

Music development plan summary: 2024-2025

Braiswick Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	July 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	June 2025
Name of the school music lead	Chris Smith
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

Braiswick Primary School’s music curriculum follows the national curriculum for teaching music, and is informed by the non-statutory Model Music Curriculum, published by the DfE in March 2021.

Braiswick Primary School’s Music Curriculum is published on the schools’ website. Documents include a progression map and curriculum intent.

Across each term, children will receive the equivalent of one hour’s music teaching per week – this is via class lessons, singing assemblies and cross-curricular music activities.

Braiswick Primary School follows the Charanga Scheme of Work for the majority of music teaching, with some bespoke units planned in conjunction with specific year group’s themes in Key Stage 2.

Children in Year 3 have the opportunity to play ukuleles through whole-class ensemble teaching, delivered by Essex Schools’ Music Service.

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.

Braiswick Primary School offers one to one lessons in; piano, guitar, drums, violin, singing and oboe. Parents and carers pay for these lessons. The Pupil Premium Grant could be used to subsidise cost if applicable.

There is one choir at Braiswick Primary School which includes children from Year 3 to 6 – this choir is inclusive and open to all children. Choir is offered as an after-school club weekly throughout each term.

There is one rock band at Braiswick Primary School which includes children from Key Stage 2. Auditions to join the rock band are conducted annually. Rock Band is offered as an after-school club weekly throughout each term.

Braiswick Primary School has worked in partnership with Colchester Schools' Music Festival to participate in their annual performance, and also worked with Essex Music Education Hub to perform at their annual Christmas production.

It is planned that keyboard will be taught as whole-class instrumental lessons to each year group across the academic year from September 2024.

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.

All children sing regularly in singing assembly, lead by the schools' music lead or other specialist staff.

Each class practises and performs a class assembly one a year, which includes singing and other musical performances.

The school hosts an annual Christmas concert, which features singing from all year groups and individual performances from children who have been selected by the peripatetic tutors.

At the end of each academic year the school hosts a Performing Arts Festival, which features musical performances from each year group individually; singing performances from the whole school; individual performances from children who have been selected by the peripatetic tutors; singing from the school choir; a performance by the school rock band.

Year 6 perform a leavers' production in July each year.

The choir perform at The O2 in London each year as part of the Young Voices Choir.

The choir perform at the Essex Music Education Hub Christmas production at Colchester Charter Hall each year.

Friends of Braiswick Primary arrange for a pantomime to visit school in December each year.

In the future

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

Braiswick Primary School would like to introduce a second choir featuring members of Key Stage 1 and Early Years.

Braiswick Primary School would like to introduce musical provisions to lunch-time plan in conjunction with the OPAL scheme set-up by the school.

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.

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