

Music development plan summary: Filton Avenue Primary School

Overview

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| Name of the school music lead | Miss S Keech |
| Name of local music hub | Bristol Beacon Music Education Hub |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place) | Bristol Beacon |

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.

Whole class musician sessions

Each week, our Cover Supervisor Music Team leads half-hour sessions during Non-Contact Time to support and inspire our pupils through music. In years 1-6, music is taught as a stand-alone subject and led by the same Cover Supervisor for the whole year group on a carousel basis. We weekly singing assemblies and offer additional music lessons through specific enquiries and enrichment days across the year as part of our wider curriculum offering. Pupils play and compose using tuned and untuned percussion instruments using Oak Academy lesson plans and scheme of work.

Pupils in Reception use instruments in Musical Moments and as part of their continuous provision.

Whole class ensemble tuition

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Tuned percussion – steel drums - Year 5

This is a 10-week block, delivered in class by an external practitioner from Bristol Beacon.

Ukulele - Year 3

This is delivered by class teachers. The scheme has been written by our Music Lead.

There is a performance at the end of both blocks to celebrate achievements for parents and carers.

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.

Instrument tuition

In addition to musician sessions in class, pupils can book one-to-one, or group tuition provided by Bristol Beacon. This year we are offering tuition in **piano, guitar and violin**. These sessions take place during the normal school day.

The costs are as follows.

Individual 30 mins - £231 per double term/£693 annually

Individual 20 mins - £154 per double term/£462 annually

Small group - £77 per double term/£231 annually

We aim to increase the number of pupils taking up the offer of instrument tuition this year. Discounts are offered by Bristol Beacon for pupil premium families, pupils with an EHCP and free for children and young people in care. If fees are a barrier to you signing your child up for tuition, please speak to the office as we may be able to help.

Bristol Beacon offers free holiday workshops for children in care, children with an EHCP and refugees.

Choir

Our school choir will be run by Miss Keech in terms 1-6. This is a free, weekly after-school club. This year, we will participate in Bristol Beacon's Big Winter Sing and Big Summer Sing. We would love to offer more opportunities for our choir to perform in school and the wider community.

Rock Steady Band lessons

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Rocksteady is the UK's leading provider of rock and pop lessons for primary school children and we're proud that their fun, inclusive band lessons take place at our school.

Children are taught new musical skills through contemporary rock and pop songs. Lessons are open for children from year 3 to 6 and they can choose to play either vocals, electric guitar, drums, bass, or keyboards in their very own band. All instruments are provided, and no previous experience is necessary. Children progress through a 300-skill curriculum learning band, performance and instrument skills and work towards the official Rocksteady Ofqual-regulated, exam-free music qualification, accredited by Trinity College London.

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.

Assemblies

All pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2 participate in weekly music assemblies in which they participate in music appreciation covering a wide range of genres, past and present. During these assemblies, pupils also learn and perform a variety of songs. Songs are carefully chosen using Sing Up to reflect the seasons, cultures, different rhythmic patterns, singing in unison, rounds and call and response.

We also offer live on-site gigs at least 3 times a year where all pupils have the chance to learn from our talented staff and local community. Such gigs have recently included a piano performance, an acapella group, hip-hop and berimbau. Pupils who participate in music tuition (fee-paying) perform to an audience of their peers and parents at points throughout the year.

Performances

All pupils participate in whole school performances where they perform to an audience of parents and carers. Pupils in Reception and Years 3-6 perform a Christmas concert where they each perform a rehearsed class song (some classes opt to perform a poem) and sing additional songs in unison with their year group. Pupils also perform individual instruments and in small group ensembles at this concert. Years 1 and 2 perform a Nativity. All pupils sing class and year group songs to an audience at our Harvest festivals. Key Stage 1 perform at their Easter bonnet parade. Year 6 perform an end of year musical show to the whole school and their parents and carers. Pupils also perform to our local Field House residents.

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Whole school Enrichment Days allow pupils to observe and participate in a wider range of musical experiences such as capoeira and off-site trips to musical shows by local colleges. This academic year, Year 5 are going to watch Aladdin at OSB in December, Reception and Year 1 have had a performance from The Bristol Old Vic and in December Years 2 to 6 will be visiting the Hippodrome to watch a pantomime.

We work in partnership with Bristol Beacon to support our fee-paid tuition, planning and performance opportunities.

In the future

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

Aims for this year.

- Increase opportunities to perform in the local community.
- Increase opportunities to attend musical performances in colleges and/or theatres
- Increase up-take of private tuition, including those in receipt of pupil premium and SEND.

Further information

[Family Events | Bristol Beacon](#)

[Sing Up - Love learning, start singing](#)

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

[Rock Steady](#)

[Oak Academy Curriculum](#)