



STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



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Everything we do makes a difference to our children; empowering minds and shaping futures.

MUSIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

At **STOKENCHURCH**, we provide children with a wide range of quality musical experiences which engage and inspire them; our aim is that pupils will develop a life-long love of music.

Overview Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
Date this summary was published	10/07/2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Wendy Brand
Name of local music hub	Bucks Music Trust
Name of other music education organisation	Garsington Opera

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

- At **STOKENCHURCH**, all children from Y1-Y6 have an hour lesson every other week in PPA with the music lead. EYFS enjoy weekly music sessions with their class teacher.
- In addition to their timetabled PPA sessions, the children in each Y3 class children have whole class ukulele ensemble lessons every other week for the entire year led by a specialist teacher from Bucks music Trust. This enables children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to learn an instrument through regular weekly lessons to gain the basic skills at beginner level in ukulele.
- Our music curriculum is based on the national plan for music education and the model music curriculum using the Kapow music scheme (following the ambition of the New Model Music Curriculum) with resource input from Charanga and Sing-up.
- Through the Kapow scheme, a broad range of music is taught covering a diverse range of genres and cultures. Music from different time periods and from around the world is evenly balanced throughout the curriculum.
- All children sing in a weekly singing assembly and also sing and perform in class assemblies.
- Our music curriculum develops our children’s skills through singing, listening, composing and performing.

Potential next curriculum steps:

- To continue to develop a structured system for tracking individual student progress and achievements in music, making notes, filming and recording the start and end of each unit to provide more personalised support and recognition.
- To incorporate an element of music technology in each year group’s learning within KS2.

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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.

- Singing assemblies – with instrumental performance and flash mob opportunities
- KS2 Choir (Y3-6)
- Whole class musicianship – Y3 ukulele (funded by school)
- Instrumental clubs (no charge)
- Y6 Band for assemblies/ productions
- Music tuition - Instrumental lessons: piano, flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar (Peripetetic teacher assemblies to demonstrate instruments) These lessons are offered on a one-to-one, paired or small group basis. Our tutors are currently provided by Bucks Music trust. Parents and carers pay for these lessons.
- Additional music lead support is available and used - composing, creating and practising songs for class assemblies, carol services and productions across year groups F2-Y6

PART C: MUSICAL EXPERIENCES 2024-2025

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. There are performance opportunities for our children each term including:

KS2 CHOIR (UP TO 40 CHILDREN YEAR 3-6)

- Royal Albert Hall Echoes 10 'Seascapes' performance April 2024
- Energise 25 Wycombe Swan theatre show Thursday 20th and Saturday 22nd March 2025
- Carol Singing for the elderly residents of Chiltern Grange Care Home
- Performances at Stokenchurch Primary Christmas fayre, school Summer fete, Stokenchurch Village Christmas Longborough fayre and Summer Village fete
- Harvest assembly led by Revd Smith with songs accompanied by band – piano, guitar, drums and other percussion instruments played by staff and students.

GARSINGTON OPERA

- Garsington Opera First Workshops x 2, based on Handel's opera Rodelinda, performed to school children and staff at end of afternoon.
- Opera First Garsington Opera pavillion visit to see professional performance of Handel's opera Rodelinda – 8th July 2025 for all year 5 children
- Auditions held in school for Garsington Youth Company to perform in mainstage opera
- Garsington Opera Infant company including 16, Y2 and Y3 SPS children who performed at the Wormsley Estate Garsington Opera Pavillion July 2024
- Stokenchurch Primary staff performed in mainstage Garsington Community Opera Summer 2025

FS and KS1

- Christmas nativity and musical performances
- Class assemblies with performed songs for whole school and families

KS2

- Christmas Carol concerts in St Peters and St Pauls church – Y5 and Y6
- Year 6 hand bell ensemble (performed in church carol service and in concert to school)
- Year 3 and 4 Spring Production – , Ali Baba and The Bongo Bandits -March 2025
- Year 6 Summer Production – School Daze

WHOLE SCHOOL

- Live stream concerts and orchestra performances – BMT
- Recitals in instrumental assemblies
- Children who take private instrumental lessons have opportunity to play at start and end of whole school assemblies
- Weekly singing assemblies accompanied by live music – guitar and piano

IN THE FUTURE

- Continue weekly singing assembly
- Develop music tech composition lessons for Y6 to help transition to KS3
- Regular timetabled music and singing with foundation stage and continued support with performances.
- Increase peripatetic instruments on offer – invite instrumental teachers into school to do assemblies promoting their instruments (Assemblies booked)
- Participate in Echoes 11 2026 (Already booked)
- Attend future CPD and Bucks Music Conference – January 2026
- Create a band/ regular whole class instrument to continue learning from BMT sessions
- Organise school music concerts/ events linking with the community.

