

Music Development Plan Summary

Beechwood Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	October 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Charley Hill
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Berkshire Music Trust
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

At Beechwood, Music is taught across the school. All Children in year 1-6 receive a 45-60 minutes of classroom music tuition per week.

All children have the opportunity to sing and play a range of instruments during their classroom lesson time including tuned and untuned instruments. These lessons are linked to their topics to fully immerse them in their learning.

Part B: Extra-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.

Starting this academic year, there is a year 4-6 choir who will be rehearsing weekly. This will enable the children to have a collaborative environment to sing and perform as an ensemble.

All children work with adults to produce, rehearse and perform throughout a range of events to parents, pupils and staff.

An external company called Rock Steady come into school to provide tuition in bands. At the end of each term, the bands perform their music to their parents, and the other bands, at a concert. This funded by parents but there is support given to those Pupil Premium children.

Part C: Musical Events

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 have a weekly whole school singing assembly where the children sing songs relative to the seasons (Autumn, Christmas and Easter). Foundation and KS1 children have the opportunity to perform in a nativity with a range of Christmas music whilst lower and upper school visit the church to perform their range of Christmas songs. Children have the opportunity to do a class assembly once per year where music is promoted through songs linked to their learning.

At the end of their time at primary school, year 6 do their leavers performance where they will include a variety of music linked to their performance.

The school choir will perform at a local competition for choirs and will participate in WASMA with other local school choirs at the Hexagon.

As part of the Frays Multi-Academy Trust, Beechwood collaborates with other schools to create unique performances that celebrate music-making throughout the year.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

- In subsequent years, the development of the school choir will continue and they will have more opportunities to be exposed to the wider community.
- Instrumental music lessons will be offered to all at a fee paid by parents.
- Whole class instrumental teaching will happen in at least 1-year group in the school.
- Build a stronger relationship with Berkshire music trust.

Further information

Please see a guide for parents and young people on how they can get involved in music in and out of school: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people>