

Music Development Plan Summary Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
Date this summary was published	January 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	January 2026
Name of the school music lead	Mrs J Brayley (MAT leave) Mrs C Cowlin
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Somerset Music
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.

Music is taught in class every week; lessons are 40 minutes long and are taught by class teachers or Higher-Level Teaching Assistants in their absence. Teaching is supported by the Sparkyard scheme of work which is informed by the model music curriculum. This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly whole school singing assemblies lasting 15 minutes. Children in years 3 and 4 learn an instrument as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialists from Somerset Music as part of their Wider Opportunities programme; recorders in 2024-25. Each project lasts an academic year and culminates in termly concerts where children perform songs and pieces together in front of the rest of the school and their parents.

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.

At East Brent CofE Academy, we currently offer individual ukulele lessons through Somerset Music. Teachers visit the school and teach children 1:1 and individual lessons are funded by parents.

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.

Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:

- Whole School Harvest Festival
- Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity performances
- Key Stage 2 Carol Service
- Whole School Christingle Service
- Whole School Easter Service
- Year 4 pupils annual opportunity to watch local Middle School musical production
- Annual whole school trip to McMillan Theatre / Playhouse Theatre
- Year 4 end of year Service

Opportunities are used for musical experiences through a range of activities in other subjects to enable children to apply and use Music in real life and academic contexts.

Music is incorporated into a variety of activities and events within the school, such as weekly assemblies, singing assemblies, classroom routines and special celebrations.

In the future

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

We will seek further opportunities for our pupils to experience live music, either in school or in our wider community, to further foster the love of the arts and allow children to explore their musical talents and provide enjoyment for years to come.

To explore opportunities for further CPD for staff who are delivering the Music curriculum.