

Subject School Development Plan 2025/2026

Subject Leader: Mrs Holmes

Area: Music
Previous Years targets (RAG rated) Reviewed in Summer 2025
1) Provide more opportunities for musical experiences in lower school years (EYFS to Year 2)
2) To develop an alternative whole school approach to teaching music that does not rely on an online platform
3) Continue to work with Ely College Music teachers to provide extra provision

Achievements from 2024/2025	Impact on Teaching and Learning
Whole school Christmas concert at Ely Cathedral	In December all children from The Lantern sang various Christmas songs at Ely Cathedral. This gave us the opportunity to showcase the children's musical talents and celebrate Christmas all together with parents watching as an audience.
Violin and singing tuition- provided by Ely College & Cambridgeshire Music	Since January the music teacher from Ely College (Kate Attard) and a violin teacher from Cambridgeshire Music (Prue Ward) have been delivering music sessions bi-weekly on a Friday for Years 5, 4 and 3. Year 5 are currently having an hour to learn violin with Prue and Year 4/3 have had 30 minute sessions with Kate to develop singing skills and some instrument playing such as glockenspiels.
Meridian Trust Festival- East Hub	A group of Year 5 children came together as a choir to practice each week for the Meridian Trust Arts Festival before performing in the concert alongside other trust schools.
KS2 and KS1 singing assemblies	Every week on Wednesdays Mrs Holmes delivers a singing assembly to KS2 and Mrs Griffin KS1. This is a 20 minute period of time where the teacher can teach the children songs/actions to chosen songs appropriate for ages and areas of learning. The children enjoy this time and it helps to build their confidence in singing in front of others.
Ely Arts Festival at Ely Cathedral	In June Year 3 sang at the Ely Arts Festival along with other accompanying schools. Chris Parsons (organiser) has visited to practice the songs with each class and teachers have been regularly rehearsing with the children. The event will be a wonderful way to showcase the children's singing skills and an opportunity to perform to families.
KS2 choir and recorders with Natasha Cox (External Music teacher)	Natasha runs a weekly choir with children from KS2 who choose to attend and families pay. Children have the opportunity to perform in the Ely Music festival.
CPD	Inset – Audrey ran a session for all staff.
Young Voices	A group of year 6 children went to the O2 to perform with over 500 children. The children practiced the songs each week and enjoyed the opportunity to sing at a national venue.

Areas of Development to carry over to 2025/2026
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New Targets for 2025/26:

Target One: To embed the chosen music curriculum and commit to delivering high quality lessons that connect subjects and learning outcomes across all phases.			
Predicted Impact: The recourses planned should enable teachers to easily deliver music using listening examples, performance/singing resources and all material needed with no additional planning.			
Tasks to be completed including monitoring activities (RAG rate at each review point)	Personnel	Resources	Timescale
Use the Music planning available across the phases on the Primary Curriculum – Meridian Trust channel. Work alongside Music leaders from across the Trust.	Teachers	Meridian Trust Teams - Primary curriculum. Instruments	Ongoing
Dedicated time to monitor the curriculum in school	Music Lead	Release time	Ongoing
Mid-Year Review (Spring 2026)			
End of Year Review (Summer 2026) What has been achieved and what is the impact on learning and teaching?			

Target Two: To embed enrichment opportunities for all year groups, including engagement with professional musicians and/or music organisations.			
Predicted Impact:			
Tasks to be completed including monitoring activities (RAG rate at each review point)	Personnel	Resources	Timescale
Take part in local, regional and national music opportunities.	Teachers Music Lead	YV subscription	Ongoing
Celebrate Music during concerts open to a wider audience	Teachers Music Lead	Cathedral Contacts	Ongoing
Mid-Year Review (Spring 2026)			
End of Year Review (Summer 2026) What has been achieved and what is the impact on learning and teaching?			