

Music Development Plan Mill View Primary 2025-2026



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Redmond/Mrs Neale
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs Gibbons
Name of local music hub	Edsential Musical Routes – Cheshire West and Chester
Name of other partner music education organisation	Music for Life Amasing

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 Mill View offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education. Curriculum music

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 curriculum for music for each year group can be seen on our website www.millviewschool.co.uk/serve_file/24105909

Our curriculum is based on the Charanga music scheme

www.charanga.com/site/musical

Our inclusion guidelines for music show how we ensure access for disabled pupils and support for pupils with special educational needs (SEND)

www.millviewschool.co.uk/serve_file/19687661

A vital part of our music curriculum is provided by weekly opportunities to meet together and focus on singing based musical skills for all children in Reception to Year 6 in key stage groups.

Year 3 pupils have weekly whole class guitar lessons during the Spring term concluding with a performance for the whole school and their parents. These are delivered by Music for Life, the not for profit organisation that provide peripatetic lessons for many pupils at Mill View.

We spend the equivalent of 1 hour per week teaching music for all year groups in Key Stage 1 and 2.

In 2024-25 we will develop further links with our local music hub, Musical Routes run by Edsential to enhance our curriculum further.

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.

Our peripatetic lessons are offered by Music for Life

We have seen a higher uptake in the number of individuals having lessons since introducing whole class guitar lessons in Year 3. We currently offer piano, guitar and violin lessons for Y2-6 based on parent demand. 18% of pupils in Year 2-6 were signed up for 1-1 or small group lessons at the beginning of the school year. This usually rises in the Summer term following Y3's term of whole class guitar lessons.

All pupils in Key Stage 2 are invited to join an after school choir which provides opportunities to perform within school, in our community and in larger multi school events. This year the school choir will be performing in a multi school event at Chester Cathedral with the charity Amasing in the Summer term. Wherever possible costs are kept to a minimum and will be subsidised or fully funded for some with a commitment that every child can join in regardless of family income.

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.

We will continue to place high priority on giving all our pupils from Reception to Year 6 at least 2 opportunities to perform for a large audience during 2024-25. EYFS, KS1 and

KS2 pupils will all perform in a musical performance for their families and the rest of the school in the last week of Autumn term. During the Spring term, Year 3 and 4 will perform in a Song and Dance Showcase for the whole school and a family audience. The rest of our pupils will perform in a second musical performance during the Summer term.

Whole school singing is a regular feature of our whole school assemblies and each term children will be taught a range of songs that will be used in assemblies.

We will continue to think creatively about accessing community and school links to individuals and organisations to further enhance the breadth of music the children experience and engage with at Mill View. If we provide events or experiences that are charged for, we will ensure that our children who are eligible for Free School Meals are not at a disadvantage by subsidising or fully funding.

Draw on information of any partnerships the school has to support musical experiences, such as with your local music hub, music education organisations, music organisations or musicians.

In the future

Mill View is committed to providing high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the current provision and the key features in the National Plan for Music Education.

We will continue to explore the range of instrumental tuition available in consultation with parents and our current providers Music for Life

- We will build links within the school community and beyond and explore ways of developing opportunities for school bands or music groups

Further information

Use this space to provide any further information about your school's music development plan, including links to your local music hub partners, other local music education organisations and contacts.

The Department for Education has published a helpful guide Music education: information for parents and young people with further information about how they can

get more involved in music in and out of school and where they can go for support beyond school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people> publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#)

Our local [music hub](#) is run by Edsential Musical Routes for Wirral and Cheshire West in association with The Love Music Trust.

<https://edsential.com/news/edsential-partners-with-love-music-trust-to-lead-new-music-hub-for-cheshire-and-wirral/>



<https://www.lovemusictrust.com/about-the-trust/supporting-schools>