

Music development plan summary: Bulwell St Mary's C of E Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Amanda Sharp
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Nottingham Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

Curriculum Access and Allocation: We publish our music curriculum for each year group online, detailing how we increase access for disabled pupils and support SEND students. Our curriculum information specifies the weekly time allocation for music education per key stage and term or half-term of the academic year. For more details, refer to our Music Curriculum Progression Documents [MMC Progression of Knowledge Skills and Elements Years 1-6 \(1\).pdf \(transformtrust.co.uk\)](https://transformtrust.co.uk/MusicCurriculumProgressionDocuments/MusicCurriculumProgressionDocumentsYears1-6(1).pdf)

Guidance and Opportunities: Our music curriculum follows the model music curriculum (March 2021). We offer opportunities for pupils to learn singing or instrument playing during lessons, including whole-class ensemble teaching through use of Charanga and Music Hub and singing in Collective Worship.

Partnerships and Support: We collaborate with the local music hub to enhance our music program and provide additional support for our students. Pupils in year 4 receive guitar lessons which can be continued into years 5 and 6 if desired.

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.

Music Tuition Options: This is an area of development – over the next 2 years we aim to provide opportunities for music tuition outside of lesson time.

Ensembles and Music Groups: Pupils in KS2 can join ‘Singstars’, our school choir. There is no cost to this and is available to any pupil who wishes to join.

Progression and Opportunities: Pupils perform in Christmas productions, celebrations at church, trust events and within the local community. The school also benefits from partnerships with the local music hub to support co-curricular music activities. An area of development for the future is to provide facilities for individual or group practice and rehearsal.

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.

Planned Musical Experiences: The academic year includes regular musical activities such as singing in assemblies, school musical performances and concerts. These events are designed to involve pupils from various year groups as participants. We host Music Hub Orchestra performances for the children to be an audience at.

Participation and Support: The school collaborates with the local music hub and Transform Trust to enhance these musical experiences. These include opportunities to perform in cross-trust events such as bi-annual Performing Arts Festivals and the yearly Transform Choir performance. Our ‘Singstars’ choir, alongside other local schools perform every year at Bulwell Christmas light switch on, local care homes and supermarkets. Links have been formed with Bulwell Academy to use their facilities for performances in addition to students performing for us.

In the future

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

Planned Improvements: Future plans include increasing opportunities to enjoy live music, inviting music performers from the local community into school. In addition to this we aim to provide space and time for rehearsals and individual practice. These changes aim to align with the 7 features of high-quality music provision.

Implementation Timeline: Specific improvements are scheduled for phased introduction in the coming years, with detailed timelines for each initiative to ensure a structured and effective enhancement of music education and experiences. More information about the improvements can be obtained from the school.

Further information

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.

Our local music hub is Nottingham Music Hub. Here is a link to their music development plan: <https://www.nottinghammusic hub.org.uk/>

Bulwell St Mary's C of E Primary school is part of Transform Trust. Here is a link to the trust-wide music development plan [Transform Trust Music Development Plan](#)