# Music development plan summary: Bushmead Primary School

## Overview

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| Detail | Information |
| Academic year that this summary covers | 2024-2025 |
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| Name of the school music lead | Ruth Marriott |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | Mark Leonard |
| Name of local music hub | Cambridgeshire Music Hub |
| 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, extra-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.

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| Teaching and Learning  Our Music lessons are planned using the Get Set 4 Music platform, which aligns with our core values, our whole child approach to Music and the objectives laid out in the National Curriculum. Get Set 4 Music is planned so that progression is built into the scheme which ensures our children are increasingly challenged as they move up through the school.  The curriculum planning in Music is carried out in three phases (long-term, medium-term and short-term). The long-term plan maps out the Music topics covered in each term during the key stage. Our medium-term plans give details of each unit of work for each term. These schemes of work provide an overview of the unit, links to other areas of the National Curriculum and assessment criteria for that unit. The short-term lesson plans provide opportunities for children of all abilities to develop their musical skills, understanding and depth of knowledge by offering learning opportunities that build on pupils’ previous experiences.  Music is taught once a week for half an hour in every year group by class teachers. Lessons take place in our purpose designed music studio which has adaptable chairs and tables for different year groups and is extremely well stocked with music resources.  In addition to this, there is a whole school singing assembly every Thursday morning where children enjoy singing a variety of songs and learn about different styles of music as well as different artists and composers.  EYFS  We encourage the musical experiences and development of our children in nursery and reception as an integral part of their work. As these classes are part of the Foundation Stage, we relate the musical development of the children to the objectives set out in the Early Learning Goals, which underpin the curriculum planning for children aged three to five years of age.  Children sing songs, make music, dance, and experiment with ways of developing the sounds and movements used. They safely use and explore a variety of materials, instruments and techniques, as well as being given opportunities to represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings.  Assessment  Our teachers assess the children’s work in Music through direct observation of children at work, questioning children or listening to their conversations. We also obtain photographs and recordings of their finished pieces which are recorded using the Get Set 4 Music assessment software. We have clear expectations of what the pupils will know, understand and be able to do at the end of each Key Stage. Teachers are supported with resources to know how to prepare children for their next phase of education. These resources include the Get Set 4 Music progression of skills and knowledge ladders and vocabulary pyramid.  Please find more information regarding our music curriculum progression and scheme of work/music topics on our school website:  [Music | Bushmead Primary School](https://www.bushmead.cambs.sch.uk/music/) |

## 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.

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| At Bushmead school we facilitate one to one and group tuition for a range of musical instruments.  Individual guitar, drum, piano and recorder lessons are offered to all children across the school.  There are two popular lunch time recorder groups.  Children can join the thriving school choir which meet once a week and perform at a variety of community events throughout the academic year.  We are fortunate at Bushmead to have a music room where peripatetic staff teach, and children can practice. We also have our wonderful music studio which is used for curriculum lessons. |

## 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.

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| **Christmas pantomime** – every year the whole school watches a pantomime.  **Year 3 & 6 Carol concert** – takes place in St Mary’s Church, Eaton Socon. Children sing to parents.  **Year 2 Music festival** – a singing festival where year 2 children from schools across St Neots meet and sing together.  **Year 5 Young Voices trip** – children sing with thousands of other children and listen to and watch a live band and range of fabulous guest performers.  **Choir community events** –  **Musical Theatre group** – where children learn songs and dances and then perform these to the whole school and parents. Musical theatre groups often perform at community events in St Neots. |

## In the future

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

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| * Ensure staff feel confident in delivering music and arrange CPD where necessary. * Increase use of the training and support provided by Cambridgeshire Music Hub and explore any musical opportunities they provide for students. |

## Further information

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| For further information look on our local music hub website below.  [Cambridgeshire Music / Cambridgeshire Music](https://www.cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk/) |