

Music development plan summary: East Bergholt CEVC Primary School Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Suzanne Goater
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs Clare Sampson Mrs Laura Tuttlebee
Name of local music hub	Suffolk Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	None.

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.

Our school follows the Charanga music curriculum, which enables students to deeply explore key skills, understanding and vocabulary in music. Each unit is carefully sequenced to build upon prior learning, ensuring better cognition and retention and focusing on the high-quality development of children as musicians. Core areas of study include singing, listening and appraising, composing and improvising, and instrumental performance, all of which are cumulatively built throughout the curriculum. There is a strong emphasis on the musical language students need to explore their own musicality, revisited and embedded over time to develop confident, inspired musicians.

Students receive at least one hour of high-quality curriculum music per week, guided by the model music curriculum's non-statutory guidance. They have various opportunities to learn singing or instrument playing during lessons, such as whole-class ensemble teaching in some year groups, one-to-one lessons from a visiting music teacher twice a week, weekly singing assemblies, a choir club and Year 5 ukulele lessons. The extensive resources available through Charanga ensure that the musical ambitions of every learner can be realised.

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.

At East Bergholt CEVC Primary School, there are numerous opportunities for pupils to sing and play music outside of lesson time. We offer one-to-one tuition twice weekly for pupils in piano and violin, allowing for personalised and focused instruction. Year 5 pupils participate in large-group ukulele tuition, fostering a sense of community and collaborative learning. All pupils engage in a weekly singing assembly, which promotes vocal skills and ensemble performance. Additionally, students can join Rock Steady, an extracurricular rock band program, with the school currently hosting five bands.

Pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum through various initiatives. Year 5 pupils have access to free ukulele instrument loans, encouraging practice and improvement outside of structured lessons. Participation in Rock Steady culminates in band performances, providing practical experience in live music settings. Tuition fees are subsidised for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder musical development. Our music teacher also offers specialised music sessions for pupils with SEND, promoting inclusivity and personalised support. Plans for a school choir club are underway, which will be free for all pupils, further enhancing musical opportunities and fostering a love for music across the school community.

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.

At East Bergholt CEVC Primary School, we organise a variety of musical events and opportunities throughout the academic year. Year 6 pupils can participate in the end-of-year production, which features musical performances. Weekly music assemblies provide a platform for children to practice and perform songs to their peers, fostering a supportive and collaborative environment.

During Christmas and Easter, pupils practice and perform songs at St. Mary's Church, with an audience of parents in attendance. Our Key Stage 1 children present an annual nativity play that includes a range of songs, adding to the festive spirit. Pupils receiving individual music tuition have the opportunity to showcase their talents in a concert performed to the entire school, with parents invited to attend.

At Christmas, our school choir performs at the local church alongside pupils from the High School, creating a community-focused musical experience. Music tuition for pupils with SEND is provided free of charge by our music teacher, ensuring inclusive access to musical education. While piano and violin lessons have associated fees, these are subsidised for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium.

Our strong partnership with St. Mary's Church enhances our musical programs, providing additional opportunities for our pupils to engage in and experience music. These events and opportunities are designed to enrich the students' musical education and foster a lifelong appreciation for music.

In the future

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

East Bergholt CEVC Primary School has ambitious plans to enhance its music programme in the coming years. We intend to establish a formal school choir, providing students with structured opportunities to develop their vocal skills and perform regularly. Additionally, we plan to introduce the teaching of new instruments, expanding the musical horizons of our pupils. To celebrate the progress and talents of our students, we will organise termly piano and violin performances, allowing our young musicians to showcase their skills to the school community. These initiatives aim to further enrich our students' musical education and foster a vibrant, inclusive musical culture within the school.