

Music Development Plan Summary: Mandeville Primary School

"[Music] enables all children and young people to learn to sing, play an instrument and create music together, and have the opportunity to progress their musical interests and talents, including professionally. Music gives children and young people an opportunity to express themselves, to explore their creativity, to work hard at something, persevere and shine. These experiences and achievements stay with them and shape their lives." – National Plan for Music Education

At Mandeville, children participate in listening, singing, playing instruments, improvising, composing and performing music, encompassing a variety of musical styles, genres and historical periods.

We aim to inspire and empower our children by:

- Encouraging all pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement.
- Providing quality music education for pupils to ensure every child develops a life-long love of music and musical performance.
- Learning to play a wide range of percussion, world and melodic instruments and, by doing so, encourage perseverance and resilience through practising their skills.
- Appreciating and understanding the works of the musical giants of the past to inspire children to be the musicians of the future.
- Developing an understanding of musical theory and composition, to enable children to organise and manipulate their ideas within musical structures and reproduce sounds from aural memory.
- Showing progression in music skills and knowledge year on year.
- Sharing our musical creations within our school and the wider community.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	19 th October 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	1 st September 2027
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Kate Ball
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Miss Kara Hales
Name of local music hub	Herts Music Service
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

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.

Mandeville aims to offer our children an hour each week of quality, immersive and inspiring music lessons where we promote self-confidence and a love of music which the children will carry with them through their education and beyond.

We follow the National Curriculum for Music using Charanga and Kapow to deliver a broad and ambitious music curriculum. From Early Years to Year 6, children have the opportunity to play a wide range of instruments, including glockenspiels, recorders, alongside percussion and world instruments.

Music at Mandeville inspires and encourages fluency, control and expression when singing and playing instruments. After listening and appraising, the children then have the chance to complete a range of musical activities which help to embed the Inter-related Dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure and notation) through repetition.

At Mandeville, we ensure that we provide an inclusive learning environment for all children. We offer a bespoke curriculum for children with auditory and sensory needs to teach music and sounds in an accessible and safe way to promote a life-long love for music.

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.

Additionally, Mandeville offers a range of one-to-one music lessons taught alongside our national curriculum. If your child has ambitions to be a rock star then 'irock' provides music lessons where they will be able to play and perform in a band using vocals, electric guitars, bass, keyboard and drum kits where Year 2 and Year 6 children can achieve a nationally recognised RSL Award.

To broaden the opportunities Mandeville has to offer our children, we are hoping to provide private guitar tuition in addition to the piano lessons that are provided by Herts Music Service.

To support our Pupil Premium children, we encourage parents who are eligible to apply through Herts Music Service for the opportunity to participate in free music lessons. Herts Music Service offer a wide range of instruments as well as vocal coaching.

Part C: Musical events

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 Mandeville children have the opportunity to perform to an audience throughout their time with us. Our Year 2 and Year 5 children perform at the South Mill Arts and we put on our Summer Concert for those children who learn an instrument both inside and out of school to encourage and praise those taking part in extra-curricular lessons.

Our EYFS children take part in a Christmas Choir production, performing songs to an audience; our KS1 children perform a Christmas nativity; Year 3 and 4 perform at our local Church for a Christmas Celebration and we have the Upper KS2 performance in the summer term, where we can showcase not only a choir ensemble, but also the talents of solo artists.

All children participate in a singing assembly once a week within their key stage. As a school, we also provide enrichment experiences with visits from local community woodwind and brass bands.

In the future

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

Moving forward, Mandeville continues the aim of providing a broad and ambitious curriculum enabling all children to experience a variety of instruments as well as exposure to range of musical genres. Our children will feel empowered in their music lessons and experience freedom to explore sounds and compose music to develop their self-confidence.