

Music development plan summary: Abbey Mead Primary Academy

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At Abbey, we aim to deliver a knowledge filled music curriculum, as an individual discipline, to provide our children with the life-long musical skills required to understand, appreciate and discuss music.

The teaching of music upholds the whole school vision of “providing a stimulating and challenging learning environment where all pupils can attain their full potential.” It also supports providing “all of our children with a broad, relevant and enriched curriculum so that they have the character to make a positive contribution to our society and are knowledgeable, skilled and ready for the next phase of their education,” as stated in the whole school curriculum intent.

Children will perform, listen and analyse critically, sing, improvise and compose music and understand the musical elements as building blocks within music.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/25
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Emma Tuffey, Naz Fojdar, Zoe Elliot
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	All For Music Leicester

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 at Abbey Mead Primary Academy is taught in all classes from nursery to Year 6. We aim to develop pupil's knowledge, skills and understanding in music through a wide range of teaching styles. These include ensembles and dance, whole class work, small group work and individual work. Staff work together to ensure music progression is evident throughout the school and pupils build on what they have been taught in previous years.

Our music curriculum allows:

- Pupils to develop their performance skills through learning to play tuned and un-tuned instruments, singing a variety of songs and rehearsing and performing with others.
- Pupils to develop their composing skills through creating musical patterns and exploring and organising sounds and learning to record these.
- Pupils to learn to analyse and compare sounds, explore ideas and make improvements to their work, building on their appraising skills.
- Pupils to learn to listen with increased concentration to internalise and recall sounds. We follow the Music Express scheme, with a half-termly focus-based approach to support teachers in engaging all of our pupils during music lessons. These lessons include a variety of adult lead and child-initiated activities. Each unit of work has a cross curricular focus and a musical focus, which allows pupils to progress throughout their primary school experience. Children with SEND are individually supported in class depending on their various requirements, for example: use of ear defenders when music lessons are louder than average, teacher's ability to scaffold their lessons and use planning to challenge all pupils depending on their ability. We have taken into consideration the model music curriculum recommendations (2021) and aim to ensure all pupils are taught 45 minutes to 1 hour per week or equivalent. Our Year 2, 3 and 4 classes will be taught to play a musical instrument: Y2 (Djembe drums); Y3 (recorder); Y4 (brass). The Whole Class Instrumental Tuition (WCIT) will be delivered by specialist providers from the Leicestershire Music Hub.
- At Abbey Mead, we understand the importance and joy music can bring to the young children we teach.

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 Abbey Mead Primary Academy, we currently offer 1-1 individual lessons and small group lessons on piano and Toot Doods (wind instruments) through <https://allformusic.org.uk>. The teacher visits the school and teaches children in our music practise room. We have a thriving Key Stage 2 Choir, and a recorder club. All ensembles meet weekly and are provided by music specialists or Abbey Mead staff. 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. All ensembles are free and accessible to all children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We work closely with Leicestershire Music Hub to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children. If you have an enquiry regarding instrumental lessons on offer, please visit our school page on our website <https://allformusic.org.uk>.

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

- Weekly singing assembly, which is alternated between KS1 and KS2
- Live musical performance from the Leicestershire Music Hub
- TMET Christmas carol concert at Church of St James the Greater
- The choir perform at Azra House (local elderly care home)
- Performance assemblies (Diwali, Christmas, Eid)
- KS1 Christmas Nativity
- Y6 end of year musical performance
- Trip to London to see a musical (Lion King) – subsidised for all children
- EYFS – Christmas songs performed to parents

In the future

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

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.
- Introduction of a new music scheme (Leicestershire Music Hub) to align with other schools within TMET and to further improve consistency and progression

- Enrol in 'Young Voices' choir for 2025-26
- 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.
- Continue to provide our staff with CPD to continue to develop their confidence and subject knowledge.