

Music development plan summary: Eleanor Palmer Primary School Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Charlie MacCormick
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Charlie MacCormick
Name of local music hub	Camden Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Musicalives

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

This is 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 [music curriculum](#) is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) and the non-statutory guidance from for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 2. Our curriculum is designed by our music lead in line with our topic based approach to learning.

Each pupil will receive at least an hour of music teaching per week, which will consist of:

- Weekly whole class music lessons (sometimes taught in smaller groups depending on need and context).
- Weekly whole Key Stage music assemblies which will involve singing and workshops to introduce pupils to a wide range of musical instruments, techniques and genres.
- Music lessons which allow pupils to engage with the four elements of musical education:
 - Singing
 - Listening

- Composition and
- Performance

These elements will be explored through voice and a range of pitched and non-pitched instruments to develop their understanding of both pitch and rhythm.

The ethos of our school is to ensure that at all times lessons are made inclusive and accessible to all as set out in our [SEND local offer](#)

During their time at Eleanor Palmer, every pupil is given the opportunity to learn both the ukulele and either the violin or cello as part of their music lesson.

The school is a fully engaged member of the London Borough of Camden Music Partnership. We have also formed a relationship with Coren Peacock of [Musicalives](#) to consult with our school's music lead on further improving our music curriculum delivery and development.

Part B: Co-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.

As a member of [Camden Music](#) we promote their offer of extra-curricular music lessons and ensemble work offered within the London Borough of Camden music community.

We have a music and song writing teacher who works with pupils with an interest in this aspect of music in weekly individual or small group sessions.

We have violins available for our Key Stage 2 children to take home and practice on in their own time if they wish to.

We do not currently offer a school choir but it is our ambition to launch one in the 2024-25 academic year. We also plan to launch a ukulele group in the autumn term of 2024.

Our charging and remissions policy ([policies link](#)) sets out any charges applicable for individual or small group instrument lessons.

Our school has a light-filled dedicated music room with a wide range of musical instruments available for pupils to rehearse or practice individually or in groups.

Part C: Musical experiences

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.

We hold weekly music assemblies for each key stage across the school. As we approach whole school musical events these provide an opportunity for rehearsal in larger groups. Friends, family and carers are regularly invited to come and watch their children perform. Pupils also watch these performances as well as performing, encouraging them to learn how to be a good audience.

These events include:

- A whole school Winter Concert held in the hall of our neighbouring secondary school. Every child in our school from Nursery to Year 6 participates in a wonderfully inclusive atmosphere. Pupils both sing and small groups perform on instruments.
- “EP’s Got Talent” at the end of the Autumn Term with lots of impressive musical performances from our pupils. This encourages our pupils to develop their confidence in performing.
- Strings Concert for our Year 4 class in the Summer Term where they will perform pieces they have been learning on violin and cello in music lessons across the year.
- Ukulele Concert for our Year 3 class in the summer term where pupils will perform the pieces they have been learning across the year.
- Class assemblies always have a musical element to them that the children will have been working on in their music lessons as well as with their class teachers.
- Summer Concert, is an opportunity for every child in the school to perform individually or in groups in front of our school community.
- Year 6 musical play at the end of the school year for our departing pupils.

Visiting Workshops and Trips

We regularly invite the Orchestra for the Age of Enlightenment which is based locally to visit our school to visit us. They perform and run workshops with our Key Stage Two classes and our pupils go to watch their performances where they are based at our neighbouring secondary school.

As a member of the London Borough of Camden, our school always participates in the Camden Music Festival which performs biennially at the Royal Albert Hall.

In addition to the Camden Music Festival, Camden Music offers the annual Camden Primary Music Cluster Festival in a neighbouring school attended by a class of our pupils to join other local schools to sing together.

In the future

Our ambition for subsequent years.

We will be expanding our focus on ukulele practice this year, with the introduction of a ukulele club and concert in the summer term.

We will also be launching our new EP Choir this year.