

Music development plan summary: Dr Walker's C of E Primary School

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	13/03/2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	13/03/2026
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Jenny Dean
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs Jenny Dean
Name of local music hub	Greater Essex 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.

- We follow the Charanga Model Music Curriculum, which has been written to follow the scope and breadth of the model music curriculum.
- Our curriculum is on a rotational to support mixed year group classes and the sessions are planned alongside the Model Music Curriculum with a focus on musical vocabulary to support all children to gain the skills and knowledge they need to progress as musicians.
- Our curriculum map can be found on our website
- Our school curriculum is adapted for learners with additional needs
- We partner with Greater Essex Music Hub and [Essex Music Service](#) to support musical opportunities for our pupils.
- A peripatetic music teacher from Essex Music Service delivers specialist curriculum music lessons to all pupils in school.

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 at Dr Walker's sing as part of their school week in collective worship, and pupils are supported in these sessions to develop as singers
- Pupils have access to a Bellringing Club, which enable them to play the combi-bells
- 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](#)

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 Schol – Singing Collective Worship each week](#)

Opportunities to actively take-part in music:

- [All Year Groups - Integrated musical / Christian celebrations i.e. Remembrance Day, Harvest Festival, Christmas and Easter](#)
- [E.Y.F.S, Year 1 and 2 Nativity](#)
- [Year 3 – 6 Carol Service Performance](#)
- [Year 6 Leavers Performance](#)
- [Year 6 Leavers service at Chelmsford Cathedral](#)

In the future

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

Use this space to include any information on any improvements you plan to make for subsequent years in curriculum music, co-curricular music or musical experiences, including when you plan to introduce changes.

Dr Walker's CE Primary School plan to improve the provision for Music over the next three years by:

- [Increasing the number of children undertaking music lessons within the school](#)
- [To invite \(on a regular basis\) musical professionals to visit the school for children to experience live performances](#)
- [To improve the opportunities for children to visit external venues in order to experience quality musical performances](#)
- [Engage in music festivals](#)

Further information (optional)

- 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 2024-25](#)
- [Greater Essex Music Hub Local Plan for Music Education](#) – Information for schools will be coming in September 2024
- [Greater Essex Music Hub Inclusion Strategy](#)