



Music development plan summary 2026/27:

We are very proud of our Music provision at Westwood Park.

As a major part, we employ the MAPAS (Salford LA Music Service) to deliver high quality instrumental tuition from Nursery to Y6 throughout the year. We have the most comprehensive provision in Salford.

Our pupils, all have the chance to experience a wide range of instruments including, djembe drums, violins, recorders, guitars, trombones, ukuleles, glockenspiels etc. This provides a wonderful opportunity throughout school.

In addition, we have a choir and a small orchestra.

All classes sing every day in class. Each class has a keyboard with headphones so that children can play.

We have many concerts in school both singing and instrumental. All classes perform a themed song each term and each Key Stage performs a Christmas Show,

We attend concerts at local churches and venues. We perform at the AO Arena at the Young Voices concert and at The Lowry with other schools who access MAPAS provision. We are having a 'Rock Kids' event in school.

We have links with the Bridgewater Hall and the Halle and we regularly go to concerts.

As a new venture this year, we are working with Music Action Harmonise International as part of our work being a School of Sanctuary.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	29.1.26
Date this summary will be reviewed	January 27
Name of the school music lead	Mandy Knipe
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mandy Knipe

Name of local music hub	Salford
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	MAPAS

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.

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 Music Curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum and is available on our website:

[Music \(westwoodpark.org.uk\)](http://westwoodpark.org.uk)

All pupils have access to the full provision.

All pupils do at least an hour of Music a week including instrumental provision and singing.

All pupils have the opportunity to sing and play a wide range of instruments both individually and as a whole class ensemble.

We have a strong link with Greater Manchester Music Education Hub.

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.

Some pupils access individual instrumental lessons in drumming, guitar and recorders.

We have an ensemble after school.

Pupils are allowed to borrow instruments to practise at home at no cost. Anyone can attend the after-school ensemble.

Musical experiences

Pupils take part in a wide range of assemblies and concerts. Individual pupils sing and perform in assembly upon request.

We attend shows and performances throughout the year at local schools, churches and concert halls including the AO Arena and The Lowry. More often than not we are performing but we also attend concerts by The BBC and The Halle.

There is no charge for any of these events.

In the future

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

In 2025-2026, we will be taking part in Music Action Harmonise International. This is a new venture.

We are devising ways to encourage our parents to sing and play for us as well.

We love to sing and play and each year we get better and better. We see it as an integral part of everyone's well-being.

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Our local provision is provided by MAPAS – Salford Music Service.