

Music development plan summary: Bishops Irthington Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Joy Russell
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Joy Russell
Name of local music hub	Heart of England Music HUB
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Top Of The Rocks Warwickshire Music

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

As a school, we currently follow the online platform Charanga Musical School as our scheme, which we have adapted to suit Bishops Irthington's long term music plan. This follows the progression of knowledge and skills from Reception into KS1 and KS2. At Bishops Irthington all classes have music timetabled each week and these lessons vary from 45 mins to an hour per session. Singing is found across all subjects through cross-curricular learning. E.g. times tables, word classes song etc.

We incorporate important aspects of the non-statutory Model Music Curriculum, such as having singing at the centre of our provision and looking at developing opportunities for pupils to learn an instrument in Whole Class Ensemble teaching. Throughout the programme of study children sing, play, listen, appraise and compose music. They learn to play tuned and untuned percussion. Currently, pupils learn to play the glockenspiel in Year 1 and Year 2 and we are exploring instruments for next year for other classes.

We have established links with Heart of England and Warwickshire Music Hub and we are excited about the future opportunities that this relationship will present.

Our learning is fully inclusive at Bishops Itchington. We note that children of any academic ability should play musical instruments and that doors should always be open to music. We always support children through adaptation to be able to access, play and enjoy music.

Part B: Co-curricular music

At Bishops Itchington we have an established KS2 choir called Bishops Beats that meet each week. The children have had many opportunities over the last 7 years to perform at events such as Young Voices; collaboration with Ex-Cathedra; Warwickshire Hub link choir at Bridge House Theatre and MAT events at the Belgrade Theatre Coventry; as well as our local events in the village and at our high school: Southam College. The choir enjoys performing in school to parents and we have many PTA events that the children are invited to perform at.

Individual music lessons are provided by Top Of The Rocks, our music provider, with children having the opportunity for independent lessons in piano, guitar and drums.

We are looking ahead to the next academic year where in partnership with Warwickshire Music will be providing 1:1, small group tuition and whole class instrument tuition for an allocated year group. We also widening our musical opportunities for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Part C: Musical experiences

Regular Singing Assemblies take place with Year 1-Year 6 where a variety of focused musicians are explored covering a diverse range of musicians, composers and artists shared from worldwide and historical to current musicians working today.

This music ranges from Hildegard, Tchaikovsky, Handel, Chopin, Sergio Mendes (Brazil), Anna Meredith (body percussion), The Specials, The Beatles, Beyonce and Adele.

Children enjoy offering musical selections on occasion e.g. a child selected to share - Ludovico Einaudi I Giorni.

Each month we have a visit from Reverend Green who accompanies the children on guitar to sing modern Christian songs.

Children in KS1 and Reception perform a nativity at Christmas, Year 3 and 4 perform an Easter production and Year 5 and 6 an end of year production.

All children take part in musical performances throughout the year. This includes musical events to an audience such as Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas celebrations. Individual children showcase their musical skills in allocated assemblies that parents are invited to.

In the future

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

We are very excited about the future of music at Bishops Itchington. Although we have many fantastic musical opportunities for our children we are always looking to offer more. We look ahead to setting up an ensemble band through our music provider Top Of The Rocks. We will strive to obtain the Music Mark status through Warwickshire Music Hub for 2025-2026.

As part of ongoing opportunities provided from our music hub, we plan to attend Singing after SATs, which will be an excellent opportunity for our pupils with SEND.

We plan to perform within the community more. In the past we have performed at the memorial hall on Remembrance Day to our senior citizens in the village and at church. We look forward to arranging further opportunities to reach our wider school community.

We liaise with secondary schools where children are due to transition, to work collaboratively and communicate and highlight children with a particular talent or interest in music.

We are also exploring the use of AI and computing software in our curriculum with CPD for staff planned within Summer 2025.

Further information (optional)

<https://warwickshiremusic.org>

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Music Mark