

Music Development Plan

Mendell Primary School



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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2027
Name of the school music lead	Catherine O'Neill Edwards
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	-
Name of local music hub	 The image shows two logos. The top logo is for 'Cheshire & Wirral Music Hub' with the letters 'CW' in black and 'MH' in a stylized, multi-colored font. The bottom logo is for 'the love music trust' in a yellow rounded square with purple and black text.
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Phil Gemmell

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 in class every week on alternate half terms and is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021). Lessons are a minimum of 1 hour and are taught by class teachers. Teaching is supported by specific planning using the Kapow scheme. This musical learning is further supplemented by singing in assemblies. Children in years 4 learn ukulele as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialist Phil Gemmell. This culminates in a concert where these children perform songs and pieces together.

Part B: Extra Curriculum Music

At Mendell Primary School, we currently offer individual and small-group (ensemble) lessons on a range of instruments taught by Phil Gemmell. Teachers visit the school and teach children in a quiet practice room. We have a thriving Choir, who perform at Young Voices and AmaSing. Individual and small group lessons are funded by parents, however for those children who are Pupil Premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium provision. We vary our clubs offered regularly and have also had recorder club offered as well as musical theatre and performing arts.

Part C: Musical experiences

Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:

- All children from Nursery to Year 6 perform at Christmas and Harvest performances .
- The choir performs at Young Voices, Amazing or Singfest!
- Children in year 4 learn the ukulele and perform.
- Year 6 sing & dance and act in their end of year performance and leavers assembly.
- Expand opportunity for children to experience a broad range of live and recorded musical performances.

In the future

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

- Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons.
- Further develop performance opportunities for our young musicians throughout the school year.
- Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children.
- Develop a dedicated music teaching space for all instruments and curriculum needs.
- Develop relationships with local secondary schools to improve links to music during transitions.
- Employ a teacher who is a music specialist