

# A Music Development Plan for Brent Knoll Primary School 2025 to 2026

The government has recently published ‘**the power of music to change lives: a national plan for music education**’. It sets out a vision to enable all children and young people to:

- learn to sing, play an instrument and create music together
- have the opportunity to progress their musical interests and talents, including professionally

Every child should receive a great music education. Learning about music and having the opportunity to play musical instruments and make music together is a vital part of a rich and rounded education. Music plays a key role in brain development. It helps to develop language, motor skills, emotional intelligence and collaboration skills. Great music education in school would include the following, and this is what we intend for the children to receive at Brent Knoll Primary:

1. at least one hour of classroom music teaching per week where possible
2. access to lessons across a range of instruments, and for singing
3. opportunities to join your school choir or vocal group
4. opportunities to join your school ensemble, band or groups, which may include after-school clubs
5. opportunities to have your music heard - for example, in concerts, competitions or shows
6. opportunities to go to live performances at least once a year

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	September 2025
Date this summary was published	January 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Chris Burman
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Elisa Roberts
Name of local music hub	Somerset Music
Name of other music education organisation(s)	Wessex Learning Trust

## Curriculum Plan for Brent Knoll Primary 2025/26

### Review of 2024/2025

The school has taken the importance of music very seriously and understands the benefits it provides. The following is a review of the music provision for 2023/24:

- ✓ weekly music lessons with structured lessons provided by the Sing Up curriculum
- ✓ whole school singing in collective worship and church
- ✓ a school choir that performs in church and at other events during the year such as the Highbridge Festival
- ✓ whole class ensemble music lessons provided by Somerset Music (Djembe for 2025)
- ✓ after-school hand-chimes club
- ✓ country dance club
- ✓ King Alfred school performance
- ✓ work with Jackdaw music and King Alfred's school
- ✓ signposting for parents on a regular basis as to where to find musical opportunities in the community

### Plan for 2025/26

	Intent	Implementation	Impact
1.	One hour of classroom music teaching per week where possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Sing-Up lessons</li><li>✓ Out of the Ark music</li></ul>	
2.	Access to lessons across a range of instruments, and for singing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Choir</li><li>✓ Whole class ensemble tuition by Somerset Music</li></ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Weekly music lessons</li> </ul>	
3.	Opportunities to join your school choir or vocal group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ School choir organised</li> <li>✓ Families are signposted to community groups</li> </ul>	
4.	Opportunities to join your school ensemble, band or groups, which may include after-school clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ hand-chimes group</li> <li>✓ recorder group</li> <li>✓ choir</li> </ul>	
5.	Opportunities to have your music heard - for example, in concerts, competitions or shows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Highbridge Festival 2025</li> <li>✓ Church services in Brent Knoll</li> <li>✓ Residential home performances</li> <li>✓ Village fete</li> <li>✓ School assemblies</li> <li>✓ End of year KS2 performance for parents and school</li> </ul>	
6.	Opportunities to go to live performances at least once a year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Musical theatre trips</li> <li>✓ Signposting/subsidising ticket costs</li> <li>✓ King Alfred school performance</li> </ul>	