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Music Development Plan

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	24 th July 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Mel Sanders
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Jonathan Hyde
Name of local music hub	Birmingham Music Service
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.

Music is taught by a Music Specialist in Years 1 - 6, with Music being taught in Reception by class teachers. Teaching is informed by the Model Music Curriculum and is thematically linked where appropriate.

Music is taught for 1 hour in all classes and is supplemented by weekly Singing Assemblies lasting 30 minutes.

During 2024-2026, our stock of musical instruments was updated to ensure a ratio of 1-2-1 for Ukulele's and glockenspiels.

Further opportunities for learning, performing and experiencing music are provided regularly through Celebration Assemblies, Whole School Concerts, Choir, Young Voices, Birmingham Schools Proms at Birmingham Symphony Hall, Arts Day, Fit Friday and lunchtime playground Zumba sessions.

Children in KS2 have the opportunity to learn Ukulele, Steel Pans, African Drums and Keyboard through whole class tuition.

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, free of charge. They are also able to loan an instrument free of charge too. Instruments that children can learn are: recorder, flute, clarinet or guitar.

Last year, we started our journey towards achieving Arts Mark, to celebrate music and the arts at Mapledene. In addition, we also joined Music Mark, to recognise the value our curriculum places on music.

Part B: Extra-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 Mapledene, we have a thriving KS1 and KS2 choir which are very well-attended by children from across the Key Stages. These provide opportunities for children to learn and sing songs from a range of genres, including solo opportunities and singing in small groups. Children are also taught to sing simple harmonies.

As members of the Mapledene Choir, children are provided with the opportunity to perform in our community and also at national events, such as 'Young Voices', as well as city wide events, such as the Birmingham Schools Proms at Birmingham Symphony Hall.

During 2026-2027, talented musicians in Years 5 and 6, will have the opportunity to study a range of genres including: samba, djembe and bucket drumming.

All clubs will culminate in a performance opportunity.

All of the above is provided free of charge, which enables all children (including Pupil Premium) to attend.

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.

Mapledene children have access to the following musical experiences across the academic year:

- Weekly music lessons
- Singing assemblies
- Singing in Celebration assemblies
- Year group performances:
 - International Family Day
 - Christmas Carol Concert
 - Year 6 Leavers' assembly
 - EYFS and KS1 Nativity
 - Year 6 Production
- Choir performances:
 - Carol singing at local hospital (Heartlands Hospital)
 - School concerts
 - Young Voices
 - Birmingham Schools Proms at Birmingham Symphony Hall

In the future

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

We aim to achieve the following at Mapledene in subsequent years:

- Continue to access Music Mark for training opportunities, resources and recognition of our music curriculum
- Continue working towards Arts Mark
- Continue to develop links with the Birmingham Music Hub
- Continue delivering free peripatetic opportunities
- Continue to provide children with opportunities to attend live music performances
- Explore further opportunities to develop children's musical experience
- Develop links with King Edwards Sheldon Heath (KESH) secondary school