



Music Development Plan Summary: Burnham-on-Crouch Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	Tim Melton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Louise Boroughs
Name of local music hub	Greater Essex Music Hub: Essex Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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 developments we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents/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.

To read in more detail about the provision music at Burnham on Crouch Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page [Music | Burnham on Crouch Primary School \(burnhamprimary.co.uk\)](#)

- We follow our own Music curriculum, planned by our music specialist teacher, which has been written to follow the scope and breadth of the model music curriculum.
- Music is taught weekly for all children from EYFS to Year 6. Lessons in KS1 and KS2 are a minimum of 40 minutes long.
- We partner with Greater Essex Music Hub and [Essex Music Service](#) to support musical opportunities for our pupils.



- Our music curriculum ensures students sing, listen, play, perform and evaluate. All these are embedded in classroom activities as well as singing assemblies, various concerts and performances, learning a variety of instruments, and participating in musical ensembles. The elements of music are taught in classroom lessons so that children are able to use musical language to discuss it, and understand how it is created, performed, appreciated and analysed. From EYFS onwards students learn how to play various un-tuned and tuned percussion instruments, such as chimes, xylophones and glockenspiels. As they progress, ukuleles, guitars, keyboards and recorders are introduced. Through using note cards students learn note values, leading them to devise and read their own rhythms and eventually musical scores using notation. They also learn how to compose in a variety of styles from an early age - both as individuals and collaborating in groups. Composing using technology (on iPads) is also becoming an important part of the curriculum at KS2 – developing students' IT skills and expanding the scope of their musical creativity.

Part B: 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.

- At Burnham-on-Crouch Primary School, we currently offer one-to-one piano lessons taught by our specialist music teacher.
- We have a newly formed KS2 Choir, which will be performing at the O2 in the Young Voices concert. There is also a recorder club.
- We are starting a 'School of Rock' for those interested in performing songs as a group and eventually writing and performing their own material.
- Pupils are able to access Financial assistance from Essex Music Service for music lessons, instrument hire and county-led ensembles.
- Pupils are able to access instrumental tuition and ensemble activities outside of the school day through Essex Music Service
- Individual and small group lessons are funded by parents, however for those children who are Pupil Premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium provision.
- We work closely with the Essex Music Service to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children. Further advice and guidance for music



lessons outside of school can be found here [Making Music Near You - Essex Music Education Hub \(essexmusichub.org.uk\)](#)

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.

Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:

- EYFS and KS1 to perform in The Christmas Nativity
- KS2 to perform in the Christmas Carol Concert
- Our choir to perform at the O2 in the Young Voices Concert 2025
- Year 6 to perform their end of year production
- Our School of Rock to perform their material during the year
- EYFS to perform poetry and songs in their Graduation
- As a school, we will take part in any local Music Festivals (details TBC)
- All children will go to the Towngate Theatre to watch a pantomime
- All children will sing in our termly Music assemblies

In the future

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

Going forward, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Increase access to individual lessons across a wider range of instruments (and voice)
- Provide a dedicated space for rehearsals and individual practice and some classroom lessons.
- Ensure that children have the opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year.
- Strengthen links with the local secondary school with a view to facilitate collaborative projects with other local primary schools.
- Work closely with Essex Music Hub in order to provide a wider range of musical experiences for the children within our own school and within the local community.