

Music development plan summary: Barwick and Stoford CP School

Overview

Detail	Information
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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.

The music curriculum at Barwick and Stoford CP School is intended to provide children with rich and engaging experiences building on the understanding, knowledge and appreciation of how music has developed through time as well as providing opportunities to develop the skills and independence required for performing, singing, composing and playing tuned and untuned instruments. As a school, to ensure consistency of provision, we use the Sing Up Two-Year Rolling Programme (A and B)

Music lessons are timetabled weekly from pre-school to Year 6. Whilst much of the music learning is listening and singing-based, all children have the opportunity to learn the ocarina and recorder during their school music learning journey. They also have many opportunities to create their own music – both formally and informally – using traditional and modern methods. All children also participate, within their time at Barwick and Stoford CP School, in various musical theatre performances from traditional Christmas Nativities to Shakespeare Rocks!

More details about our music curriculum can be found: [Barwick and Stoford Community Primary School - 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.

Each term, there is a music-based after-school club which could be Choir, Rock Choir or Karaoke Club. We work with Somerset Music to offer one-to-one instrument tuition to individual children should there be interest and we have a quiet room where these lessons can take place. When specialist teachers are involved with this tuition, there is an extra cost to parents for the tuition and instrument hire. We also have a large hall with an electric piano for rehearsals.

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.

As part of Somerset Music, we are able to participate in County-wide performances, should the interest arise annually. Our children also benefit from secondary school bands visiting local schools which put on performances developing individuals listening skills and enjoyment of different genres of music.

In the future

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

We are planning to increase our music provision in school to one hour a week each term including alternative ways to access aspects of musical learning and we are planning to incorporate a termly parent musical assembly so that all children can demonstrate their skills and passion regularly.

We are also looking carefully at our musical instrument provision and whether we are able to plan opportunities for children to learn brass instruments or ukeleles as we already use untuned percussion instruments within many of our teaching units. There have been some opportunities to learn to play glockenspiels but we are also looking at whether this can be taught more discretely throughout the music curriculum.

More information about our local music hub can be found: <https://somersetmusic.co.uk>