

Music development plan summary: Menston Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 26
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Name of the school music lead	Caroline Wallace
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Caroline Wallace
Name of local music hub	Bradford Music and Arts Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	West Yorkshire Hub

This is a summary of how Menston Primary 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.

All children across school have the opportunity to develop their love of music. In Early Years, this is through continuous provision and from Year one it is through weekly 45minute lessons delivered with the support of KAPOW. All children also have a 20minute singing assembly once a week.

In Early Years, music is delivered through holistic practice as an integral part of early development and that musical development matters. Music is planned for across the four musical areas: Hearing & Listening, Vocalising & Singing, Moving & Dancing, Exploring & Playing. Invitations to engage with sound are planned for every day and singing is integrated throughout the day.

KS1 music turns musical play into playing musically. Pupils in KS1 are taught by class teachers using the KAPOW scheme every week for an hour.

KS2 music continues to build learning in small, incremental steps. Pupils develop their playing with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.

Pupils in KS2 have music lessons for an hour a week with children in Year Three being taught a brass instrument by a specialist teacher from Bradford Music and Arts Service.

Listening develops aural memory and children develop an understanding of the history of music through our 'Composer of the month' focus in assemblies and in classrooms.

Weekly singing assemblies ensure children develop key vocal skills

Part B: Co-curricular and extra – 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.

Children have the opportunity to learn an instrument through our partnership with Bradford Music and Arts Service. These can be 1:1 or small group lessons and include brass, woodwind and keyboard. Information on what is offered and tuition fees can be found here ***** (insert link??)

Menston Primary offers after school musical opportunities with both band and choir clubs once a week.

Rocksteady new for academic year 2025-26. Offered to children in KS2.

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.

Children have the opportunity to sing in weekly 'singing assemblies' as well as exploring a variety of music in their weekly lessons.

Annual Christmas concerts allow children to perform to parents and carers. In Key Stage One, children perform Harvest and Easter concerts for parents and carers.

Year Three children annually attend 'Come and Play with the Halle' where they are able to listen and play with the Halle orchestra.

The school choir have performed at Ilkley Grammar School Christmas concert alongside other MLT primary schools.

In the future

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

To hold termly music assemblies, initially within KS1 and KS2 and then between key stages.

Longer term, termly concerts for parents in KS2 which will include singing and instrument performances.

Continue to develop our link with Trust schools to develop opportunities to perform together.