

Music development plan summary: Wesley Methodist Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Emma Elliott
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Dan Parker
Name of local music hub	Greater Manchester
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Bury Music Service

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.

Our school music curriculum is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021) (through Kapow, Charanga, Sparkyard).

- Every teacher is confident to teach their own music lesson, including instrumental tuition. Subject leader oversees the curriculum and plans the breadth of lessons.
- Each child throughout key stage 1 and 2, have the opportunity to learn to sing or play an instrument during lesson time, of at least one hour per week (instruments include: boom whackers, ocarina, recorders, glockenspiels, clarinets).
- Early years engage in one hour of music per week, focusing on singing and early musical activities (body percussion).
- Assemblies involve chorus singing, including a range of songs.

- Our school has a partnership with Bury Music Service, who provide wider opportunities music lessons with Year 5 teaching a specific instrument (clarinets), they also offer 1:1 and small group sessions throughout the school. The pupils are given the opportunity to perform their musical talents from Bury Music Service within class and to the whole school on a termly basis.
- Bury Music Service provide the pupils with a live performance every year, involving a range of instruments.

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.

Also consider including:

- Pupils are given the opportunity to learn a range of instruments through Bury Music Service. Current uptake is for violin and guitar. This is organised within the school day in 1:1 or small group sessions.
- We offer pupils the opportunity to perform termly to the whole school within an assembly for music performance, alongside Bury Music Service. This involves solo and group performances and parents are invited to see how their children have developed their musical skills over the academic year.
- A weekly choir club is offered, free of charge, after school one day a week.

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.

- Every week parents and the local community are invited to attend celebration assemblies, which include singing.
- Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Leavers performances are organised for parents, Governors and community members.
- Music performance evening held each term, to offer children the opportunity to perform their musical talents they have developed over the academic year.
- 'Wesley's Got Talent' show every summer where children showcase their musical talents in solo or group performances.

- Local music service performs at the beginning of the academic year. This involves showcasing a variety of instruments that the children are able to learn through the music service.

In the future

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

- Connections with local High schools
- Increase interest and uptake of pupils wanting to learning musical instruments through Bury Music Service and choir opportunities.
- More opportunities for trips and visits to musical performances and visits from musicians performing concerts in school.
- Joint choir collaborative event with other Epworth Schools.
- Working more closely with the Music Hub, to explore more opportunities for children to develop musical experiences outside of school.
- Enhance curriculum planning with the use of Sparkyard and Naxos. Leading staff meetings to showcase the breadth of resources available.
- Apply for Music Mark

Further information (optional)

Local Music Hub: <https://gmmusicHub.co.uk/>

Bury Music Service: <https://burymusic.co.uk/>