

Music development plan summary: Bridlewood Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Jenny Helsby
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Vicky Sammon
Name of local music hub	Swindon Music Service
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 Bridlewood, we have now embedded using the music scheme from 'Sing up'. Within the scheme, children have opportunities to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding at each stage of learning, including the Early Years Foundation Stage. Children have weekly music lessons with their class teacher. The scheme allows children to develop their singing, playing, improvising, composing, listening and appraising.

To include even more opportunity for music appreciation, the model music curriculum has been used to choose age-appropriate music, in order for listening and appraising in class each term. Sing up also gives opportunity for children to listen to a range of music.

A variety of genres are also used for children to listen to as they enter and exit assemblies. We have six different genres a year for example, country, classical and

reggae. During singing assembly each week, the children will learn some history of music, linked to this genre or musician. We sing a range of songs during the assembly and incorporate some learning about different musical elements, for example pitch and tempo.

Since the 'Sing up' scheme has been introduced, we have introduced new performance indicators, to track the children's progress. We are collecting evidence through video recordings in lessons to show progression of learning.

We provide whole class teaching for year 5, taught by a specialist music teacher from the Swindon Music Service. This year they will be taught the clarinet.

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.

Children have an opportunity for individual music lessons, provided from the Swindon Music Service, paid by parents. Pupil Premium children, who choose to have lessons, are funded by the school. This year, we have children learning the guitar, violin and drums. We have music recitals twice a year, in which parents are invited so children who take up individual lessons, have the opportunity to perform in front of an audience. This also gives us a chance to promote more children to take up a musical instrument. There is also opportunity for parents to pay for Rocksteady lessons, where children choose the instrument, they want to play to work together as a band, ready to perform to parents in the two performances a year. They have the opportunity to play the electric or bass guitar, keyboard, drums or sing. Rocksteady also provide trial lessons, to encourage more children to join.

There are a range of opportunities for children to sing outside of lessons. KS2 have the option to join a production club. This requires the children to learn many songs and perform them as part of the production to an audience, for example in April 2026 they performed 'Mystery at Magpie Manor' Year 6 also learn songs for their end of year production, for example in the summer 2026 they performed 'I'm a Year 6, Get me out of here.' Reception, Year 1 and 2 learn songs for their Christmas plays each year.

Children learn songs as part of their class assembly performance. These are usually linked to their topic, for example in February 2026 Year 4 sang 'The Geography song' linked to their topic about European countries.

KS1 and KS2 children can choose to join a choir in order to learn songs to perform at the Swindon Voice Festival. For example, in March 2026 and July 2025, the Junior and Infant Voice Festival sang a range of songs, including 'Lovely day' and 'Fame' This

gives children the opportunity to sing on stage at the Wyvern Theatre in a large choir, alongside children from other Swindon Schools. They also perform with a live band in front of a large theatre audience.

Early Years offer music opportunities in continuous provision and regular singing often takes place in classrooms.

By recognising the importance of music education and giving the children opportunities to broaden musical horizons, we have been awarded the 'music mark' of recognition.

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.

As part of the provision from the Swindon Music Service, we enjoy an annual 'Rock and Pop' concert from professional musicians, where the whole school can hear live music.

In January 2026, children had the opportunity to sing in a large arena in Birmingham with children from many other schools, to be part of 'Young Voices.' Children from year 4, 5 and 6 learnt to sing a range of songs, which were all performed in front of a large audience. Within this concert, the children also had the chance to hear some professional singers. This will be an annual event for children to experience performing in an arena.

Year 5 and 6 children have been invited to Abbey Park, a TPAT Secondary School to watch their yearly musical. In February 2026, Year 5 and 6 went to watch 'Mary Poppins.'

In the future

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

We will work on:

- Promoting the take up of individual musical instrument lessons
- Continuing the option of taking part in Young Voices and encourage more children to attend
- Using more video evidence to support assessment of music showing progression of learning over the year.

Further information (optional)

Link to the school curriculum overview and information regarding individual lessons.

<https://www.bridlewoodprimaryschool.org.uk/music-1/>