

Music Development Plan Summary

Bathford Church School, Bathford



Our Vision for Music

At Bathford Church School, our vision of **Grow, Care, Serve, Share** is at the heart of our Music curriculum.

We believe that music should be accessible, enjoyable and inspiring for every child. Through singing, listening, composing and performing, children develop confidence, creativity and a lifelong appreciation of music.

Music helps children grow as learners and individuals. It encourages them to express themselves, work collaboratively and develop resilience as they learn new skills. Through exploring music from different cultures, traditions and time periods, children develop an understanding of the wider world and a respect for diversity.

We want all children to leave Bathford with a genuine love of music, the confidence to participate and perform, and the foundations to continue their musical journey beyond primary school.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
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Name of the school music lead	Rachel Morcom
Name of the school music hub	WEMA

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 music is taught using the Get Set 4 Music scheme. This includes:

- Whole class music lessons taught by teacher in each Key Stage for 30 minutes each week
- Whole class ensemble teaching for every child in the school as part of the curriculum for a minimum of one whole term. The current offer is Ukulele (Year 3, 4 and 5).
- Singing as part of a specialist-led assembly (Worship Praise) and during each communal worship (three times a week).

Part B: Music tuition, choirs and ensembles

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.

- Small-group and one-to-one music lessons are available in **violin, guitar and piano**.
- Pupils can participate in **iRock**, where they learn and perform as part of a rock band.
- All pupils receiving instrumental tuition and participating in iRock have opportunities to perform to an audience throughout the year.
- Our piano teacher organises regular performance opportunities for pupils.
- Pupils are encouraged to join our **Key Stage 2 Performance Choir**, which meets weekly as an after-school club and offers opportunities to perform within the local community.
- Pupils also have the opportunity to be part of the **Musical Performance Club**, which meets weekly as an after-school club. Each summer, the club performs to parents, showcasing music and songs from a range of musicals.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

- All pupils have opportunities to perform as part of our Christmas celebrations, including Nativity performances and festive worship with St Swithun's Church, Bathford.
- We host an annual **"Strictly Come Bathford"** event, celebrating music, singing and performance across the school. Choir members, instrumentalists and other performers have the opportunity to showcase their talents to the wider school community and families.
- Pupils regularly perform to a range of audiences both within school and in the wider community.
- The school choir has performed at the **Bathford Village Christmas Carol Event** and has regularly visited local residential care homes to share music with residents.
- We work with **Voices for Life** to provide high-quality singing opportunities. In 2025-26 this included a whole class taking part in **Party in the City** and performing in a concert at **Bath Abbey**.
- Pupils have opportunities to experience live music through visits from professional musicians and performers.

- Our annual Year 6 production gives children the chance to participate in a full musical performance involving singing, acting and choreography.

In the future

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

- Build on current training to further develop confidence of staff teaching music.
- Introduce new venues/ audiences at which our KS2 Performance Choir can perform.
- Introduce knowledge of carefully selected artists and musicians to help hook music learning and build children's knowledge and cultural capital.
- Invite a diverse range of musicians to perform for our pupils within school

Further information

- Our school music lead is also a Music Specialist and completed extra training at university on how to teach Primary Music.