

Music development plan summary: Banwell Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Sarah Dockerty
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N / A
Name of local music hub	WEMA
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	North Somerset Music Service

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.

Sing Up Music curriculum

Music at Banwell Primary School is timetabled on a weekly basis in every class. It is taught every term supported by the SingUp curriculum.

Staff are encouraged and supported to access the wealth of resources to enhance other aspects of the curriculum and at different times during the day.

There a mixture of 6 - week and 3 - week lesson blocks. 6 - week units are based around a song and the musical learning flows through the features of the piece of music. These units combine singing, playing, listening and appraising. The 3 - week units have a strong focus on composing/improvising or on listening/appraising.

Through teaching, the children have opportunities to use tuned and untuned instruments.

We are currently in the process of making a document that shows the clear progression of Music through our school, including how we teach our mixed year groups.

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.

Music Tuition Lessons

Our school offers 1:1 or small group instrumental lessons for a range of different instruments, including voice, guitar, ukulele and piano.

Banwell Primary School Choir

Once a week a lunchtime choir is held for children of any age. This choir often performs in assemblies, as well as being able to showcase their talents further afield. In the last year the choir performed at Banwell Castle as part of their D-Day celebrations and they are currently working towards a Christmas showcase.

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.

Musician of the Year

Every March children in our school compete in a Musician of the Year competition. The children can work as a soloist, duet or small group and will perform to their year group as well as judges. The children compete for a range of trophies and shields, ranging from 'Musician of the Year' award, to 'WOWed the judges', 'Highly Commended' and 'Most Original Performance'. The winners of the competition are recognised in a Musician of the Year Assembly, where they get to perform their chosen piece to the whole school, as well as parents / carers.

Visits from professional musicians

At Banwell we often reach out to local musicians as well as musicians from further afield. In the last 12 months we have had the pleasure of Prelude Orchestra visiting

and performing, which was a real wow moment for children for all ages, as they enjoyed hearing the live music as well as learning about a range of instruments. As well as this live performance every class in Key Stage Two also had the option of watching a live stream of Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, where children watched a spoken story performed online with musical accompaniment provided by the orchestra.

We have also had a visit from Churchill Music who provided a workshop to two of our classes, offering team building exercises through the use of music.

We endeavour to continue to explore musicians from many genres to broaden children's experiences and joy of music.

Whole School Assemblies and Mindfulness

At Banwell, music is a big part of our culture and brings a real sense of belonging as children sing together. Staff in classes often have calming music playing to support mindfulness in the classroom. Once weekly we have a singing assembly where we have learnt a range of songs. These assemblies often will coincide our school's core values, where we learn songs about respect or confidence or it will tie into an event, such as Harvest and being thankful.

Christmas performances for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

All children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 take part in the Banwell Nativity which is performed in the School Hall to peers, staff and parents / carers. All Key Stage Two children take part in a carol service at the local church where every child participates in singing, Year 3 children perform a dance and Year 4 children act out the story of the Nativity.

The school choir will also take part in a performance at Christmas after school, where adults will be invited to join us for traditional carols alongside some Christmas songs the children have learnt.

ELAN Music Festival

The ELAN Summer Music Festival will be held in July 2025. Our young people will perform as a choir across the trust schools to an audience of parents/carers and guests at a local venue. This opportunity will enable our young people to:

- Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.
- Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music.
- Play and perform in ensemble contexts, using their voices with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.
- Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians.

This will be free for our young people and schools to participate; however, we will charge the audience for tickets at a minimal cost. We will draw on the local community, musicians and organisations to support and enable to young people to perform with live music.

In the future

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

- Create progression document to show clear progression of music throughout the school, including mixed year group teaching.
- Implement progression snapshots and begin using assessment grids in line with SingUp in every year group.
- Hold a termly performance from a range of outside professional musicians e.g. brass band or hand bell performers.
- Continue to grow the Banwell School choir.