

Music development plan summary: Thameside Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	June 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	June 2027
Name of the school music lead	Rebecca Bickerton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Berkshire Music Trust
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

- At Thameside we use Kapow Primary's scheme for Music
- This scheme is modelled on the Model Music Curriculum
- Pupils have a Kapow music lesson for 45 minutes each week
- Pupils have singing practice for 15 minutes each week

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.

- Children can attend paid lessons in piano and guitar, pupil premium funding can be used for these.
- Children can attend RockSteady for a monthly fee which gives them the experience of playing in a band; learning drums, keyboard, electric guitar, electric bass guitar or vocals. Pupil premium funding can be used for this.

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.

- Each year group has the opportunity to perform music and singing to the school and to their parents
- Foundation Stage – Nativity and class assemblies
- Year 1 and 2 – Christmas plays and class assemblies
- Year 3 – Class assemblies and Harvest assembly
- Year 4 – Ukulele concert, Class assemblies
- Year 5 – Junior Music Festival at The Hexagon, class assemblies and school production
- Year 6 – an end of year production and class assemblies

As well as these opportunities there are other events throughout the year including RockSteady concerts and instrumental lesson concerts for parents and pupils.

In the future

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

- More opportunities for children to experience live music
- Establish a choir to represent the school at external and internal events for example, the Christmas Fair and performances in the community – for example Christmas Carols in St Martin's Precinct

- Embed themed, structured singing assemblies with links to composers and musicians.