

Music development plan summary: Brushwood Junior School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
Date this summary was published	01.09.2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	01.09.2026
Name of the school music lead	Amy Morgan
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Bucks Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

Part A: Curriculum music

At Brushwood, we follow the Kapow Condensed Music Curriculum, which is designed to fit alongside whole class instrumental lessons. Lessons take place weekly and last between 45 and 60 minutes. All children learn a musical instrument as part of whole class instrumental tuition: year 3 and 4 learn to play the cornet, and years 5 and 6 learn to play the Djembe (African) drums.

Whole School Overview:

Music	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
Year 3	Pentatonic melodies and composition/developing singing technique		Traditional instruments and improvisation	Brass instruments: Cornet		
Year 4	Brass instruments: Cornet			Body and Tuned Percussion (theme: rainforest)	Changes in Pitch, Tempo and Dynamics (theme: rivers)	Adapting and transposing motifs (the Romans)
Year 5	Tonality (To become Composition Notation (ancient Egypt) in 2025)	Blues	Compositions for the festival of colour (March 2025)	Djembe drumming		
Year 6	Djembe drumming			Dynamics, Pitch and Texture (Fingals' cave)	Baroque	Composing and performing a Leaver's Song

Part B: Co-curricular music

There are a variety of music lessons on offer, including guitar, drums vocal lessons and violin. Children can also join Rock Steady, where they can learn to play and instrument as part of a band and perform to the school once a term.

Part C: Musical experiences

Every week, all children attend a music assembly to further develop their singing skills and extend their learning. Children also get the opportunity to perform if they wish to.

As part of the choir, children perform as part of Christmas in Chesham, Inconcert (local school choral concert) and take part in Young Voices at the OVO Stadium Wembley.

Children also support the local Infant school by performing e.g. during theme weeks etc.

The school engages with visiting orchestras such as The New Mozart Orchestra

Children can access music clubs as part of our enrichment offer such as Boom Whackers and singing.

Every year, all children attend the pantomime at the Elgiva.

In the future

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

We are embedding a new curriculum for music which is providing new opportunities to learn about music from additional cultures and a variety of musical instruments.