

Children in Year 5 take part in the 'Play to Learn' programme. This takes the form of a weekly lesson from a visiting player providing tuition on an orchestral instrument e.g. cornet, violin, drums. During the year pupils have opportunities to perform to various audiences.

Musical activities are planned in such a way as to encourage full and active participation and enjoyment by all children irrespective of ability. Music activities essentially require a personal response, so for many activities the pupil will be able to respond at their own level within the group. Teachers are aware of those children with special needs within their classes and adapt their planning accordingly.

Pupils are taught musical knowledge, skills and understanding through:

- a range of musical activities that integrate performing, composing and appraising
- responding to a range of musical and non-musical starting points
- working on their own, in groups of different sizes and as a class
- listening to and appraising a range of live and recorded music from different times and cultures.

At Offenham CE School singing is an important part of school life and all children participate in various events throughout the year. They sing every day during assemblies and as an extra-curricular activity the children have the opportunity to join a choir, singing group or musical ensemble. There are opportunities for children to participate in a musical performance each term.

Learning in music is largely through practical activities using the musical instruments and resources available for teachers and children. This will be enhanced by the use of DVDs, CDs, the Internet and, where possible, live music.

Every child will have the opportunity to use ICT in Music: to compose, record and appraise music.

Children are taught the safe and appropriate use of instruments and equipment including keyboards, recording equipment and CD players.

Most instruments, are kept in a central resource area in the Preedy Music room, mainly on a trolley, readily accessible to the children.

ASSESSMENT

Informal assessment will be an integral part of the learning experience.

REVIEW

Music Lead: Mrs Jayne Nicol

Policy agreed Autumn 2025 by staff and governors at Offenham CE First School.
To be reviewed Autumn 2026.