

# Music development plan summary: Parson Street Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Adele Balli
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Laurie Munro
Name of local music hub	Charanga (Bristol Plays Music)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Bristol Beacon Handfuls of Harmony

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.

At Parson Street, children take part in a weekly music lesson in every year group. In Year 2, the weekly music lesson is led by expert musicians from Bristol Beacon as part of the Earth Song Programme. This is focused on developing singing skills. In Year 3, the weekly music lesson is also led by Bristol Beacon and focuses on an introduction to different musical instruments. Both of these programmes include a trip to perform with other schools at Bristol Beacon concert hall. In all other year groups, the national curriculum for music is met by following the Charanga scheme of work developed by 'Bristol Plays Music'. This gives children the opportunity to develop their confidence and competence in singing, playing a range of instruments, understanding elements of music and using musical vocabulary. They also have the opportunity to learn to read music, to compose and to evaluate and listen to and enjoy a wide range of music from different genres and historical periods. Adaptations are made where appropriate to ensure all children, including those with SEND, can access all the music learning, with a focus on practical application of skills.

## 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 Parson Street, a choir club runs across the year, offering children the opportunity to develop their singing skills as part of a group with other schools in the community. These sessions lead up to two concerts outside of school hours in a local secondary school where the children come together with other schools to perform for family members. The choir club is run by the organisation 'Handfuls of Harmony'. Parents and Carers do not need to pay for this opportunity. There is online access for children to also practise at home.

Following the whole class lessons led by Bristol Beacon in Year 2 and 3, children are offered the chance to take part in weekly small group instrument lessons in Years 4 – 6. As well as receiving expert instruction across the 3 years, they have regular opportunities to take part in concerts at the Bristol Beacon concert hall and to perform to their peers in school. These sessions are completely free for children who are eligible for pupil premium and other families just pay for instrument hire. Children identified as having SEND are also prioritised. Children can take their instruments home to practise.

## 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.

At Parson Street, we have a weekly singing assembly to allow children to develop their singing skills and perform as part of an ensemble. At Christmas, the children have the opportunity to perform songs to parents and carers at a local church. In Early Years, there are regular sing-along events which parents and carers are invited to, including a Nativity at Christmas. In the Summer Term, Year 6 children take part in an end of year musical performance to peers and families. There is also a music celebration assembly. Classes have the opportunity to sing or perform instruments to the rest of the school. From Year 2, children have opportunities to visit and perform at Bristol Beacon concert hall. In Key Stage One, children visit a local care home to perform Christmas songs for the staff and residents.

## In the future

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

We have secured being part of the Bristol Beacon's Earth Song programme for a further five years, which will allow our current cohort of children to access the enriched musical education that this provides from expert practitioners. We are looking for more opportunities to expose the children to live music from local musicians.

## Further information

For more information about our music partners:

<https://bristolbeacon.org/>

<https://charanga.com/site/musical-school/>

<https://www.handfulsofharmony.org/>