

## **MUSIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUMMARY: BURNHAM MARKET PRIMARY**

Academic Year: 2025/2026

Music Lead: Mr Bates

Local Music Hub: Norfolk Music Hub

Partner Organisations: Music in the Burnhams, Classic Music Rocks, Purcell Music School, West Norfolk Creative Arts Society

Music holds a central and joyful role in the life of Burnham Market Primary. It is not only taught; it is shared and celebrated. Through curriculum teaching, performance, collaboration and community participation, music supports our children's confidence, emotional development, self-expression, cultural awareness and sense of belonging. Music is a key part of how our school helps children to shine, to connect, and to experience achievement in ways that are personal, joyful and lasting.

### **Part A: Curriculum Music**

Music is understood at Burnham Market Primary as a language that everyone can speak. We value music as a powerful means of expression and communication, and to help children explore identity, emotions, imagination and memory.

Every class receives at least one hour of music teaching each week, delivered by a specialist music teacher every Wednesday. We follow the Sing Up programme to support progressive learning, ensuring that children develop musical knowledge and skills over time in singing, listening, composing, performing and evaluating. Whole-class music teaching includes singing, rhythm work, instrumental exploration, collaborative music-making and structured reflection on how music is created and understood.

In addition to this core provision, we welcome each year a specialist international musician from the Purcell School, who works in school every week from November to July. This specialist brings a depth of real-world musical skill and artistic insight that enables our children to work at a high creative level. Through this programme, children have opportunities in composition, digital recording, ensemble rehearsing, live performance, film scoring, animation soundtracking and collaborative creation. Last year, children worked alongside Purcell musicians to compose original performance pieces and to score music to accompany films written and made by the children themselves. In the coming year, children will again be developing musical scores, including for a new animated film and for a live-action science fiction project created in school.

SEND children are included fully and proudly in all aspects of music learning and performance. Adaptation, encouragement and celebration of individual expression ensure that music is a place where every child is heard, valued and supported. Our school community recognises how powerful music can be for confidence, belonging and self-belief. It is one of the ways we help all children to reach their potential.

### **Collective Singing and Assemblies**

Every Thursday, Mr. Bates leads whole school singing, values and music assemblies. These sessions bring the school together, strengthen community identity and promote shared joy. They help children learn to listen to one another, to sing together, to perform with pride and to reflect on the cultural and emotional richness of music.

### **Part B: Co-Curricular Music**

Music at Burnham Market Primary extends far beyond the curriculum. Choir rehearsals take place every Wednesday and are open to all children who wish to join. We also offer ukulele groups, violin lessons on request, recorder sessions, drumming sessions and open lunchtime jamming sessions from the spring term, where children are free to explore sounds, instruments and ideas in an informal and joyful environment. These creative spaces allow children to grow in confidence, curiosity and independence.

### **Part C: Musical Experiences and Community Partnerships**

Our children perform regularly in the community, reflecting our belief that music grows in meaning when it is shared. We hold choir performances in our local church at Christmas and Easter, and our summer performance also forms part of the village flower show. These concerts are joyful celebrations of belonging and heritage, and are treasured by children, families and the wider community.

Every year, our children take part in Young Voices, performing as part of a vast choir in a national arena, experiencing the thrill of shared musical expression on a grand scale.

Our Music in the Burnhams summer residency is a highlight of the school year. During this week-long collaboration, children work alongside a professional actor, musician and singer to create a performance that blends music, theatre and movement. The generosity and commitment of Music in the Burnhams has enriched the lives of our children immeasurably, bringing experiences into our school that many children would not otherwise have access to.

Our partnership with the Purcell School, now in its fourth year, continues to grow in impact and ambition. It provides children with exceptional learning experiences,

including workshops with the Purcell Orchestra, collaborative composition projects, public performance opportunities on professional stages, and mentoring from young international musicians. The influence of this partnership is profound and continues to shape our musical identity as a school.

### **Future Development and Vision**

The ongoing development of “The Cabin,” our creative mixed-media space, represents our commitment to deepening the connection between music, art, filmmaking, storytelling and performance. The Cabin will be a place where children can combine artistic forms, experiment with media, collaborate, create and learn using high-quality equipment and expert guidance.

Music and the arts form a vital and valued part of our school identity, epitomising our motto “Local Memories, Broadening Horizons.” It was recognised by Ofsted in 2024 as a significant contributor to our Outstanding grade in Personal Development. We remain committed to sustaining and strengthening this work, ensuring that music continues to lift our children, our school and our community.