

Music development plan summary: Bentley West Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	July 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Helena Smith
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs R. Stanley
Name of music link governor	TBC
Name of local music hub	Walsall Music Hub

Part A: Curriculum music

- All pupils, from Nursery to Year 6, participate in weekly music lessons led by a music specialist:
- EYFS children receive a 20 - 30 mins focussed session from the music teacher, supported by EYFS staff. In addition they access music through child initiated activities, singing games and songs in the continuous provision.
- KS1 children receive 40 -50 min lessons.
- KS2 children receive 40 - 60 min lessons.
- Children from R -Y6 take part in weekly singing assemblies.
- Our pupils follow a bespoke, kodaly inspired [curriculum](#), based around the main strands of listening, performing and composing, which has been informed by the national curriculum for music, non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3 and the Model Music Curriculum documents.
- Our curriculum is spiral in nature, ensuring that pupils have opportunities to develop, master and make progress across all areas of musical learning and builds skills and knowledge over time.
- All children have the opportunity to learn to play a woodwind instrument in Year 4, provided by a teacher from Walsall Music Hub.
- During music lessons children learn to play classroom percussion instruments with a focus on glockenspiels. Children are encouraged to use other instruments that they are learning e.g recorder during music lessons.
- Opportunities for all
- Our deaf children all access music lessons. They may participate in class music, personalised music in the DRP or a mixture of both based on their needs and the curriculum being covered. The music lead works closely with the Deaf Resource Provision (DRP) staff to ensure that the most appropriate provision is offered.
- Our pupils with SEND or disabilities all access music lessons, with adaptive teaching strategies in place and additional support and/or adaptations to instruments as required.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

Small group music lessons

- Small group woodwind lessons are offered in Y5/6 as a continuation of the Y4 provision for selected students. Parents are asked to contribute to these lessons which are partly funded by school. Additional financial support is offered to PP children if required.
- In KS2 the music teacher offers recorder lessons. Anyone can access the lessons, however priority is given to children showing musical talent and pupil premium children.

Music Clubs

- Our school choir rehearses weekly and contributes to the musical life of the school.
- Guitar Club - One of our class teachers offers guitar club to KS2 children.
- Creating music club - KS1 children have the opportunity to create music in digital programmes.
- Woodwind group - Children receiving woodwind and recorder lessons join together to form a band to perform in concerts during the year.

Music Hub

- The school has strong and long-standing links with Walsall Music Hub, participating in the Primary Music Network group which provides opportunities to make connections with other music teachers, a chance to shape music in Walsall and opportunities to participate in CPD.
- Children with musical aptitude are signposted to music groups at Walsall Music Hub.
- We have held Music Mark status for the over 5 years, acknowledging the musical provision that we offer.

Part C: Musical events

Singing assembly -Children from R - Y6 participate in our weekly singing assembly. We develop our school singing culture ,as well as learning about and listening to the music of our composer of the month.

Musical performances -All of our children, from the very youngest to the oldest participate in musical performances during their time at Bentley West. e.g Carol Services, Nativity plays, Easter Bonnet, Nursery graduation, year group assemblies and school plays.

Musical events - Musical events throughout the year include; Carol Service, Christingle Service and Easter Services at the local church, assemblies, events arranged by Walsall Music Hub, Christmas and Summer Fayres, and the Young Voices Concert.

Children are invited to watch other year groups perform in their performances, plays and assemblies. Children enjoy listening to live performances from our school choir and recorder group.

In the future:

Over the next 2 -3 years we plan to:

- To fully embed and evaluate the kodaly inspired approach to Music, ensuring that children's learning is deepened over time and across all strands of the music curriculum, so that all groups of learners make good or better progress over time.

- To widen enhancement opportunities so that all children have the opportunity to experience live musical performances and participate in musical performances, both in and out of school, and have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument.
- To provide our pupils with the oracy skills to ensure that they can confidently and articulately use musical vocabulary to describe and discuss both their own music and that of others, including famous composers.
- To continue to build a strong musical culture where pupils, all staff, senior leaders, governors and trust leads advocate and support Music, ensuring that Music is an important part of school life that unites the school community, contributing to its musical identity and enabling children to experience the unique ability of music to contribute to wellbeing.