

Music development plan summary: Stoke Poges School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
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Name of the school music lead	Stephen Follant
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Buckinghamshire 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 – At The Stoke Poges School the teaching of Music is delivered with the support of the Kapow Primary Music Scheme of Work. We do this through half-termly units which enables us to fulfil the requirements of the National Curriculum.

Each half-termly unit is fully sequenced to build upon prior learning, embedding the skills and knowledge to allow our children to fully develop as musicians. They will develop the musical skills of singing, playing tuned and untuned instruments, improvising and composing as well as listening and responding to music using the appropriate musical language.

Our children receive up to one hour a week, with some children exceeding this, of active and participative timetabled music education. This is delivered in a number of ways and includes classroom, whole-class ensemble teaching in some year groups, one-to-one or small group instrumental lessons from a peripatetic instrumental teacher (facilitated through the Bucks Music Hub) and the school choir and orchestra.

At Stoke Poges, children are introduced to music from all around the world and across generations, thereby helping them to develop an understanding of the history and cultural context of the music that they listen to and respect and appreciate the music of all traditions and communities.

Music lessons are creative, exploratory and practical, allowing children of all backgrounds to develop a love of music.

Working with others is one of the cornerstones of music-making. Our curriculum helps children develop transferable skills such as teamwork, leadership, creative thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, and presentation and performance skills. These skills are vital to children's development as learners and have a wider application in their general lives outside and beyond school.

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.

There are numerous opportunities for pupils to participate in music making outside of lesson time. As a school, children have the opportunity to participate in one-to-one tuition once a week in violin, flute, clarinet, guitar and trumpet allowing for personalised and focused instruction. Opportunities for **all** pupils to participate in instrumental lessons are provided through the BucksMusicTrust (BMT) where children eligible for FSM or where the parental income is less than £25,600 they then receive a 50% discount on the cost of lessons. Discounts are also available for siblings, based on a sliding scale of 20, 40 and 60%. It is also possible to hire instruments through BMT for which there is a small, termly charge.

Whole class instrumental tuition is provided for Year 4 and 5. Year 4 learn the Ukulele while Year 5 continue to learn Ukulele, further developing the skills learnt in Year 4 through incorporating it into a Blues scheme of work.

Year 5 also learn the Pbone. This is facilitated through BMT who supply the Pbones and the instrumental teacher to lead the lessons. Both classes have the opportunity to learn the Pbone throughout the academic year.

Our choir is available to all pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6. Weekly lunchtime rehearsals enable pupils to further develop the skill to sing and perform. Due to its nature, the Orchestra is available to selected pupils who have reached a sufficient skill level.

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.

Every child in Stoke Poges have the opportunity to perform in at least two productions during their time at the school. Whether this is the KS1 Nativity, the Year 3/4 production or Year 6 end-of-year production.

Further EYFS and KS1 performances are given at Harvest, Mother's and Father's Day.

During the Christmas period, the choir perform at two venues – Vision and a local OAP home. They also, together with other musicians from year 5 and 6, perform in the Christmas Carol concert, held each year at the local church, St Giles.

They also participate in Young Voices or the Echoes concert series (the concerts alternate each year).

The Summer term sees the Year 5 give a short concert to parents to display the skills that they have learnt on the Pbone and Ukulele. We also have our Summer Concert which has a selection of ensemble and instrumental performances allowing the more advanced instrumentalists the chance to perform

Twice during the year pupils have the opportunity to listen to performances given by musicians from BMT and The New Mozart orchestra. Selected pupils will also have a chance to 'try out' some instruments.

In the future

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

The Future

- Move towards becoming a Music Mark School
- Embed Singup into the school's curriculum with the aim of becoming a Singing School

Further information (optional)

Please follow this link [guide for parents and young people](#) (published by the Department for Education) to find information on how you can get involved in music in and out of school, and where you can go to for support beyond the school.

Our local music hub, [Bucks Music Trust](#), 01494 216053 will also be able to support parents and children in deciding what instrument they would like to play as well as providing ensembles for young people to get involved in.