

# Music development plan summary: Bassett Green Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	Autumn 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mary Williams
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Nicky Long Deputy Headteacher
Name of local music hub	Southampton and Isle of Wight Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Turner Sims Concert Hall, University of Southampton Music Department (music teacher on strategic board) Centre for Justice and Music Education at Southampton University Members of Music Mark

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.

Our school curriculum for music for each year group is published on our school website: <https://www.bassettgreen.net/foundation-subjects-long-term-plans/>  
We support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) by following the music hub guidance and support.

This academic year, we have allocated 1 hour per week in years 1-5 for curriculum music and 40 minutes per week for year 6. We also have a 15 minute singing

assembly every week for KS1 and KS2. Curriculum music for Years 1-6 is delivered by our own specialist music teacher in all year groups except Year 4 which is delivered by Southampton Music Services.

Our school music curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), and the Sound Ideas Progression documents in both key stages and elements of music from the Merton Music Service.

Pupils have the opportunity to learn to sing or play an instrument as part of our school curriculum as every lesson is taught by a music specialist and consists of listening, singing and musicianship. Year 4 receive whole-class ensemble teaching in nuvo recorder, ukulele and flute; one instrument every term.

We work in partnership with Southampton and Isle of Wight Music as much as possible and have had advice regarding curriculum design. Recently, we have had students and a professor from Southampton University come and visit with a view to closer partnership working. As part of our communication with parents and all interested stakeholders, a snapshot of each year group's work is recorded on the school website where possible <https://www.bassettgreen.net/music/>

## Part B: Extra-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.

We offer one-to-one and small-group tuition for instruments or voice via Southampton and Isle of Wight Music (SIOW). We currently offer flute, clarinet, keyboard, drums, guitar and double bass instruments and this is payable direct to the music service who have their own subsidies for parents or carers in particular circumstances (e.g. pupil premium eligibility).

Pupils can join ensembles run by teachers. These include our Christmas choir in autumn term and rock band in summer term. Where possible, we try to run lunchtime clubs led by teachers volunteering their time.

All of our extra-curricular music clubs run by teachers are free. We have a dedicated music room for teaching and another room with piano and drums nearby which can be used for additional practice providing there is an adult in attendance. We also host a paid performing arts club after school led by The Performing Arts Academy.

We promote activities at our local concert hall, Turner Sims. In 2023-2024 we ran a "Young Producers" project and made an accessibility video for their music venue. <https://www.turnersims.co.uk/access/> In 2025, we are trialling a local ticket scheme available for a small number of our families.

## 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 Bassett Green Primary School, we provide singing in assembly for KS1 and KS2 once a week. Children in Year R perform the 'Wriggly Nativity' and each year group also performs songs around our Christmas tree for parents in December. Year 6 perform their end of year production for parents. Previously this has been Aladdin and Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies. We also hold 'Bassett's Got Talent' in the summer term where children can express their musical talents.

Musical performances, concerts and shows are scheduled at the school as and when possible. This always includes Baby Suso (Southampton University Symphony Orchestra) in March for two years groups. Our music teacher occasionally plays clarinet or saxophone to the pupils to aid enrichment. The Year 5 children, experience 'The Last Post' played on the clarinet during Remembrance.

We host a variety of trips to concerts outside of the school. These depend on the local offer and include, but are not limited to, SLOW, Turner Sims, Mayflower Theatre and the English National Opera at Great Oaks School.

For musical performances, concerts and shows in and out of school, we involve as many pupils as possible including our most vulnerable children. We do not charge pupils, unless there is a coach cost. This is unlikely as we use our establishment minibus for trips we cannot walk to.

BGPS Music concert/Trip Opportunities 2023-2024

Term	Date	Year Group	Venue	Details
Autumn 1	3 October	5 (all)	BGPS	Andy S (parent) rapper all pupils
Autumn 2	4 December	KS2 (choice)	Guildhall	SMS Christmas concert
Spring 2	6 March	3,6 (all)	BGPS	Babu Suso
	8 March	4 (all)	Turner Sims	London Sinfonietta
	25 March	3 (PP)	Turner Sims	Classical concert
Summer 1	17 April	5 (14)	Great Oaks	ENO project final performance s
	22 April	5 (14, PP)	Turner Sims	Lunchtime concert

	8 May	All 3&4	BGPS	Sound Pop Academy singing workshop
Summer 2	14 June	EYFS, KS1	BGPS	My Paper Boat Tour (kindly subsidised by Southampton Music Hub)
	19 June	4 (all)	BGPS	Science and music workshop from Southampton University
	25 June	2 (all)	BGPS	Trombone/double bass presentation
	28 June	¾ (all)	BGPS	Year 3 to watch Year 4 end of year concert

BGPS Music concert/Trip Planned Opportunities 2024-2025 (to be updated throughout the year):

Term	Date	Year Group	Venue	Details
Autumn 2	15 November	4 (14 PP)	Mayflower Theatre	Welsh National Opera
	6 December	KS2	Turner Sims	Bells of Paradise Christmas concert
Spring 1	6 February	YR (12 PP)	Turner Sims	Aurora Orchestra Early Years concert
	10 February	2 (12 PP)	Mayflower Mast	SYWB schools' concert
Spring 2	26 February	TBA - all	BGPS	Babu Suso
Summer 1	TBC	5 (14 PP)	Great Oaks	ENO project final performance
Summer 2	TBC	3/4	BGPS	Year 3 to watch Year 4 end of year concert
	21 June	6	BGPS	SoCo TBC for Make Music Day

## In the future

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

For the academic year 2025-2026, we plan to increase music curriculum time for year 6 as our PAN reduces.

We are applying for grants to improve our wider offer, by purchasing large recording and rock band equipment, and we plan to increase pupil participation in singing practice by inviting pupils to perform.

We are excited about our links with Southampton University and are in talks to increase the support that their music students could give to our pupils, as well as providing their students with classroom music experience. This is led by our music lead and Dr Chiyng Lam.

## Further information

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.

This document explains:

- what the national plan for music education means for children and young people
- how children and young people can get involved in music in and out of school
- where parents and young people can go for support with music education