

Music development plan summary: Masefield Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Andy Done
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Bolton Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Alfa Education

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.

To read in more detail about the provision music at Masefield Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page: <https://www.masefield.bolton.sch.uk/learning-and-development/music/>

Music is taught in every class, from Nursery to Year 6, weekly. Lessons are taught by a music specialist from Alfa Music Education. These lessons allow the children to perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions. The children are taught how to sing and use their voices to create and compose music on their own and with others. From Year 3, 4 and 6, they learn to play a musical instrument as a whole-class ensemble.

Instruments taught are:

- Ukulele (all children are bought one to keep following the music teaching)
- Djembe Drums

- Steel Pans
- Boomwhackers

Children with SEN and EAL thrive, but are given extra support through additional adults within their music lessons and wider provision. All of our music lessons are taught by music specialists with the support of class teachers

Technology is embedded into the curriculum throughout school.

The music curriculum is underpinned by being taught identified key vocabulary, which is progressive across school.

On top of the weekly music lesson, children from Year 1 to Year 6 participate in a 'Singing Assembly' every week, where focus songs are taught on a termly basis. We have a whole school concert at the end of the Spring and Summer terms, where the children perform songs and pieces together, to celebrate the learning from that term.

Listening to music is an integral part of our school. Termly composers and pieces of music have been identified, which are played in the classes and during weekly assemblies, and the teachers ask questions around the pieces of music being played linked to the music curriculum.

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 Masefield Primary School, we currently offer small-group lessons with woodwind instruments: recorder, flute and clarinet & keyboard. These lessons are delivered by a qualified Music teacher from Bolton Music Services on a weekly basis. These lessons are funded through the school budget, Pupil Premium provision and parent contribution.

We have a thriving Choir, who regularly perform throughout the year at local establishments and Care Homes. They also participate in the Alfa Music Festival in the summer term.

In Key Stage 2, children get the chance to perform in 'Masefield's Got Talent'.

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.

Throughout their time at Masefield Primary School, the children have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music. Please see the list of opportunities this academic year:

- Children perform an outdoor concert on the outdoor stage in the Spring and Summer term for parents. They showcase their learning from the previous term during this.
- Children perform at the Bolton Wanderers Christmas Concert – this is recorded by Bolton FM and played on Christmas Day
- Children perform at the Bury Church Summer concert.
- Year 5 watch a musical at a London theatre during their residential visit as a member of the audience
- Singing assemblies, every week, for all children in Rec – Year 6 to participate in
- The choir performs at several locations around the community throughout the year
- All children from Nursery to Year 6 perform throughout the year through religious celebrations and class assemblies
- All children perform at their class assembly
- Year 6 perform in the end of year production

The majority of these trip and experiences are free or paid for by school through the school budget and Pupil Premium provision. We ask for a small donation for the London Musical, but these are heavily subsidised by school.

In the future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- To continue to provide our children with an outstanding music education from EYFS to Year 6.
- Further opportunities for our school choir to perform during whole school assemblies and for parents.
- To refine our whole school music curriculum that will allow children to further develop their knowledge of famous musicians and composers from around the world.
- To inspire a love of music by providing enrichment opportunities such as additional instrument lessons and singing groups.
- To continue to provide additional support and opportunities for our children with SEN, ensuring that they can apply musical skills with confidence.
- To use music as a tool to support positive mental health and wellbeing.

