

Music development plan summary: Britannia Primary School and Nursery

Key features of music provision at Britannia:

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 and 2
- access to instrumental supervision across a range of instruments and voice
- a school singing group
- a school band
- regular performances across the school
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

Overview

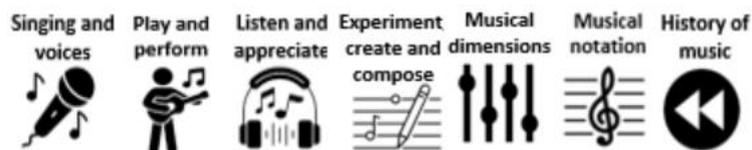
Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Angela Lesslie
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs Hannah Jordan
Name of local music hub	Suffolk Music Services

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 and how much time is spent teaching music.

The music curriculum at Britannia Primary school is a bespoke curriculum. It is based around seven musical concepts: Play and perform, Listen and appreciate, Experiment, create and compose, Musical Dimensions, Musical Notation, Singing and Voices, History of Music.



Music at KS1 and 2 is taught in a purpose built eco building which houses whole class sets of tuned percussion, untuned percussion, ukuleles, guitars, keyboards, and violins. There are a smaller set of saxophones, flutes, and clarinets. Music is taught on a three- week rota for at least three hours. Early Years music is taught within their own setting. There is a dedicated outdoor music space in Reception for children to explore music.

The KS1 music curriculum is based around singing, playing tuned and untuned percussion as well as playing the ukuleles. At KS2 the students play whole class tuned percussion, guitar, ukulele, violin. The keyboards are mostly used on a carousel basis.

For further information on curriculum music please look at the music curriculum page on our school website.

Part B: Extra Curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing, play and create music outside of lesson time.

- Beginner band is offered to lunch time per week and priority is given to Year 6. Students can select any instrument from the music room they wish to play, and tuition is given by the music teacher. This provision is free.
- After school singing club is offered to KS2 and there is a charge of £5 per term.
- Extra time is given allocated for class rehearsals in preparation for music assembly performances.
- A Christmas composing competition runs every December for KS2. Students receive written feedback and a certificate for their achievement. Where possible, the winning song is performed. There is no charge for entering this competition.
- 'Britannia's Got Talent' is the school talent show and KS2 students can enter. This is not restricted to musical entries and there is no charge for taking part in this event.

Students who wish to receive extra instrumental tuition are directed to Suffolk Music Services where instrumental tuition is delivered at Northgate.

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.

- Music focused assemblies are delivered at least once per term at KS1. Friday assemblies are very regularly delivered by the neighbouring church and Christian songs are sung as part of the assembly. There is no charge.
- All classes from years 1-6 perform a musical piece as part of their class exhibition each year.
- All phases produce a Christmas performance, and parents are invited. KS2 regularly perform in the neighbouring Church. There is no charge.
- UKS2 children perform to elderly residents in conjunction with the church. This usually happens twice per year. There is no charge.
- Year 6 produce an end of Year 6 show, and their parents are invited. There is no charge.
- 'Create an Opera in a Day' workshops delivered by Britten-Pears were delivered to LKS2. There was no charge to parents for this.
- Children attending singing club have performed in the 'Celebration' concert at Snape Maltings which is organised by Britten-Pears. They have also been invited by Britten-Pears to make recordings of original music for the 'Friday Afternoon's' website and perform at the Wigmore Hall for a Benjamin Britten fundraising event. There were no charges made for any of these experiences.

In the future

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

We aim to have a joint school musical event, at an external venue, in April 2025. This event will include schools within our multi-academy trust.

Further Information

Britannia is part of a multi-academy trust – The Gippeswyk Community Educational Trust. We work closely with our partner secondary school, Copleston High School, and our music curriculum is progressive from age 3 to 18.

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.

Your local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.