

Music development plan summary: Burton Bradstock CE Primary School

At Burton Bradstock:

- all classes have a weekly class music lesson and the whole school has a hymn practice once a week
- in class music lessons children have the opportunity to play the recorder and a range of tuned and untuned percussion instruments
- children are given the opportunity to play for concerts and special events
- we use the nurture room, music room and staff room for practice spaces
- children in Year 2 and above can join the school choir
- weekly peripatetic music lessons are on offer, children could learn learn: piano/keyboard, recorder, ukulele, guitar, flute, saxophone, clarinet
- Rocksteady band lessons take place weekly, children can learn to sing, play guitar, bass guitar, keyboard or drums as part of a rock band. These children perform in our termly Rocksteady concerts
- all children take part in our Harvest festival, Christmas production, carol service, Easter service
- Key Stage 2 children are invited to participate in larger concerts involving local primary and secondary schools accompanied by live orchestra and other musicians
- children are taken to concerts to see professional musicians perform and they have the opportunity to work with visiting musicians

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	November 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	November 2026
Name of the school music lead	Holly Varndell-Paulley
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Holly Varndell-Paulley
Name of local music hub	Dorset Music Hub

Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady Music School
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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.

- we follow the model music curriculum for years 1-6 using the Charanga Music Scheme
- all classes have a weekly class music lesson and all children also take part in a weekly hymn practice. We use Hymnpact and Out of the Ark to support our hymn practices.
- for our Early Years children we follow Charanga’s original scheme
- in class music lessons children have the opportunity to play the recorder and a range of tuned and untuned percussion instruments
- in our Year 3/4 class children spend a term learning an orchestral instrument or samba drums
- we are supported by the Dorset Music Hub
- our music lessons are adapted to be accessible to all the children in our school

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.

We offer instrumental lessons with peripatetic music teachers, such as:

- weekly peripatetic music lessons are on offer, children could learn: piano/keyboard, recorder, ukulele, guitar, flute, saxophone, clarinet. These are taught one to one or in small groups. Parents are invoiced by the peripatetic teachers

- Rocksteady band lessons take place weekly, children can learn to sing, play guitar, bass guitar, keyboard or drums as part of a rock band. These children perform in our termly Rocksteady concerts. Parents are invoiced termly by the school for these lessons.

If the cost of lessons prevents a child from learning an instrument, parents should speak with the school as support is available.

- children who play instruments or sing are regularly given the opportunity to perform, including in assemblies and concerts

- the music room, nurture room and staff room are used for these lessons

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.

Performing opportunities throughout the year:

- Harvest festival
- carol concerts
- performance at Freshwater
- Easter service
- during worship/assemblies
- termly Rocksteady concerts
- carol singing around the village

In the future

At Burton Bradstock, we are always looking for further opportunities for children to learn other instruments and be exposed to a variety of musical styles and culture.