

Music development plan summary: Alderman Bolton Primary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Clair Ralphson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Accent Music Hub
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

Alderman Bolton Primary Academy is committed to providing high-quality, inclusive music education that fosters creativity, musical skills, cultural awareness, and a lifelong love of music in all students. By using Sing Up as a primary resource, we aim to implement the Model Music Curriculum effectively, ensuring progression and accessibility in music for every child. Pupils develop core musical skills in singing, rhythm, and composition, while also learning to listen analytically and perform confidently. They gain exposure to diverse musical genres and cultures, fostering inclusivity and global awareness. Importantly, they learn teamwork, creativity, and personal expression through music, building a foundation for lifelong musical appreciation and skill.

Through adaptable resources, a multi-sensory approach, consistent routines, and inclusive content, our music curriculum effectively supports pupils with special educational needs (SEND) in experiencing and enjoying music education. Its focus on accessibility and emotional wellbeing ensures that pupils of all abilities can actively participate, express themselves, and develop a range of skills through music, fostering confidence and a sense of achievement in a supportive learning environment.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS): Music is taught through the daily practice of learning and performing nursery rhymes, songs and poems which begins during week one of autumn term in nursery. Throughout EYFS there are opportunities to explore musical instruments in continuous provision. In Reception, children are introduced to foundational music skills in a fun, engaging, and age-

appropriate way. The curriculum focuses on developing early musical awareness, social skills, and confidence through singing, movement, and listening activities.

Key Stage 1: The KS1 Music Curriculum fosters foundational music skills through singing, rhythm, listening, movement, and creativity. It builds children's confidence, teamwork, and enjoyment of music while laying the groundwork for more structured musical learning in Key Stage 2.

Key Stage 2: In Key Stage 2, the Music Curriculum helps children deepen their musical knowledge and skills, building on the foundations of singing, rhythm, and listening developed in earlier years. The KS2 curriculum focuses on more complex musical skills, including part-singing, composition, and analysis, while encouraging creativity and self-expression.

Across the year, pupils in each key stage have the opportunity to sing in weekly assemblies with their peers, they sing the songs identified in our curriculum plans.

The school makes use of CPD opportunities provided by our local music hub (Accent Music Hub), Young Voices and our Curriculum Network.

Part B: 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.

There are a wide range of extra-curricular activities available to pupils at Alderman Bolton Primary Academy across each year. These are offered to all pupils and where appropriate vulnerable pupils and those with SEND are targeted to engage and supported to participate. All opportunities we offer are free to all.

Opportunities offered:

- Young Voices choir (Years 4-6), with performance opportunities throughout the year in school and the wider community, as well as the Young Voices concert in Manchester in the Spring term.
- Additional singing opportunities across the curriculum using Sparkyard Music and SingUp resources.
- Performing Arts Club

Part C: Musical experiences

At Alderman Bolton Primary Academy, we offer pupils opportunities to engage with and perform outside of the classroom and our school building. Where there is a cost associated with this our PTA has fund raised to ensure that activities are accessible for all.

- At the end of the autumn term, nursery and reception complete their nativity performances which showcase the singing they have learnt over the term.
- Key stage 1 pupils take part in a musical nativity/ performance at the end of the Autumn term, includes singing and percussion playing
- Key Stage 2 pupils take part in a carol service at Christchurch, Latchford.
- Pupils in the choir attend Young Voices.
- Pupils watch live theatre performances in school.
- Pupils have performed within the community. For example, at town centre Christmas celebrations and in the local care homes.
- Pupils perform alongside pupils from other schools including at Primary Arts Network events and concerts.

In the future

Plans are in place to continue to extend opportunities for pupils to take part in musical activity and extend their learning and skills. These include:

- Continue to establish links with Sir Thomas Boteler to share musical experiences and performance.
- Extend the offer of musical instruction outside of the classroom.
- Secure additional opportunities for our pupils to perform in the local community and watch others perform.

Further information (optional)

SingUp Curriculum – [SingUp](#)

Accent Music Hub - [Accent Music Hub | warrington.gov.uk](#)

[Music education: information for parents and young people - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Presto Music School - [MUSIC LESSONS WARRINGTON – Presto Music School](#)