

Music development plan summary: Mawsley Community Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025- 2026
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Name of the school music lead	Ellie Toms
Name of local music hub	NMPAT (Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust)
Name of other music education organisation	Rocksteady

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.

Pupils at Mawsley Primary School receive music lessons during WOW weeks. WOW weeks take place at the end of every half term. All creative subjects including: practical music, musical theory, art and DT are covered during these weeks. During our WOW weeks, four hours of music is delivered to students. This includes one hour of musical theory, where children will learn about different genres of music, different instruments, and musicians. In addition to their music lessons, children also receive singing practise through 30-minute Phase assemblies. In their phase assemblies, our pupils have vocal warm-ups and learn to sing songs that are appropriate to their vocal range. In the SEND hub at Mawsley School, music lessons are delivered to pupils weekly through whole class teaching.

Mawsley School follows the Kapow Music scheme. The Kapow Primary music scheme is a comprehensive, online music curriculum for primary schools that covers the National Curriculum requirements, from EYFS to KS2. It uses a spiral curriculum model to build knowledge progressively and includes over 100 lesson plans, teacher videos,

and resources designed to be engaging for students and accessible for non-specialist teachers. Key features include a focus on the interrelated dimensions of music, diverse musical styles and cultures, hands-on activities, and instrumental and composition work.

Children have access to both rhythmic and melodic instruments in Key Stages 1 and 2. At the beginning of academic year 2023-24, new percussion instruments were purchased by the school so that *all* children have access to a range of percussive instruments. This has also provided the children with a *choice* of instrument.

In Years 5 and 6, each class take part in a whole-class instrumental programme lasting one term. These sessions are delivered by professional musicians from the local music hub (NMPAT). They also provide the children with their own individual samba drum/ African drum. The children have the opportunity to show off their learning through a group performance in front of the rest of the school.

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.

Through our local music trust (NMPAT), KS2 pupils at Mawsley Primary School are offered guitar and violin lessons. These lessons take place within the school day (during lesson time) and are delivered by professional music teachers. Pupils are taught in small groups, up to a maximum of 6 pupils per hour. Orchestral instruments are loaned free of charge for the first year, with a voluntary contribution to NMPAT for extended loan.

Children in upper KS2 are able to join a school choir. They perform topical songs in front of the whole school during assembly once per half term.

Children of all ages have the opportunity to join a band through Rocksteady. Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place in school time with all instruments provided. The children form a band and are taught how to play either: electric guitar, bass guitar, drums, keyboard or vocals. Lessons are booked on a first come first served basis. Parents pay for lessons directly to Rocksteady. However, bursary, pupil premium and funded options are available.

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.

- All children in our mainstream provision take part in weekly 30-minute Phase singing assemblies (including vocal warm-up and breathing exercises as well as guidance on correct posture for singing). These assemblies are delivered in separate Key Stages so that songs are age appropriate. Songs for singing assemblies are taken from the suggested repertoire outlined in the Model Music Curriculum, as well as from the BBC website and Out of the Ark.
- Our pupils listen to a broad variety of music once a week at the beginning of the afternoon create session. Music is taken from the suggested repertoire presented in the table outlined in the Model Music Curriculum.
- The children enjoy termly whole school Rocksteady performances.
- Free whole school wind recital (split into phase performances to make them age appropriate) Friday 31st March 2023
- Free whole school strings recital (split into phase performances to make them age appropriate) Tuesday 5th November 2024
- Free Rocksteady live interactive music assembly (performed by the Rocksteady music school)
- Whole school celebration of World Music Day 20th June 2025 (including SEND hub)
- Whole school celebration of World Music Day (celebrating music from different cultures and traditions) 21st June 2026 – (On Friday 19th June as World Music Day falls on a Sunday this year)
- Phase 3 performance in term 3 performed to the whole school, with a separate performance to parents
- Christmas Nativity Play performed by Reception children to the whole school, with a separate performance to parents
- Christmas Nativity Play performed by Phase 2 children (Years 1 and 2) to the whole school, with a separate performance to parents
- Biannual Phase 2 school trip to Peterborough Cathedral, which includes listening to the sounds of the Cathedral choir, organ and bells (£20 voluntary contribution)

In the future

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

- New musical instruments have been purchased to ensure that all children have access to quality percussion instruments during WOW weeks
- NMPAT have been contacted to arrange live musical performances to the whole school for the academic year 2025-26 & 2026-27.

Further information

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts trust is the county's biggest arts teaching provider, providing lessons inside and outside of schools. NMPAT provide music tuition outside of school. NMPAT can provide lessons on a wide range of instruments and disciplines, including:

- brass: cornet, trumpet, tuba, trombone, French horn, tenor horn, baritone, euphonium
- composition
- drama
- guitar: acoustic, bass, electric
- harp
- keyboard and piano
- music production
- percussion: drum kit, orchestral percussion
- SEND
- strings: violin, viola, cello, double bass
- voice
- woodwind: clarinet, oboe, flute, bassoon, saxophone, recorder

Lessons outside school hours are usually arranged on a one-to-one basis with a specialist teacher and take place during term time, at NMPAT, Kettering Road, Northampton. Payment details can be found on the NMPAT website:

<https://nmpat.co.uk/finance-admin/families/pricing-payments/>