

Music development plan summary: Larchwood Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
Date this summary was published	
Date this summary will be reviewed	
Name of the school music lead	Sophie Calver
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Essex 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

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.

- Year 1 do 6 units across the year (one per half term)
- Years 2-5 do 5 units across the year.
- Year 6 do 4 units across the year.
- Each year group (apart from Year 2 and 6) study a genre of music for a unit.
- Each year group studies a BBC Ten Pieces unit.
- The history of music is covered in Music of the Month which is played in assembly each day and in class at least three times a week.
- Singing assembly each week for the whole school where we focus on aspects of singing.
- Children in each year group are taught to listen, describe, play and compose music.
- Lessons are planned (but can be adapted by teachers) – saved on the network
- Taught for 30 mins a week.
- Music hub come into teach Year 3 for one term a year.

- KS1 – Learn the foundations of each strand of music – singing, playing, describing, composing, listening.
- KS2 – build on the foundations.
- Singing assembly and Music of the Month makes up the other 30 mins of the 1 hour guideline.

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.

Sophie Calver runs choir every week at lunchtime. Open to year 3 and 4 in the Autumn term to get ready for young voices. It is then open to Years 2-6 after Young Voices.

KS1 are able to join a Boom whacker club.

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.

Each year we take up to 40 Year 3 and 4 to participate in Young Voices.

EYFS perform a Nativity to the school and to parents.

Year 1 perform a Christmas singing concert to parents.

Years 2-6 perform a sing along with parents allowed to join in.

Year 6 perform an end of year play to the school and to parents.

Each year the school has Larchwood's Got Talent. Each class holds auditions, and each class chooses one representative to go forward into the competition.

We work with the secondary school in our trust. A-Level and GCSE students come to school to perform.

Each year, we have a drumming workshop – year groups vary.

All of Year 3 and 4 are going to The Brentwood Centre this year to watch a live performance.

Summer singing concert with other local schools (choir).

Year 5 go to St Martin's to watch their musical they are performing that year.

In the future

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

- Individual or group instrument lessons for outside curriculum learning (interest in this has been collated and plans are underway).
- Performances in assembly and talks with musicians (information has been gathered from families of any musicians they know who would be willing to come in and do this for us).