Music Development Plan – Summary

Cranford C of E Primary School

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026 to 2027
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Name of the school music lead	Lorna Kemp
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Rob Tyman
Name of local music hub	NMPAT
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

The Music Curriculum - Core

At *Cranford C of E Primary School* music is taught weekly by class teachers or support staff from Yrs 1 to 6. Each class has a lesson per week with children working as a whole class or in small groups

In Reception music is taught through opportunities in continuous provision. Instruments (tunes and untuned) are available to explore. Charanga is used to access whole class games and rhymes.

Planning is based on *Charanga* ensuring our planned curriculum matches the scope and ambition of the Music Curriculum: the curriculum map for music can be found on our school website. Content is adapted and scaffolded so that it meets the needs of our school and to ensure that all children are able to access the curriculum. Additional resources such as support from our music hub, NMPAT, and Young Voices singing workshops are used to supplement the scheme.

Our music lessons are taught using the same quality first teaching principles that we use across all other curriculum areas, based on the Rosenshine Principles. Within music, planning also identifies:

- Musical elements to be addressed
- Key vocabulary
- Background information and teaching tips
- Assessment opportunities.

The music curriculum is centred on practical music-making for all pupils through singing, performing, listening, appraising and composing. A structured listening programme supports the development of broad, high-quality and progressive listening skills. Across Key Stages 1 and 2, pupils engage with carefully selected music from a wide range of cultures, traditions and historical periods.

First Access

We have a strong partnership with NMPAT, which supports our First Access music offer and ensures that all children have the opportunity to learn and play a musical instrument during

their time at Cranford. We want every child to experience the enjoyment of making music, develop confidence in their own abilities and gain an appreciation of the skills involved in learning an instrument.

NMPAT provides whole-class instrumental lessons, in which all children take part as they move through the school. As Cranford has mixed-age classes, these experiences are planned on an alternating yearly cycle. Children have enjoyed learning a range of instruments, including samba drums, recorders and ukuleles. These sessions give children the opportunity to develop their understanding of musical notation, learn new instrumental skills and discover instruments they may wish to continue learning in the future.

Cranford C of E Primary School is a member of the national Music Mark association in recognition of a commitment to providing high quality music education.

Cranford C of E Primary School recognises that Music can play an especially important role in the development and well-being of children with SEND. We therefore:

- Encourage all children with Special Educational Needs are to express themselves through music.
- Ensure that any interventions are not timetabled in a way that prevents SEND pupils accessing the music curriculum.
- Adapt instruments, where needed, to allow all to participate fully in musical tasks and/or focus on those instruments that are easier to manipulate.
- Work with specialists to meet the needs of children with hearing impairments.
- Adapt other resources according to need, e.g. large print for lyrics and xylophone labels for children with visual impairments.
- Provide ear defenders if needed.

The Music Curriculum – Additional Opportunities

Instrument Lessons

Peripatetic music teachers offer lessons in:

- *Strings (violin and cello)*
- *Piano / keyboard*
- *Guitar (electric and acoustic),*
- *Ukulele*
- *Woodwind (Flute, saxophone, clarinet).*

These lessons are held within school hours and monitored by the Music Curriculum Leader. The lessons have to be paid for by parents / guardians but the pupil premium can be used to enable disadvantaged pupils to access them if they choose. Instruments are available on loan from the music service for any child wanting to participate in these lessons. An annual report is written by the peripatetic teachers and parents can request a meeting to discuss their child's progress.

Details on applying for these lessons are sent out to parents/guardians on a regular basis and further information can be found on our school website.

Alongside individual lessons, we also provide opportunities for children to participate in Rocksteady music lessons. These sessions allow pupils to learn instruments within a band setting, encouraging collaboration, confidence and a love of performing. Children rehearse and perform together as part of a school band, applying the musical skills they have developed in lessons. We

currently have three active bands across KS1 and KS2, reflecting the enthusiasm for music throughout the school

Extra-Curricular Activities

Children have the opportunity to participate in the school choir, which is offered free of charge as an extracurricular activity after school.
The school maintains a positive working relationship with NMPAT and actively encourages children to join one of the local Music and Arts Centres.

Musical Experiences

Children at Cranford C of E Primary School have many varied opportunities to perform, experience and engage in musical experiences as they move through the school. These include:

- *Young Voices – children attended the concert at Birmingham, we organise this for alternate years.*
- *The Big Sing – children have the opportunity to sing alongside other members of the trust at the Royal and Derngate Theatre in Northampton.*
- *Singing in the community - the School Choir sing at community events, for example, entertaining Christmas shoppers and singing to local community groups. Each year the whole school performs Christmas Carols on the village green, inviting the local community to come along and join in.*
- *School productions – EYFS, Y1 and Y2 perform and annual nativity musical; KS2 perform a Christmas Carol Concert; Y3/4 perform either a music recital or a musical production. Y5/6 produce an annual leavers performance, in the past they have performed 'The Wizard of Oz', 'Cinderella Rockafella' and 'We're all going on a summer holiday'.*
- *Performances from NMPAT musicians – NMPAT join us annually to perform and introduce children to a range of instruments and types of music.*
- *Performances and assemblies by the Rocksteady team.*
- *Participation in local church services once a term, including whole school singing, choir singing and soloist singing.*
- *An annual visit to the Pantomime, allowing all children to experience a live performance in a theatre.*

Future Plans

The school will continue to build on its strong music provision by developing further performance opportunities for choir and ensemble groups, broadening access to instrumental learning, and ensuring all pupils have regular opportunities to experience live music. We will also continue to strengthen our partnership with NMPAT and expand opportunities for pupils to participate in music beyond the classroom through community performances, concerts and enrichment activities.

During the 2026/27 academic year, Cranford C of E Primary School, is intending to extend and deepen its offer in music by:

- Provide further CPD for music leader and then provide CPD for all staff.
- Working more closely with local PDET schools to develop assessment of music and to create links.

Within the next three years we aim to:

- Develop the assessment of music so we have a clear picture of progress throughout the school.
- Provide CPD to allow teachers and support staff to confidently deliver music.
- Provide further opportunities to perform within the local community.
- Increase access to extra-curricular music.

Additional information can be found on the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT) website Home - NMPAT.
Rutland Music is part on NMPAT - Rutland Music - NMPAT
Peterborough Music Hub: Peterborough Music Hub – Music education, funding and events in Peterborough.