



# Music development plan summary: 2024 - 2025

## Burghfield St. Mary's Primary School

### Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs J Eyre
Name of local music hub	Berkshire Music Trust

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.



Music is taught through the Sing Up Music curriculum.

This scheme of work sets out the skills, knowledge and understanding to be gained by all pupils at each stage of learning, including the Early Years Foundation Stage. It covers each year group from Reception to Year 6 and meets the requirements of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (Expressive Arts), the National Curriculum for Music and suggested approaches of the Model Music Curriculum (Singing, Listening, Composing, Performance/Instrumental Performance).



Class music lessons take place once a week for all pupils: Lesson time - EYFS 30 mins, KS1 40 mins, KS2 50 mins. Plus other singing opportunities and a singing and listening assembly once a week. All children have the opportunity to sing during lessons. Whole-class recorder ensemble teaching takes place for years 1 – 6. Year 4 pupils take part in the In2Music instrumental project delivered by Berkshire Music Trust (BMT). Berkshire Music Trust supports our school.



## **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.

At Burghfield there are opportunities for children to learn other instruments outside of lesson time. These are offered on a one-to-one basis and small group ensembles: Piano, Guitar, Brass and Strings. These are delivered either through individual specialists or by Berkshire Music Trust.

These lessons are charged for (PP eligibility is considered).

There is a school choir that is open to all ages. A small charge is made in line with the school policy on after school clubs.

Our local music hub, The Berkshire Music Trust, also offers tuition across a range of instruments, as well as larger ensembles and choirs covering all levels of ability. These are charged for through the hub.



## **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.

Our school provides many opportunities for the children to experience other musical events both locally and further afield.

Every week we hold a Children's Assembly. This is an opportunity for children to take part in group, class or solo singing. Or where children can showcase their progress on an instrument.

Years 3 and 4 take part in the Junior Music Festivals, for Reading and West Berkshire, organised by Berkshire Music Trust every year. These take part at the Hexagon, Reading in November and March. These are large ensemble singing experiences involving Reading and West Berkshire schools.

Biennially Years 5 and 6 take part in the Young Voices Foundation concert at the O2 Arena, London. This is a choir of over 7000 children. This concert also includes performances from professional musicians.



KS1 take part in a musical Nativity performance. The children learn songs and dances to support the Nativity story. An evening performance takes place at Burghfield St. Mary's Church.

KS2 take part in a musical at the end of the academic year. This includes all year groups, with Year 6 taking the lead roles. All the children are part of the large ensemble singing as well as dancing. This takes place over 2 nights.

The school choir are invited each year to take part in local events. These can include the Christmas Tree festival at Burghfield St. Mary's Church, the school Christmas fayre, Douai Abbey – carols for schools, and a concert at The Willink secondary school involving other local primary schools.

Other - Every 4 – 5 years our music hub offers the opportunity to take part in a large choir ensemble at the Albert Hall, London.

Previously the choir have sung annually at a charity concert in Newbury.

At least once a year Berkshire Music Trust teachers visit our school to showcase instrumental tuition available through the hub. The Willink School sends groups of musicians to perform to the children, to showcase musical excellence at our local secondary school.

Our visiting peripatetic teachers organise small concerts to showcase the progress of their pupils. These are usually held termly.

The children work towards ABRSM grades in piano, strings and brass.

## In the future

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

- To provide a recorder/percussion ensemble group.
- Develop online/music technology within the school with help from BMT.
- Working in collaboration with The Willink to involve pupils within the curriculum
- BMT CPD to help with a long term singing strategy
- BMT to help with the continuation and development of the recorder work done in school
- The introduction of student music leaders in the school.
- BSM and Willink staff working together to improve the continuity of the curriculum from primary to secondary school.

## Further information

**Private instrumental lessons available at BSM.**

Piano, Violin, Cello

Please contact the school office for further details.

Other instrumental tuition, such as brass, woodwind and guitars available through the Berkshire Music Trust. Please go to their website for details and contact them directly.

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[National Youth Choir](#)