

# Music Development Plan Summary: Sandy Lane Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
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Name of the school music lead	Tasha Ingram
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Berkshire Music Trust
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, 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.

Sandy Lane Primary school uses the Charanga music scheme of work following the latest 'model music curriculum' version. Our school music curriculum is informed by the DfE's [Model Music curriculum](#) (March 2021)

All children have access to and are included in music lessons. Children from the Specially Resourced Provision unit also access music lessons with the mainstream year group.

Weekly music lessons last up to 45 minutes. In addition to this weekly singing assemblies are scheduled for each key stage in order to deliver elements of the music curriculum, particularly performance in an age-appropriate way.

In Sandy Lane Primary school children have access to whole class instrumental teaching. In KS1 children are introduced to a range of tuned and untuned instruments. Following this, the children have dedicated whole class instrumental lessons. This

begins in Y3 with the recorder for one term. Children are introduced to formal musical notation. In Y4 children have the opportunity to learn the viola through provision from the Berkshire music trust, this is funded by the school. They build on their understanding of the treble clef and notation first encountered in Y3. The children widen their experience of learning an instrument in Y5 when they are taught the Ukulele during a unit lasting a term alongside having the opportunity to continue their viola lessons in small groups with the Viola teacher from the previous year. In Y6 their experiences are widened further moving to percussion. The children are taught how to play the djembe (a type of African drum).

Children are taught to sing a range of music based on cultural and seasonal events during Key Stage singing assembly. Warm ups are taught and specific elements of singing are highlighted through teacher modelling and conducting. Specific references are made to musical terms and vocabulary.

A partnership exists with Berkshire music trust. Instruments are hired through the trust to provide viola whole class lessons which are delivered by a visiting specialist. Annually the KS2 Choir meets with other local school choirs in a local singing event, the Bracknell Schools Junior Music Festival, which takes place in Reading.

## 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.

### Music tuition

'Rock steady' visits the school weekly, children have the opportunity to be part of a rock and pop band choosing from a range of instruments or vocals. This is available for children in Y1 to Y6. Tuition costs £42.79 per month. Two bursaries are available every year for Pupil Premium children based on their assessed need.

Berkshire Music Trust have also offered a "play on" option where once the children in Year 4 have learnt the Viola, they can continue the lessons for 30 minutes a week out of class. They are in small groups and work on the skills with the same instructor from their whole class lessons. Prices for this vary depending on group size.

### School choirs

Recently, the school has established a KS1 choir for Year 2 children to participate in with the addition of Year 1 to join in by Easter 2026. This is made up of 20 Year 2 children who will learn a variety of songs and perform them at school events with the idea of gradually increasing this to local events in the near future. This will be the beginning of teaching them their love of singing and further developing their skills used in singing assemblies. The love of this choir will set them up for a smooth transition over to the KS2 choir as they move up throughout the school.

The KS2 choir is well established and popular with the children. Last academic year 30 children regularly attended. The choir are involved in local events, for example singing at local care homes and taking part in Berkshire Music hub singing events. Further afield, the choir also takes part every other year with the Young Voices initiative, culminating in a performance at the O2 arena in London. Children are charged £1 for weekly sessions, charges are made for transport to events such as the Bracknell Schools Junior Music Festival and the Young Voices event. Pupil Premium children are exempt from charges.

A dedicated music room has been recently created for dedicated curriculum lessons as well as peripatetic lessons and the school choir. Children can also practise in this room.

Music events outside of school organised by the Berkshire music trust this year will be communicated to the wider school community through the school newsletter.

## **Part C: Musical events, performances and 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.

Termly 'Rock Steady' performances take place for the whole school and parent community. The children therefore have the opportunity to experience a range of live music. This encourages further take up of this project.

Weekly singing assemblies are used to rehearse songs for cultural performances.

The KS2 choir has the opportunity to hear other performances, including an orchestra at events which take place in Reading and London. The children also get to sing whilst an orchestra is playing.

Other events include the Harvest festival, Christmas concert, Santa Dance, Y6 production which are all opportunities for the children to perform and sing.

Children have the opportunity to take part in a class assembly once a year which includes an element of performing singing.

## **In the future**

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

2025-2026

- CPD opportunity for class teachers to improve confidence in the teaching of Charanga music lessons
- Establishing a KS1 choir to perform at school events with the build up to local performances

2026-2027

- Arranging more trips for children to get to see musical theatre (i.e. Pantos)
- Liaising with local theatre schools to have some in-school opportunities to develop their singing and performance skills.