

Music development plan summary: Butlers Court 2025 - 2026

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	September 2025 – July 2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Millie Stevens and Sophie Davies
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Millie Stevens and Sophie Davies
Name of local music hub	Buckinghamshire Music Trust (BMT)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	GetSet4Music – music curriculum SingUp – singing iRock – playing in a band/ensemble

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

The school music curriculum is taught using the GetSet4Music scheme of work from Reception through to Year 6. For one of the terms in the year, the children in Year 3 have a 45 minute lesson taught by a tutor from the Buckinghamshire Music Trust. This has been on the violin in previous years and will be on the keyboard this year. Year 6 also have the opportunity to learn the ukulele in their final term of school. Throughout the school, the children get the opportunity to play a variety of tuned and untuned percussion instruments following the GetSet4Music scheme. If a child learns an instrument in Years 4 – 6, they are encouraged to bring the instrument in for music lessons and play that instead. As well as weekly music lessons, the children also have the opportunity to learn music as part of the theme-based curriculum. These music lessons are linked to our Continents week. For example, in EYFS, the children have the chance to play the Djembe linking to the continent, Africa and in Year 3, the children sing a song in Japanese linking to the continent, Asia.

From Spring term 2023, some aspects of the model music curriculum have been implemented. For example, the children have the opportunity to listen to a variety of different music. Each half term, a different musician/composer or band is introduced to the children in an assembly. The 'Musician Of The Term' includes music from a range of different composers, genres and cultures. The children also sing during key stage assemblies and a weekly whole school assembly. In EYFS and Year 1, a variety of different instruments are available in continuous provision for them to use on a daily basis.

Part B: Co-curricular music

At Butlers Court, all the children get the chance to join a choir or a music club. The KS2 choir runs during most of the year as does the KS1 recorder club. Butlers Court also has iRock visiting weekly, where children can play as part of a band and have the choice between playing the electric guitar, bass guitar, drums or keyboard. In Year 5, the children are invited to be a part of either the Echoes choir or Energize choir. These performances occur biannually and are organised by BMT. The concerts take place at the Wycombe Swan or The Royal Albert Hall. In Year 6, children are invited to be a part of Young Voices. This is the world's largest choir and the concert takes place at Wembley Arena. Beginning in KS2, all children have the opportunity to learn an instrument or the voice with tutors from Buckinghamshire Music Trust. The variety of clubs on offer, whether it be singing based or ensemble based, is a great way for all children at Butlers Court to have a go at something that really interests them if they wish.

Part C: Musical experiences

- iRock concert/assembly – the children who go to iRock have the chance to perform every half term to their parents and to the school. This promotes the lessons that they offer and the children will be given a letter to take home so that parents can pay for their children to take part in lessons if they wish (December 2025, March 2026, July 2026)
- All the EYFS and KS1 children learn the songs for and take part in a Christmas nativity (Dec 2025)
- Children in Years 3-5 perform in a Christmas concert which includes a range of Christmas songs (Dec 2025)
- Year 6 children will go to the West End to see a musical (summer term 2026)
- The year 4 children will go to the Wycombe Swan to see a theatre production (TBC summer term 2026)
- KS1 recorder club children will perform to parents and EYFS/KS1 children (TBC)

- KS2 choir will perform at various events and concerts throughout the year (harvest service 2025, Beaconsfield Christmas lights 2025, school church visits, music soiree, school summer fayre July 2026)
- All children who learn an instrument with a tutor from Buckinghamshire Music Trust have the chance to perform at our Music Soiree (July 2026)
- All children have chance to sing during class assemblies (throughout the year)
- Children who learn an instrument are invited to play with Chiltern Music Academy (TBC)
- Year 6 production (June/July 2026)
- Children who learn an instrument or the voice (both during school and outside of school) have the chance to perform to the school during whole school assemblies (throughout the year)
- Year 5 Echoes performance at The Royal Albert Hall (March 2026)
- Year 6 Young Voices performance at Wembley Arena (February 2026)

In the future

Provide more frequent opportunities for children to show what they have learnt during class music lessons/on their musical instrument. This could be during Key Stage assemblies.

Provide more frequent opportunities for children to experience live concerts. For example, summer 2025, we had the New Mozart Orchestra into school to perform 'Peter and the Wolf' by Sergei Prokofiev. Children from EYFS – Year 6 listened to the concert in the school hall and thoroughly enjoyed seeing orchestral instruments up close.