

Stoke Park Primary School
Music Development Plan 2024-2025: Summary

Overview

This document is a summary of how Stoke Park Primary 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.

Detail	Information
Academic year this summary covers	2024 - 2025
Date this summary was published	July 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	June 2025
Name of the school music lead	Alison Lambert
Name of school leadership team with responsibility for music (if different)	Alison Lambert
Name of local music hub	Bristol Beacon
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Oak National Academy

Part A: Curriculum Music

This is about what we teach at Stoke Park Primary School in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

Stoke Park Primary School, within the Cathedral Schools Trust, delivers a well-rounded, impactful music curriculum. We have a music curriculum that is challenging, broad, diverse, and inclusive. In EYFS and Year 1, we are implementing parts of the Cathedral Schools Trust music curriculum, as developed by Cathedral Primary School. From Year 2 to Year 6, we have partnered with Bristol Beacon, implementing their Earthsong Programme, which includes external music specialists teaching singing, ensemble, ensemble instrumental, and, (starting in 2024-2025), creative composition. Our pupils access this alongside their class teaching. In March 2024, we began this partnership with Bristol Beacon and started implementing the new Oak National Academy primary music curriculum, created within our trust at Cathedral Primary School, with some units being trialled with EYFS at Stoke Park Primary School. Currently, Years 4-6 base and adapt lessons on the CUSP curriculum. Our curriculum thinking, coverage, progression and inclusion for this year can all be found [here](#) in our Music Intent Statement.

Stoke Park Primary School is committed to increasing access for disabled pupils and supporting pupils with special educational needs (SEND). Please refer to page 5 of our [Music Intent Statement](#) to see our guidance on how we support all pupils through our music curriculum.

Stoke Park Primary School dedicates 60 minutes in KS1, lower and upper KS2 to a music lesson weekly.

In EYFS, music is taught using the Oak National Academy Curriculum currently by the class teachers. In EYFS, children begin their journey as young musicians through a child-led curriculum based around their interests and needs. This will become the Oak National Academy Curriculum (2024 - 2025) when finalised within Cathedral Schools Trust.

This continues into Year 1 before children begin their more formal musical journey through discreetly taught music sessions in Years 2-6.

In Year 2, the children benefit from the school's participation in Bristol Beacon's Earthsong project. Beginning with the Earthsong programme "Start with Singing" weekly singing sessions are delivered by a Music Specialist with the class teacher participating and supporting.

In Year 3, the Earthsong builds on the musicianship introducing a carousel of termly schemes of work on instruments such as untuned and tuned percussion, violin, ukulele and the penny whistle.

In Years 4 and 5, as well as a weekly music lesson delivered by the class teacher, the children continue with the Earthsong provision with whole class composition and small group tuition on cornet.

In Year 6, the children continue to have music taught discreetly by the class teacher, basing sessions on the CUSP Curriculum.

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.

Singing ensembles

Stoke Park Primary School have previously offered a KS2 choir performing at the annual choir concert at the Bristol Beacon. We hope to continue this choir and expand their repertoire and performance opportunities.

Community Performances

At Stoke Park, we engage with our local community to showcase our musical talents. For example, in Years 1 and 3, the children visit a local care home to sing carols, an activity that is cherished by both the children and the residents.

Peripatetic tuition

As part of Earthsong provision, brass instrument group tuition is available in years 4-6.

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.

Singing collectively

There is one weekly singing collective assemblies for both KS1 and KS2. Children work towards songs to warm up and develop the voice, songs for collective singing, songs that help us to share and understand our school values and songs that help to progress musical skills including part-singing.

CST Year 2 Music Event

Our pupils attend the annual Cathedral Schools Trust singing event at Trinity Academy alongside other primary schools in the trust.

Performances

Our children in EYFS (Reception and Nursery) put on winter performances for parents and carers. We perform these in our main hall with lighting, sound effects, a stage and seating for the audience, giving the children the opportunity to feel that they are putting on a fantastic show right from the beginning of their musical journey.

Year 1 and 2 create their own Christmas and winter songs performance for parents and carers. This is a wonderful performance opportunity where the children can bridge the gap between nativity and carol service.

Our Key Stage 2 Christmas performance is a prominent event in the school calendar with all children in Years 3-6 performing in our main hall with theatre staging and audience seating - it is a favourite amongst our community.

We also participate in a staff pantomime, providing all children the opportunity to experience a pantomime and watch their teachers and staff members perform confidently on stage.

For in-school performances, parents and carers are assigned tickets on Parentpay with a suggested ticket price. Parents are able to select their donation. Families in receipt of pupil premium can attend these events for free. For performances beyond school, the school purchases one ticket for families in receipt of pupil premium as required.

Annual Cathedral Schools Trust concert

Every year, we celebrate the hard work and dedication of our school choir with a performance for parents and carers at Bristol Beacon. It is lovely to see our children performing alongside our more established choirs within the trust.

Parents and carers are assigned tickets on Parentpay with a suggested ticket price with families able to select their donation. Families in receipt of pupil premium can attend these events for free.

Bristol Beacon events

Stoke Park Primary School is a Bristol Beacon member school. Through this membership, we enjoy attending many exciting musical events. In the past these have included:

- Key Stage 2 Winter Sing in St George's and the Bristol Beacon Main Hall
- Key Stage 1 Winter Sing at the Spiegel tent in Central Bristol
- Key Stage 1 Summer Sing at Bristol Grammar School and the Bristol Beacon Lantern Hall
- Key Stage 2 Summer Sing at the Bristol Beacon foyer and Main Hall
- Orchestra workshop at Trinity Academy and Bristol Beacon Main Hall
- Workshops by the Benedetti Foundation

For events with an audience, ticket prices are set by Bristol Beacon. We offer support to our families in receipt of pupil premium by purchasing one ticket on their behalf, whilst tickets are available.

Collaborative Cathedral Schools Trust events

There are two annual CST music events.



We invite all our Year 2 children to the Key Stage 1 Celebration of Music, held every June at Trinity Academy. At this event all our Year 2 children enjoy singing warm ups, partner songs, rounds and performance songs with Year 2 children from across the Trust. The children are always so excited to sing their songs alongside live ensembles. In the past this has included brass and wind bands from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, the Big Band from Bristol Cathedral Choir School and a house band. They have enjoyed instrumental performances from the Trailblazers scheme. Not only does this event offer our children the opportunity to sing with children from all across the Trust, but it offers them the chance to see a musical journey in real life, from those just beginning to learn an instrument, to those who have chosen music as their career path. It is always a joyous event.



We invite selected groups of children from Key Stage 2 to perform at the annual CST Concert. This has been held at Bristol Cathedral and Bristol Beacon. At past concerts our KS2 choir have performed as well as our pop-up Boomwhacker performance of Boomwhackalacka. We have performed items on our own, in collaboration with one other school, as part of a performance by all primary schools, as a collaborative Trust orchestra, and as a Trust-wide ensemble.

The next Key Stage 1 Celebration of Music will be held in Term 6, 2025 with the final date yet to be confirmed.

The next annual CST concert will be held in spring 2026, with the final date yet to be confirmed.

Pupil Passports

All pupils at Stoke Park Primary School complete a passport of experiences throughout their time at the school with music featuring in each year group's entitled experiences.

These are:

- Nursery: sing to an audience
- Reception: Perform to an audience on stage
- Year 1: sing carols to an audience
- Year 2: sing and perform to an audience on stage
- Year 3: perform carols to care home residents
- Year 4: take part in a Boomwhaka orchestra performance
- Year 5: learn a song in another language
- Year 6: compose a school song

In the Future

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

Curriculum Music

During the academic year 2025-2026, the Oak National Academy primary music curriculum will be adopted in further groups at Stoke Park Primary School. During this academic year (2024-2025) new progression documents, curriculum mapping and an intent statement will be in place for this transition and published prior to the change in September 2025.

Musical Experiences

As music becomes more established, we plan to develop a more consistent approach to the trips and performances offered every year to ensure all children receive quality musical experiences whilst at Stoke Park Primary School.

Further Information

There is a three-year Cathedral Schools Trust music development plan. The new three-year plan (2024-2027) is yet to be published and an updated link will be added here when this is available. The previous plan (2021-2024) can be found [here](#).

The link to our local music hub, Bristol Beacon's music plan for 2024-2025 is yet to be published and an updated link will be added here when this is available. The previous plan (2023-2024) can be found [here](#).

Please follow this link to find further information on gov.uk regarding [Music Education: information for parents and young people](#).
