

Kemsing Primary School

Music Development Plan Summary

Academic Year 2026 to 2027



KEMSING
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Music at Kemsing combines classroom teaching, specialist instrumental learning and opportunities to sing and perform. We want pupils to develop musical knowledge and confidence, experience different musical traditions and have opportunities to pursue their interests.

Overview	Details
School music lead	Kayleigh Gallagher
Senior leadership responsibility	Tom Hardwick, Executive Headteacher
Music education partner	Kent Music
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Curriculum music

We are moving gradually towards using Kapow Primary throughout the school. Infant classes currently use Kapow, while junior classes continue to use Sing Up Music. Starting the transition with the infants allows the change to be introduced in stages. Both schemes provide planned sequences of musical learning.

The Kapow overview for Years 1 and 2 develops pulse and rhythm, tempo, dynamics, pitch and musical symbols through singing, listening, movement and instrumental activities. Pupils explore musical storytelling, call and response and creating sound patterns.

In Years 3 to 6, the Sing Up overview brings together singing, listening, composing and performing. Its units include music from different cultures and styles, rhythmic and melodic work, songwriting and increasingly developed ensemble work. Teachers use the junior scheme during the transition to preserve continuity in pupils' learning.

Kent Music provides a music teacher for almost the whole academic year to teach guitar to Year 4. This gives pupils sustained specialist instrumental teaching as part of their curriculum music provision.

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Music beyond curriculum lessons

Our additional music offer includes a Key Stage 2 (KS2) choir and lessons in guitar, piano, trumpet, flute and singing. The choir gives junior pupils opportunities to sing together, develop their vocal skills and prepare music for performance.

Instrumental and vocal lessons allow pupils to develop their interests beyond classroom learning.

Opportunity	Current offer
Group singing	KS2 choir
Instrumental lessons	Guitar, piano, trumpet and flute
Vocal tuition	Singing lessons

Tuition is available from Year 1 for all instruments other than Trumpet which is available from Year 4.

Parents are encouraged to speak to school staff who will then liaise with the tutors. Financial support from the school is discussed, if necessary.

Rehearsal and individual practice facilities are The Music Room, The Year 4 Classroom (Choir).

Access and inclusion

Curriculum music and additional musical opportunities are open to pupils regardless of background or SEND, within the relevant age groups. We want all pupils to be able to participate and develop their musical interests. Teaching and participation takes account of individual needs, with suitable adjustments agreed through our inclusion arrangements.

Families should contact the school office to discuss access to musical opportunities. Information about any tuition charges and available financial support will help families make informed choices and identify support where cost is a barrier.

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Musical experiences

Our musicians have multiple opportunities to perform for others. These include Harvest, Christmas and Easter services, the Christmas concert in the village and class assemblies. These events connect music with school and community life and give pupils experience of preparing and presenting music to an audience.

Time of year	Performance opportunities
Autumn	Harvest service, Christmas service and village Christmas concert
Spring	Easter service
Across the year	Class assemblies

All year groups perform at all services.

We also provide opportunities for pupils to hear live music, such as during Creativity Week which usually involves some form of music for the children to listen to and perform to.

Future development

The following proposed priorities build on our current provision. The music lead and senior leaders will confirm delivery dates, staffing and resources as part of the school's subject development planning.

Continue the transition to Kapow

- Map progression across the current infant and junior schemes before extending Kapow into the juniors.
- Identify prior learning, any gaps or unnecessary repetition, staff training and resources needed.
- Agree the next phase of the transition and check that the relevant units are available.

Review curriculum time and specialist teaching

- Review timetables against the national plan's expectation of at least one hour of curriculum music each week in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.
- Coordinate Year 4 guitar teaching with the wider curriculum so that instrumental learning, singing, listening and composing remain connected.

Strengthen access and musical progression

- Review uptake of the choir and additional tuition, including participation by disadvantaged pupils and pupils with SEND.
- Identify practical or financial barriers and agree support.
- Work with Kent Music to signpost pupils who wish to continue or extend their musical learning.

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Review ensemble and practice opportunities

- Identify existing instrumental group work and consider how to develop a regular instrumental ensemble alongside the choir.
- Confirm accessible rehearsal and practice space and the staffing needed to support it.

Plan performances and live listening

- Map opportunities across the year so that pupils can perform regularly and experience live music.
- Check coverage against the national plan's expectations of a termly school performance and an annual opportunity to enjoy live performance, including opportunities for pupils who do not take additional tuition.

Monitoring and review

Proposed monitoring will combine checks of curriculum coverage and progression, samples of pupils' musical work and performances, pupil feedback and records of participation. The review will also consider staff confidence, access for SEND and disadvantaged pupils, and the contribution of Kent Music's specialist teaching.

The summary should be updated before each new academic year.

Further information

For information about music at Kemsing, please contact the school office on 01732 761236 or office@kemsing.kent.sch.uk.

Kent Music supports the school's Year 4 guitar provision.