

Music development plan summary: St Peter's Catholic Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 – 2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs McGillicuddy
Name of local music hub	Essex Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Billericay Schools Music Association – BSMA

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.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School follow the national curriculum for teaching music; as well as the non-statutory Model Music Curriculum, published by the DfE in March 2021. Music is taught for one hour overall each week – this is via class lessons, singing assemblies and shorter top-up lessons. The Music Curriculum is published on the schools' websites. We follow the Charanga Scheme of Work alongside our own adapted bespoke Music curriculum. Children in Year 4 have the opportunity to play clarinet through whole-class ensemble teaching, delivered by the Essex Schools' Music Service. As a Catholic school we have at least weekly opportunities to gather in song and music. Additionally, as a Trust our Music Leads gather as a subject cluster to enhance and refine knowledge and skills.

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.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School offers one to one lessons in piano and violin. There are group opportunities in clarinet and Rocksteady classes. Parents and carers pay for these lessons; however, the Pupil Premium Grant could be used to subsidise cost if applicable. We have a choir club, open to years 4-6 which is inclusive and open to all children. We are part of the Billericay Schools Music Association – BSMA – and participate in the annual music festival and are also supported by the Essex Music Hub.

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.

Summer Prom takes place in the summer term where those children in the choir perform to parents. The choir have also sung at a charity Christmas event for St Luke's Hospice.

In the future

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

Review the curriculum in line Equality and Diversity so there is a range of musical experiences for all children linked to school context.

Review opportunities for SEND pupils, particularly Music Interventions, to further support communication.