

Music development plan summary: Malmesbury Church of England Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Steve Heal
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	As above
Name of local music hub	Wiltshire 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.

At Malmesbury Primary School our curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music. Our curriculum for music consists of weekly music lessons throughout the year. These are alternated with another subject each half term. During these lessons children will be taught musical skills and knowledge, as well as access to instrument playing. When music is not being taught in formal lessons, there are many other opportunities for music learning such as;

- KS2 singing assemblies (weekly)
- KS1 music assemblies (Once every half term).
- Listening to music on the entrance and exits of whole school assemblies (twice weekly). Children experience a range of music and genres and are informed of the composers/artists.
- Musical performances forming a large part of productions:
 - Y2&3 Harvest

- EYFS and Y1 Christmas nativity
- Y4&5 Easter
- Y6 Carol concert and Summer leavers production
- Participation in an annual strings concert in Malmesbury Abbey
- Participation in the North Wilts music festival
- Class assemblies for parents, which occur once a year

Malmesbury Primary is in partnership with the local music hub. This enables us to keep up to date with the latest in musical teaching and engage in professional conversations and teachings with other local schools.

Part B: Music tuition, choirs and ensembles.

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.

Here at Malmesbury Church of England Primary School we offer peripatetic lessons for guitar, ukulele, piano, violin and singing. These are 1:1 specialised tuition lessons. Any persons interested can ask at the main school office. Through these lessons, children can be put forward for music grade exams.

Children in KS2 (Years 5&6) can also join the school choir, which requires weekly rehearsals and the opportunity to take part in performances both inside and outside of school, often with other local schools. This is a free opportunity and children can express an interest in joining by asking their teacher, Mrs Howarth or Mr Heal directly.