Music Development Plan – Priory School – Autumn 2024

The items on this plan are drawn from the National Plan for Music Education, focusing on the key features of high quality music education.

Key Feature	Where are we now?	What will we do next?
Timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1-3.	Nursery = 20 mins with specialist music teacher per week (am / pm) Rec - Y6 = 30 mins with specialist music teacher per week Orchard classes = 30 mins with specialist music teacher per week, alternating every other half term. 5 mins singing in weekly whole school assembly Y1-6 & Plums class Extra rehearsal time when leading up to a year group performance.	Find out if other music is also going on within classrooms, and if this can be promoted/supported further.
Access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice.	All classes sing in their music lessons. All classes use hand percussion. Y3 learn to play chime bars, Y4 learn to play recorder, Y5 learn to play ukulele, Y6 learn to play xylophone/ keyboards. Visiting peripatetic music staff offer small group and individual instrumental lessons available for parents to buy for KS2 children.	Can any subsidy be provided for keen/talented KS2 children who don't have the means to purchase lessons?

A school choir and/or vocal ensemble.	School choir for Y4-6. All year groups sing as a choir in annual performances to parents.	Continue to promote singing across the school.
A school instrumental ensemble/band/group.	Not available in-house at the moment due to time constraints. Slough Music Service offers this facility.	Further promote Slough Music Service groups in Priory newsletter, and encourage participation from those who would most benefit. Look into possibility of starting lunchtime ukulele and/or recorder club.
Space for rehearsals and individual practice.	Dedicated space is provided for class music and instrumental lessons. Older children sometimes have supervised use of the practise room during play/lunch on request.	Assess the need for any further provision.
A termly school performance.	Year group performances & sharing events are spaced across the school year. There are usually around 3 per term. Choir also perform several times per year.	N/A
Opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year.	The talent show is for the whole school and involves live performances from the children. All year groups see/hear Mrs Shaw playing piano. A variety of children perform on their instruments in whole school assembly. Choir also perform in assembly.	Continue to invite other groups/individuals to play for the children.

Year group performances	
are often attended by	
other year groups for their	
dress rehearsals.	
Occasionally we have a	
visiting orchestra or	
instrumental group to	
perform a concert to our	
children, or offer musical	
workshops.	
Performers at our annual	
soiree event enjoy one	
another's performances	
too.	