

Buttsbury Primary School Music Development Plan Summary: 2026 - 2027



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026 – 2027
Date this summary was published	July 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Emily Brown – KS2 Megan Rhobat – EYFS/KS1
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Ann Robinson
Name of local music hub	Essex
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

Buttsbury Primary School follows the national curriculum for teaching music; the school also follows the non-statutory Model Music Curriculum, published by the DfE in March 2021.

The Music Curriculum for Buttsbury Primary School is published on the school's website. Documents include progression statements and mastery documents.

Music is taught for one hour overall each week – this is via class lessons, singing assemblies and shorter top-up lessons.

EYFS and KS1 follow the Charanga Scheme of Work; KS 2 has created its own bespoke Music curriculum which is delivered by a specialist Music Teacher, during PPA.

Children in Years 3, 4 and 6 have the opportunity to play African drums or samba instruments through whole-class ensemble teaching, delivered by the Essex Schools' Music Service.

Part B: Extra-Curricular Music and Music Tuition

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.

Buttsbury Primary School is a lead school for Music in Essex.

Buttsbury Primary School offers one to one lessons in; piano, guitar, cello, brass and woodwind. Parents and carers pay for these lessons; however, the Pupil Premium Grant could be used to subsidise cost if applicable.

There are two choirs at Buttsbury – a Year 3/4 choir and a Year 5/6 choir – both choirs are inclusive and open to all children.

The school is part of the Billericay Schools' Music Association – BSMA – and participates in annual music festivals. The school is also supported by the Essex Music Hub.

It is hoped to introduce recorder groups at Buttsbury Primary School in Autumn Term 2026.

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 assembly and special Singing Assemblies.

Each year group has a special assembly for parents, once a year, which includes singing.

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 all perform a play at Christmas which includes singing.

Year 6 perform a play in July.

Year 2 children take part in the BSMA infant music festival in June.

Year 3/4 choir members perform during the Harvest Festival in October, the Christmas Bazaar in November and also put on a production in March.

Year 5/6 choir members perform during the Harvest Festival in October, the Christmas Bazaar in November and perform to various audiences, such as Stock Brook Manor and local retirement homes during the Autumn Term. They perform in the BSMA music festival, at The Towngate Theatre, in March. They also performed alongside the Essex Youth Orchestra at the Brentwood Centre, in December.

Year 3, 4,5 and 6 children have the opportunity to play in a Creative Arts evening in June.

Children are invited to play for their peers, at the start of Wednesday morning assemblies.

Key Stage One children have the opportunity to choose the music for assembly.

Children from both schools visit the pantomime in December.

In the future

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

- We need to further expand provision for children with SEND.
- We would like to further introduce software, such as garageband, to enable children to create digital music
- We would like to broaden the range of extra-curricular clubs that are available.