

Music development plan summary:

Brookside Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 2026
Date this summary was published	1st September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	1st September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Ms Jaime Smith
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Cheshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Love Music Trust

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

See links on our music web page to:

- Music curriculum coverage across the year.
- Links to EYFS for Expressive Arts and Design skills progression EYFS to NC.
- Knowledge, Skills and Vocabulary progression document.
- Music policy.
- National curriculum document.
- Related class blogs for music.

At our school we follow the National Curriculum to deliver our music curriculum.

We use the 'Kapow' scheme of work to support teachers to plan and deliver music lessons across four half terms per year in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We also have hymn practice assemblies and/or music performance assemblies. Each day classes are involved in physical activities which includes listening to a variety of music genres.

EYFS

In our Foundation stage, we relate the creative development of the children to the objectives set out in the early learning goals, which underpin the curriculum planning for children aged three to five. Children participate in continuous provision and receive weekly direct teaching of music through singing, movement and playing untuned instruments.

Key Stage One

During Key Stage 1, children listen carefully and respond physically to a wider range of music. They play musical instruments and sing a variety of songs, adding accompaniments and creating short compositions, with increasing confidence, imagination, and control. They explore and enjoy how sounds and silence can create different moods and effects.

Key Stage Two

During Key Stage 2, children sing songs and play instruments with increasing confidence, skill, expression, and awareness of their own contribution to a group or class performance. They improvise, and develop their own musical compositions, in response to a variety of different stimuli with increasing personal involvement, independence and creativity. They explore their thoughts and feelings through responding physically, intellectually, and emotionally to a variety of music from different times and cultures.

Extra musical links

At our school we are part of the local Cheshire music hub which provides training and network meetings alongside other local schools.

Love Music Trust provide our school with music tuition and a set of brass and/or woodwind instruments.

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 Squad offers to support Brookside Primary with its objective to increase provision of extra-curricular music for PPG children in line with the National Plan for Music 2022.

Website: musicsquad.co.uk

Music Squad offers lessons (day-time individual piano lessons and a small group after-school club) to all our families (year 1 and upwards) to support increased-affordability lessons for PPG children with a bursary scheme, as below.

Format	Lesson length	Weekly cost per parent-funded child	Weekly cost per PPG child	Limitations
Individual day-time piano lessons	20 mins	£14.95	£8.99	Music Squad will support this reduced cost for 1x PPG child for every 4x parent-funded children registered
After-school keyboard club (up to 10 per group)	60 mins	£9.95	£5.99	Music Squad will support this reduced cost for 1x PPG child for every 4x parent-funded children registered
Lunchtime club (up to 5 per group)	30 mins	N/A	£5.99	This would be restricted to PPG children only

Parents of parent-funded lessons are also required to purchase a first tuition book, Squad Stars: Piano Book One for £12.75. For the PPG children, as part of the bursary scheme, we will also make this book available for £10.00 per child.

Love Music Trust also tutors our Year 5 students for 10 weeks per year at no cost to the school, as we applied for a grant to cover the whole costs. The grant also covers 1 hour tuition for 6 selected children to receive further tutoring in the summer term. We previously bought a class collection of woodwind (flutes and clarinets) instruments and when needed we hired additional brass instruments (trumpets and trombones) at an additional cost of £1 per instrument. All pupils select an instrument to take home and practice alongside their in-school tuition lessons which are 45 minutes per week.

Please note this is in addition to the Year 5 curriculum coverage plan.

Pupils can also join a school choir as an after-school activity.

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 Brookside we value the importance of extra-curricular opportunities to further our pupils' musical experiences. For example:

- A dance and music festival (Year 1) at the local civic hall in Ellesmere Port town Spring 2026.
- Choir performance (Year 3) at the mayor's induction in Ellesmere Port town hall Summer 2024.
- Love Music Trust performance (Year 5) for parents at school following musical tuition Spring term 2026.
- Half term assemblies for parents/carers (Year 3-6) to showcase curriculum coverage with a particular focus on a musical performance.
- Year 6 leavers show Summer 2026.
- EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas performance for families. Free entry.
- Pantomime shows Autumn term 2025.
- Cinema trips Key Stage 2 2025/6.
- African drummers' workshops.
- Choir Christmas carols at local church.

In the future

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

- We would like to offer further music tuition to include guitar.
- Gain a more current Arts mark qualification.
- Enter more music competitions.
- Audit and review musical provision through an action plan.

Further information (optional)

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Music tuition link: [Music Squad | Piano Lessons | North West](#)

Our local music hub information: