

Music development plan summary: *Bridport Primary School*

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/2025
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Name of the school music lead	Michaela Kite
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Dorset Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady Tim Lindsley

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.

At Bridport Primary music develops our pupils' imagination and creativity, we provide opportunities for them to learn through music as well as about it. They develop their understanding of the musical elements and learn how music is structured by listening to music from different cultures and eras. They learn to use the technical vocabulary for these elements and as their confidence builds they enjoy the performance and compositional aspects of music.

There is a whole school curriculum in place, which maps progress and skills across the key stages. Additional aspects are embedded into the planning, such as whole class instrumental music, school performances and special musical events.

There are regular timetabled curriculum music lessons in all years plus other provision which totals 1 hour per week for all children (can include singing assemblies etc)

Our curriculum is adapted to meet the needs of children with additional needs and/or disabilities, and these bespoke adaptations ensure that music can be enjoyed by all.

Children have the opportunity to sing within lessons and in assembly.

Children have the opportunity to learn, play and improve their skills with tuned percussion.

We also have access to class sets of instruments through the Dorset Music service. During 2023-24 and 2024-2025 Year 4 had ukulele lessons.

Progress is recorded using video/audio recordings or written notes to assess.

Children have the opportunity to play a musical instrument in the EYFS outdoor area, as well as a weekly music lesson.

We use Charanga to support music teaching across the school, as well as weaving it through topic-based learning.

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.

- At Bridport Primary we offer peripatetic tuition in guitar, bass guitar, vocals, drums, piano, violin and trumpet to children year one and above.
- We have a school choir.
- We have several rock bands.

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.

- Children take part in a whole school musical performance in YR and Y6
- Children sing in the Nativity performance
- Children have a weekly singing practice
- Children have a musical performance from Dorset Music Service annually
- Children access the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra performance each year
- Children have the opportunity to perform in a concert, when they have learnt instruments

In the future

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

- Timetabled curriculum music, equating to at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 2 This will continue.
- Access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice. This will continue.

Further information

We are fortunate to have a music/drama studio and stage.