

Music development plan summary: Lawford Mead Primary & Nursery School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Sophie Wilson
Name of local music hub	Essex Music Service

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.

- In EYFS and Key Stage One, we follow the Charanga scheme of work. Children learn to listen to a range of music, play percussion instruments (including chime bars) and sing with enjoyment. KS1 have 45-minute lessons taught in half-termly blocks. In Year 2, all children also take part in whole-class recorder lessons.
- In Key Stage Two, lessons are taught by a visiting music specialist who is a multi-instrumentalist and delivers a bespoke scheme of work. Lessons are taught in half-termly blocks and are 1 hour in length. Children build on skills learnt in KS1. Alongside learning about the history of music, they explore a wide range of genres including the blues, rap, jazz, rock, world music and film classics. They also learn to read musical notation, play the ukulele and xylophone, compose their own music and perform in an ensemble.

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.

An after-school teacher-led Music club is offered in the Autumn and Summer terms (free of charge).

Peripatetic music teachers from Essex Music Services offer weekly individual lessons, currently in piano and guitar. These lessons are paid for by parents and take place during the school day. We have also offered brass and woodwind in previous years. Weekly piano lessons are also available for selected children in receipt of pupil premium (these are funded by the school).

We have a very popular choir for Years 5 and 6. They rehearse weekly at lunchtimes and have many opportunities to perform throughout the year: Young Voices at the O2; Junior Music Festival at Chelmsford Theatre; singing to senior citizens from the local community. They are also role models in KS2 Singing Assembly and help lead the singing. All choir opportunities are free of charge and funded by the school.

Part C: Musical performances

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 children take part in weekly singing assemblies. Reception and KS1 learn to sing songs linked to the seasons, festivals and weather using 'Out of the Ark' resources. They learn songs from other cultures and also use Makaton in their singing assemblies. KS2 learn to sing songs from a wide range of styles and cultures, including pop and musical theatre, and these often include 2 or 3 part harmonies.

Children in EYFS (Nursery and Reception) perform songs to parents at their Christmas concert in December.

All classes from Reception to Year 6 perform an annual assembly to parents, which always contains a musical element.

KS1 perform a Christmas production to parents and visitors each year, which includes everyone singing, solos and a percussion orchestra.

Year 2 children all take part in the Chelmsford Infant Music festival each year, performing to parents with other local schools.

Years 2 and 3 perform songs at a Harvest Celebration service at a local church each year.

Year 5/6 are often invited to local Secondary schools to watch the dress rehearsal of their latest musical production.

Year 6 perform a Leavers' Production to parents and visitors each year, which includes everyone singing, harmony parts and solos.

In the future

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

- Increased opportunities for children to play their instrument to an audience (e.g. in assemblies)
- Increased opportunities for children who play instruments to perform to parents
- 'Talent show' opportunities for children to perform to their peers
- Investigate visiting workshop opportunities from Essex Music Service
- Aim to offer a choir club for Years 3 and 4 (in addition to 5 and 6)

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.

Please see links below to explore for further information

[Essex Music Service](#)

[Young Voices](#)