

Music development plan summary: Meole Brace C of E Primary School and Nursery

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Helena Mason Miss Chrissie Purslow
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Miss Megan Coles
Name of local music hub	Shropshire 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.

To read in more detail about the music provision at Meole Brace C of E Primary School and Nursery, please visit [the Music curriculum page of our school website](#).

Music is taught in a variety of different ways in our school, and children are taught to have an appreciation of Music from different genres and appreciate the sounds of different instruments.

We have class teachers teaching sessions, following the model music curriculum with sessions lasting 40 minutes. We also have music specialists visiting our school to deliver sessions. Each class gets at least one half term of sessions delivered by a specialist music teacher, but all taught sessions are of a high quality and are music skills based. Our Music Curriculum has been planned to not only expose children to a variety of music, but to also allow them to progress, whether this is in understanding

the complexity of the music, the terminology, or their understanding of the context around the music. When class teachers are teaching music, the teaching is supported by the specialist in planning using the Charanga Music resource. In addition to in class music lessons, all children attend a fortnightly Key Stage singing assembly, for 20 minutes.

Children in Years 2, 4 and 5 also learn an instrument in class. These are taught by music specialists and ensure progression through the year groups. In Year 1, children receive music lessons from a specialist teacher, introducing them to the skills they need in Year 2, where they receive whole class recorder sessions. Then, in Year 4 the children move onto a pre-brass instrument, the p-buzz. This is then developed further as when in Year 5, children receive whole class cornet lessons.

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 Meole Brace C of E Primary School and Nursery, we currently offer a range of small group lessons, provided by the Shropshire Music Service. We offer brass, violin, guitar, keyboard, piano, drums and recorder. Children who received small group sessions are often seen performing in collective worship, especially our Friday Celebration worship.

Our Meole Brace Voices choir, is an ever expanding group of boys and girls who meet weekly to sing a range of old and contemporary music. The choir is led by one of our specialist teachers and they perform regularly at events in and out of school.

Individual and small group sessions are funded by parents/carers, however those children who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding are by school as part of their Pupil Premium provision. All ensembles and choirs are free for all children and are accessible in the school day.

As a school, we work closely with the Shropshire Music Service to ensure we are offering the best music opportunities for our children.

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.

-Shropshire Sings – our choir perform alongside many other schools on the showground.

- All children from Nursery to Year 6 perform at Christmas.
- All children from Year 1 to Year 6 visit the Church at Harvest and Easter to sing.
- Children who receive music lessons have the opportunity to perform in collective worship.
- Voices choir perform at local events in the community (such as Apple Day) and at the local care home, in Shrewsbury.
- For the last 10 minutes of lunch in the KS2 hall – we have a 'performance platform' for all pupils.

In the future

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

- We are working towards the Music Mark.
- We continue to provide regular opportunities for children to perform both in school, and out of school and to host music concerts, to allow children who receive music lessons to perform for their families and friends.
- Maintain the regularity and quality of professional music performances in school to inspire all children.
- Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children.