Church to an audience (December each year).
- Yearly trip to Symphony Hall in Birmingham where KS2 children have the opportunity to watch the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra perform as part of their school concerts programme (February each year).
- Opportunities for our musicians who are learning to play an instrument with Warwickshire Music or outside of school, to perform to an audience in school either during assembly and/or in class.
- KS1 children will have the opportunity to attend an after school singing club and learn songs that will then be performed at The Nuneaton Festival of Arts.

## In the future

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

- Nuneaton Festival of the Arts – Children who pay for additional tuition from Warwickshire Music (peripatetic teachers) could perform in front of an audience at the local festival.
- We would like to set up a smart board in the music room to enhance the whole class music lessons that could be taught in this learning space.
- We would like to appoint Arts Ambassadors across the school.
- We would like to develop a Creative Arts display to showcase the entries that were submitted in our Creative Arts House competition.

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