

Headley Park Primary School

Music Development Plan 2026-2027: Summary

Overview

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.

Detail	Information
Academic year this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	Aug 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Sarah McCormack
Name of school leadership team with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Bristol Beacon
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Oak National Academy Rock Steady

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.

Curriculum overview

Headley Park Primary School has partnered with Bristol Beacon and Oak National Academy who have written the new National Primary Music Curriculum. The link to the Oak curriculum coverage for 2026-2027 is [here](#).

Click [here](#) to read our intent statement and find out our curriculum coverage.

Whole class ensemble tuition

Lower Key Stage 2 study percussion as part of a whole class ensemble tuition programme with Bristol Beacon for two terms (usually T1 and T2).

SEND

Headley Park Primary School is committed to increasing access for disabled pupils and supporting pupils with special educational needs (SEND). Please see our Music Intent statement for our guidance on how we support all pupils through our music curriculum.

Time for teaching

Headley Park Primary School dedicates at least 45 minutes to whole class curriculum music per week plus a weekly singing assembly.

Nursery children will receive regular planned music opportunities through explicit teaching and the continuous provision.

In the academic year 2026-2027 in Years 1-3, we are embedding the Oak curriculum with a focus around strengthening the pupils' knowledge of the musical elements.

In Years 4-6, we will focus on continuing to implement the Oak curriculum as the children continue to develop their musical knowledge.

This will have a focus on staff development and confidence and pupils' use of musical vocabulary.

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 ensembles

Headley Park Primary School offers an upper key stage two choir which prepare for an annual Amplify concert at Bristol Beacon.

There is no charge for attending choir and for families in receipt of pupil premium, tickets to attend the concert are free.

Peripatetic tuition

At Headley Park Primary School we offer two different routes into peripatetic music lessons: group ensemble learning through the Rocksteady programme and individual or group music lessons on a variety of instruments.

Rocksteady

Rocksteady lessons are held on Wednesdays with ten bands consisting of between three and nine children, currently running. We are running at maximum capacity for this club with a waiting list.

Children can play keyboard, electric guitar, bass guitar, drums or vocals and practise and rehearse as a band for their termly concerts.

Sessions are charged at £46.48 per month. Pupils in receipt of pupil premium can apply for a bursary to receive free tuition.

There are three celebratory concerts a year that pupils work towards at the end of each term.

Individual lessons

Peripatetic Bristol Beacon tutors offer lessons on piano, guitar and violin.

Lessons are charged at:

Lesson Type	Cost per Term (11 weeks)
Individual (30 minute) lessons	£260
Individual (20 minute) lessons	£175
Small Group lessons (maximum 4 pupils)	£88

We offer 11 lessons across each term, which is 33 across a full school year.

Pupils in receipt of pupil premium can receive subsidised tuition (25% discount) and are given priority placement when spaces become available.

In the academic year 2026-2027 we aim to develop our school culture around singing and community music making in order to create a school environment in which musical activities are thriving.

In particular, we aim to increase the number of pupils wishing to learn an instrument and have a more consistent offer for our choirs.

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.

Singing assemblies

There are two weekly singing assemblies, one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2.

Children work towards songs to warm-up and develop the voice, songs that help us to share and understand our school values and songs that help to progress musical skills, including part singing.

Christmas performances

Our children in Reception put on a lovely nativity performance for parents and carers. We perform this in the school hall, giving the children the opportunity to feel that they are putting on a processional show right from the beginning of their musical journey. They also perform to the The Coffee Pot (an over 60s coffee morning community group), at Headley Park Church.

Nursery children invite parents in for an informal Christmas sing-along and activity session (stay and play), held in the classroom.

Key stage 1 performs Christmas and winter songs and poems for parents and carers. This is a wonderful performance opportunity where the children can bridge the gap between nativity and carol service.

Years 3 and 4, and Years 5 and 6, have the opportunity to perform Christmas and winter songs for parents and carers at Headley Park Church.

For in-school performances, parents and carers are invited to secure their allocated tickets using Eventbrite. Parents are able to select their donation.

Families in receipt of pupil premium can attend these events for free.

Peripatetic recitals

We host a peripatetic concert at least once a year, in summer term 6. This is held in the school hall. All children who are learning an instrument are invited to perform in these recitals with parents, carers and teachers invited to watch and celebrate their progress.

Year 6 Production

Every year, our Year 6 cohort put on a creative production for parents and carers.

Children in KS2 are able to watch the dress rehearsal of the performance.

Collaborative Trust events

Birmingham Conservatoire Leap Ensemble at Trinity Academy: Year 4 attend this immersive orchestral event open to all Amplify schools.

Annual Trust concert: Headley Park Primary School offers an upper key stage two choir which prepare for this annual Amplify concert at Bristol Beacon. This is held in the spring term.

Year 2 Celebration of Music event at Trinity Academy: we aim to take our Year 2 children to this annual singing event, which often involves musicians from partnering conservatoires.

For the academic year 2026-2027, we can now offer a consistent programme of musical events across the academic year.

This year we will focus in particular on developing our singing assemblies to make Headley Park a singing school.

In the Future

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

Curriculum Music

Oak Music Curriculum is fully embedded across the school, meaning that children see themselves as competent and confident musicians who can articulate their learning journey.

Staff feel confident to deliver music and music is offered consistently each week.

Co-curricular Music

More instruments are learnt across the school with a healthy percentage of pupils engaging in musical activities beyond class time.

Musical Experiences

Every year group has the opportunity to engage in multiple musical activities and experiences and children know what opportunities are going to be offered to them and look forward to future events.

Further Information

Please follow this link to find further information on gov.uk regarding [Music Education: information for parents and young people](#).