

Music development plan summary: Brookside Primary School, Oadby

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	August 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	August 2026
Name of the school music lead	Sarah Hall
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire Music Hub
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 Brookside music is taught in all year groups from Reception to Y6 and in Riverbank. All children have access to the equivalent of 1 hour of music lessons a week, through a combination of classroom music, cross-curricular music and whole key stage singing for 30 minutes per week.

At Brookside the music curriculum is based on teaching materials from the Leicestershire Music Hub scheme of work. There are 6 key units of pitch, voice, rhythm, pulse, 20th Century music and music technology. These have been adapted where necessary for children with SEND and have been included flexibly within the foundation stage curriculum.

At Brookside children have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument as part of a whole class ensemble: recorder (Y2&6), ukulele (y4), turntablism (y5) (resources and lesson plans provided by the music hub at a cost to the school).

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.

At Brookside we currently offer tuition in piano and rock band. These lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. They are self employed and charge for lessons. There is a music room available for individual and paired lessons (piano) and a studio available for rock band rehearsals (Rock Steady). Funding support is an option through pupil premium monies and a match funding scheme offered by Rock Steady. Children and parents liaise with the teachers with regards to opportunities to sit examinations.

At Brookside there is a school choir which is open to pupils from Y2-Y6 in main school and Riverbank. It takes place during the school lunch time to allow access to all pupils. It is run by the music coordinator. Where possible performance opportunities are available through school, trust and music hub links. It is free to join choir, charges may apply to outside events.

In 2025-26, there will be an extra-curricular opportunity to take part in a project called 'Finish This' facilitated by the English National Opera. This will involve an extra-curricular club after school to work on this project. It is run by the music coordinator. Where possible performance opportunities will be made available through school, trust and music hub links. It is free to join, though charges may apply to outside events.

At Brookside links to music making opportunities provided by the local music hub are advertised on the school dojo page as they become available.

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.

At Brookside all children take part in an annual festival celebration that includes, music, singing, dancing or poetry and readings. These include religious festivals, traditional celebrations and the leavers production at Y6. Performances are given to peers and parents during the school day and sometimes in the evening.

At Brookside children who have individual & rock band music tuition have the opportunity to perform to their peers and parents at least twice a year.

At Brookside, children will have opportunities for linked musical activities with other trust schools linked to World Music Day or other such events.

In the future

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

Next Steps: Taken from Quality Award Review with Leicestershire Music Hub

To ensure the progression route is clear for each musical skill

- Track the coverage of each strand of musical understanding within the bespoke curriculum design to be confident there are no gaps.
- Pay particular attention to notation as this is taught through a combination of WCIT and selected pitch unit work.

To develop singing to become embedded and celebrated across the school

- Look at 'Kick start my choir' in the Singing Toolkit (completed Autumn 2025)

- Access CPD – online training next academic year focuses on starting a choir. Dates TBC (completed 2024/2025)
- Source additional materials that are culturally sensitive and accessible for all pupils to engage with, eg. Singing Hands material.
- Free singing consultation

Further information (optional)

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Our Local Music Hub is Leicestershire. [Leicestershire Music - Leicestershire Music \(leicestershiremusichub.org\)](https://leicestershiremusichub.org)

Oak Trust Music Leads meet at least twice yearly to build musical links across the trust.