

Music development plan summary: Great Waltham C of E Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Deborah Welch
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Greater Essex Music Hub: Essex 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.

. We follow the Charanga Model Music Curriculum, which has been written to follow the scope and breadth of the model music curriculum.

- The curriculum includes musical knowledge, composition and performance.
- The children are timetabled for 1 hour a week for music lessons. These will include learning to play the glockenspiel and other instruments.
- EYFS use music to enhance learning of the curriculum through song, nursery rhymes and dance. Children perform with percussion instruments.
- We partner with Greater Essex Music Hub and [Essex Music Service](#) to support musical opportunities for our pupils.

- Children in Year 4 have a term of learning to learn an instrument - currently the 'Toot'. Skills can then be transferred to the trumpet.
- The music curriculum is enriched by the specialist teachers teaching the children in some music lessons.

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.

- Pupils are able to access Financial assistance from Essex Music Service for music lessons, instrument hire and county-led ensembles. We use Pupil Premium funding to pay for lessons for those pupils that qualify and loan pupils instruments.
- Pupils are able to access instrumental tuition and ensemble activities outside of the school day through Essex Music Service. We currently offer instrumental tuition for piano, guitar and iRock.
- We have a school choir that takes place as a lunchtime club. This is very inclusive and is open for any child in year 2 upwards.
- Children that learn an instrument can work towards certificates under Music for Schools. Children can also work towards ABRSM graded awards with Music for Schools tutor.

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.

- Whole School Singing assemblies take place each week.
- Singing assemblies include songs with signing (Makaton / BSL) and French to enhance curriculum and inclusion.
- The School Choir represent the school in various community events including the Great Waltham Festival of Choirs.
- EYFS and KS1 have a Christmas Production that involves the singing of songs.
- Key Stage 2 take part in a production, bi-annually that involves singing.
- Whole school Christmas Carol performances that involve children performing songs.
- In the Autumn Term the school performs in Harvest, Christingle and Christmas services.

- In the Spring Term the school perform in an Easter and community service.
- Throughout the year each class holds a class assembly to their parents. This involves the singing of songs and can involve instrumental playing.
- Individual children can also showcase their musical talents during recitals throughout the year.
- The school choir also perform at the Christmas and Summer Fetes.
- Children sing and play instruments during the termly iRock concerts.
- The school has a Music Mark award.
- Whole school trip to the pantomime with live music and singing.
- Year 5 take part in Gotta sing/dance when children listen to live music.

In the future

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

Action plan for the academic year:

- The choir to perform at the local care home.
- Year 2 take part in the annual Infant Music festival in the Spring Term
- More Live events for all children. This will include an opportunity to collaborate with Chelmer Valley High School Band/choir and Music for Schools demonstration assembly.
- Children to perform whilst classes enter for collective worship.
- Children in years 5 & 6 have the opportunity to take part in the Young Voices Concert at the O2.
- Djembe Drums workshop.
- ENO Opera project.

Further information

- Essex Music Service have produced a [Parent's Guide to Music Provision](#) which gives parents valuable information about supporting their child's music education.
- Essex Music Service Schools Brochure 2024-2025
- Greater Essex Music Hub Local Plan for Music Education – Information for schools will be coming in September 2024