

Buckland Primary School

Music Development Plan Summary 2026

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Part A: Curriculum Music

At Buckland CE Primary School we aim to provide a diverse and progressive music curriculum and opportunities for all children within school (during school hours and before/after school). This will include an 'all year round' programme of performance in school and out of school. This will maximise cultural capital for all our children, their overall well-being and confidence, while creating a supportive community of music making. Weekly lessons include practical tasks and music appraisal and children learn to read and play music using glockenspiels which have been provided to enable all children to learn and play together during class teaching. Our curriculum is based on the National Curriculum incorporating the Model Music Curriculum (2021) and we use the Charanga Music Scheme for all classes. This enables a balance between practical composition and performance as well as listening to and evaluation of a wide range of music.

Part B:

Co-curricular music lessons in piano are offered to all pupils from EYFS. Individual or group singing lessons are offered to pupils from KS1. Children can progress to take ABRSM exams. All visiting music teachers hold concerts at Buckland School where children can perform to an audience of family and peers. Children have the opportunity to participate in Learning Trust performances both singing individually or as part of larger groups. Independent after school club opportunities exist for KS2 children to audition to be part of a group working towards a theatrical, vocal and acting performance. All children participate in Church Services for Harvest, Easter and Christmas, performing songs learnt in class and singing assemblies. At the end of each school year, the whole school

performs together in a major production consisting of song, dance and acting. Parents are encouraged to attend all events.

Part C: Musical Experiences

Annual musical workshops with visiting musicians are held - for example singing, dance and both African and samba drumming. All children have the opportunity to participate in Learning Trust music opportunities such as visits from KS3 music groups. A regular musical theatre group provides after school opportunities for children wishing to audition for a place in bi-annual performances which are produced and performed at a small, local theatre.

Part D: In the future

We aim to continue to include a range of musical opportunities with visiting groups; a whole school musical theatre performance of 'Grimm', a new children's musical, is planned for July 2025, with opportunities for children from Reception to Year 6 to take part and Learning Trust performance opportunities continue as we grow as part of the new Cambrian Learning Trust. We also plan to strengthen links with FCC and their wealth of musical instrument experience with visits to Buckland School to share musical performances.