Music development plan summary: Badgerbrook Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
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Name of the school music leads	Philippa Salt
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Vanessa Toon
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rock Steady Junior Academy of Music Peripatetic teachers for piano

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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

- The school uses the Kapow Music Scheme to deliver a broad and engaging music curriculum. Pupils in EYFS to Year 6 participate in weekly music lessons lasting between 40 and 60 minutes, alongside 30-minute whole-school singing during assemblies. In addition, pupils have the opportunity to take instrumental or vocal tuition with visiting peripatetic teachers in guitar, piano, bass guitar, drums and vocal performance.
- All music provision is delivered in line with the school's Accessibility Plan, ensuring that learning is inclusive and accessible to all pupils. Some pupils with SEND in EYFS and Key Stage 1 also take part in weekly djembe drumming intervention sessions, which support the development of social and communication skills while enhancing musical learning and enjoyment.

- Our music curriculum is delivered through the Kapow Primary Music Scheme, which is aligned with the National Curriculum and informed by the Department for Education's Model Music Curriculum.
- Kapow's Scheme of Work provides progressive opportunities for pupils to develop skills using both untuned and tuned instruments, alongside music technology and digital composition as they progress through the school.
- Pupils have the opportunity to learn to sing through singing assemblies and can develop this further by joining the school choir from Year 3 onwards.
- During Year 1, pupils take part in whole-class recorder lessons through the Leicestershire Music Hub programme, developing basic instrumental techniques and performing simple pieces.
- During Year 3, pupils will take part in whole-class ukulele lessons, where they will develop fundamental playing techniques, learn basic notation and perform a range of simple musical pieces.
- Pupils in Year 5 and 6 receive whole-class ensemble teaching in Turntablism – a high-quality music technology instrument and scheme of work provided by Leicestershire Music Hub.
- Teachers are supported in delivering the music curriculum through the Kapow Primary Music Scheme, which provides progression documents, lesson plans, teacher guidance and professional development resources. Further support is available as required through the Music Lead.
- Training, resources and development of the Classroom Instrumental Learning (Turntablism) in Year 5 and 6 is provided in partnership with Leicestershire Music Hub.
- Children in years 5 and 6 are invited to enter a national Turntablism competition each year in partnership with Leicestershire Music Hub.

In October 2025, the school was awarded the Music Mark of Recognition, reflecting its commitment to developing a high-quality, inclusive music curriculum and providing a wide range of musical experiences for all pupils.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

The school offers a range of one-to-one, small-group and large-group music tuition beyond the core music curriculum during the school day and after-school. These are provided by:

- Choir
- Guitar
- Guitar/bass guitar/drums/vocals

- Rock Steady Music

and paid for by parents, with a 50% subsidy for pupils in receipt of the pupil premium. Some instruments are provided by the school and/or the visiting peripatetic teacher for lessons in school and some are bought by parents for rehearsal at home.

Pupils in years 3-6 also have the opportunity to join the school choir, which is free. The choir performs yearly at our local care homes, the local Co-op and joins the Badgerbrook Musical Evening for a showcase performance every summer term.

Outside of school, several of our students have private instrumental lessons where they take Trinity or ABRSM grades and some are in bands such as the Enderby Wind/Brass bands.

Every summer term the Badgerbrook Musical evening invites solo instrumentalists, choir and Year 6 vocalists to take part in an evening showcase performance for parents.

Part C: Musical experiences

Singing in class develops a repertoire in preparation for our weekly singing assemblies. A wide range of repertoire is used, sometimes to reflect events, themes or countries relevant to our lives and learning at the time. Children use these times to work towards a performance to peers during assembly times at the end of term.

Pupils have the following opportunities to perform in concerts throughout their time at our school:

- EYFS: Musical Nativity (December)
- Year 1 – Christmas Carols morning with parents (December)
- Whole school – Christmas Carols (December)
- Year 3,4,5,6 – Badgerbrook Musical Evening (June/July)
- Year 6 Leavers' Performance (June/July)
- KS2 drama club
- Year groups will present an assembly to parents during the school year, providing opportunities for performance and the celebration of learning.
- All pupils – singing assembly performances to peers

Pupils taking instrument tuition have opportunities to perform in assemblies throughout the academic year.

The school choir provides pupils with a range of performance opportunities throughout the year, including community performances at local care homes and the Co-op, appearances at school events and fairs and participation in the Badgerbrook Musical Evening.

In the future

To further enhance our music provision, the school development plan includes the following aims for 2026-2027:

- Introduce participation in the Young Voices concert, providing pupils with the opportunity to perform in a large-scale musical event and develop their confidence as performers.
- Deliver a Creative Curriculum Week that promotes listening, composing, performing and responding to music from a range of genres and cultures.
- Expand musical opportunities for pupils in Years 3 to 5 through additional performance experiences and opportunities to hear live music.