

Music Development Plan Summary

Green Oaks Primary Academy



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-27
Date this summary was published	July 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the academy music lead	Amanda Dickens
Name of academy leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	NMPAT
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	iRock

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.

Our academy already publishes our curriculum for music for each year group online. This can be found here: [Green Oaks Primary Academy - Music](#)

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

- In Key Stage 1 we ensure there is a minimum weekly thirty-minute music lesson
- In Key Stage 2 we ensure there is a minimum weekly forty-five-minute music

Other Music curriculum information at this academy:

- Our current provision for curriculum design, sequencing and progression is based on a scheme of work that maps the key skills, knowledge and concepts that are covered over time. We currently use PKC. Information on this can be found here: [Green Oaks Primary Academy - Music](#)

- In addition to the core music curriculum our academy operates a Digital Skills for Pupils offer and a number of sections of this include graduated competencies that have a digital music making, editing and performing elements.
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- Recorders and Glockenspiels whole class lessons

- There is a comprehensive programme for music lesson in conjunction with the local music hub, NMPAT. Children across all year groups from EYFS to Year 6 will have part of their music curriculum delivered by a range of specialist peripatetic music teachers. This is planned as follows:

EYFS & Year 1 – Expressive Arts and Design – music and singing (Spring - 10 lessons each of 30 minutes)

Year 2 & Year 3 – Primary Vocal Singing Course (Autumn 1 - 10 lessons each of 30 minutes)

Year 4 – Whole Class Instrumental Learning and Progression Pathway (Spring 2 plus Summer – forty minutes of recorder)

Year 5 – Whole Class Instrumental Learning and Progression Pathway (Autumn plus Spring 1 – one hour of clarinet)

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Part B: Wider Music Opportunities

This is our information about the opportunities for Green Oaks pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils at our academy can make progress in Music beyond the core curriculum.

Green Oaks Primary Academy offers a range of music tuition outside of what is taught in lesson time (as described above) and this includes

- Working in partnership with iRock. Children can sign up for iRock band lessons and choose an instrument of their choice from drums, keyboards, guitar or vocals. They receive weekly band sessions during the school day and perform a rock concert at the end of each term to the school and their parents.
- Pupils in Years 4-6 have the opportunity to join an after-school choir to prepare to perform at Young Voices in Birmingham in January.
- Pupils in Years 4-6 have the opportunity to join an after-school choir to prepare to perform at the NMPAT's Big Sing in the spring term at the Royal Derngate.

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 Green Oaks Primary Academy.

Regular events include:

- Instrument recitals of brass, string and woodwind for the Whole School delivered by NMPAT musicians
- Musical performances (Christmas Nativity and Carol Concerts – Whole School, Harvest Festival is Yr1 – Yr6 and our main Summer Production in Year 6)
- There is an annual theatre trip for all year groups – this is usually at Christmas celebrating traditional pantomime performance in partnership with The Old Savoy theatre in Northampton

Charging for academy events are donations from parents to attend to support our performing arts budget and costs. If we engage in events externally there are subsidised options (such as Pupil Premium) or parents, we know are facing financial hardship.

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.

A self-audit of the academy's music provision has highlighted that the following actions must be undertaken. By the end of 2024/25, there must be:

- Utilise NMPATs full offerings of music experiences
- Attend Young Voices in 2027
- Attend Big Sing and perform in 2027
- Build partnership with Royal and Derngate
- Start a KS2 choir from November 2026
- Explore further partnerships for wider musical experiences
- Embed the new music curriculum following PKC
- Strengthen the breadth of musical experiences and embed the playing of instruments and singing

Further Information

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.

Your local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2026 that should include useful information. Also see: <https://nmpat.co.uk/>.

To get involved and enjoy iRock band lessons, you can find information and sign up details here [Spaces Now Available gelunk](#)