Birchwood Avenue Primary School

Music Curriculum, Whole School Overview- 2026-2027

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Reception	Exploring music	Celebration music	Music and Movement	Musical stories	Transport	Big Band
Year 1	My favourite things: Keeping the pulse	Snail and mouse: Tempo	Seaside: Dynamics	Fairy tales: Sound patterns	Superheroes: Pitch	Under the sea: Musical symbols
Year 2	Animals: Call and response	Musical storytelling: Instruments	Space: Contrasting dynamics	On this island: Singing	Myths and legends: Structure	Musical me: Pitch
Year 3	Mountain melodies: Steps and leaps	Reading rhythms: Patterns and layers	Inspired by India: Musical improvisations	Music technology: Introduction to music technology	Reggae rhythms: Playing in a band	Baroque meets pop: Building harmony
Year 4	Singing in parts: Loops	Musical motifs: Reading the stave	Sounds of China: Scales and structure	Music technology: Loopbased composition	12-bar blues: Playing in a band	Minimalist melodies: Developing patterns
Year 5	Music in nature: Chords and melodies	Three-chord pop: Playing in a band	West African rhythms: Create, play and perform	Music technology: Composing for games	Stage and song: Storytelling through music	Samba sounds: Rhythm and groove
Year 6	Four-chord pop: Playing in a band	Songs that speak: Lyrics and messages	Bhangra beats: Global grooves	Music technology: Film soundtracks	Theme and variations: Developing melodies	Leavers: Our story in son