Music development plan summary
Bacton and Mendlesham Primary School

This is the music development plan for the academic year 2026-27 for Bacton and Mendlesham Primary School.

This plan sets out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular provision and wider musical experiences. It also shows our links with the Suffolk Music Service/Hub and how we work collaboratively to enhance the experiences and provision on offer to our children.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	October 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Alice Schulen
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Suffolk Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

Music contributes significantly to pupils' confidence, communication and self-expression. We ensure oracy and performance confidence are integrated in our planning, so that through singing, performance, discussion and appraisal, pupils develop their ability to communicate ideas, work collaboratively and perform confidently before an audience.

At Bacton and Mendlesham Primary school we deliver Music education in three areas.

Curriculum Music

- One hour class sessions each week – using the KAPOW music scheme
- Termly performances/services
    - Autumn term – Harvest, Remembrance, Nativity and Carols

- Spring term – Easter service, Spring whole school assembly
- Summer term – End of year show for upper key stages and whole school end of term singing concert. WCET festival in collaboration with Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub.

Co-curricular provision

- Whole school singing assemblies – 15 minutes each week
- Instrumental tuition
- Lunchtime Choir club
- Support for Parents – Linking with Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub to embrace musical and vocal opportunities in the County e.g. play on music lessons, choirs and performing arts groups

Musical experiences

- School choir – opportunity to perform by opening school festivals, fetes and services
- External groups delivering performances in school
- Visits and performances from local musicians
- Entrance and exit music of differing genres in assemblies
- End of term disco for all key stages

Part A: Curriculum music

This is what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

We follow the KAPOW music scheme for all year groups at Bacton and Mendlesham. This scheme was specifically chosen as it provides in depth CPD for staff prior to each session.

A full version of our school long term plan, which includes Music is available on the school website.

We also provide a LTP for Mulberry.

- Music is directly taught for between 45 minutes and one hour each week in all classes.
- In EYFS, music is used daily for transitions, lesson starters and within interactions between staff and the children. Regular practice of music and movement in early years builds strong foundations for speech, language and literacy. Staff encourage children to express themselves through the exploration of music during independent learning time.

- In KS1 we explore the Kapow scheme and learn to use tuned instruments e.g. glockenspiels/hand bells.
- IN KS2 children are given the opportunity to learn a tuned instrument. This offer includes the SEN KS2 class. Suffolk Music Service provide a qualified music teacher for an hour each week. All children take part in a collaborative concert with local schools in the Summer term. This includes learning an ensemble piece to perform in front of an audience.
- We work collaboratively with Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub. They provide advice, guidance and teaching staff for our tuned music lessons.

Part B: Co-curricular music

This is shows the 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.

We run a weekly lunchtime club for EYFS to Year 6. The choir was formed to explore different genres of music. Children are exposed to music from all over the world

In lower Key stage 2, children take home a tuned musical instrument each week as part of their Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub lesson.

Children are offered play on music lessons each year. If the offer is taken, children are offered a smaller group tuition with their instrument. This is a service provided by the Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub and a small fee is payable by parents.

Support for parents looking for wider experiences for their children – help to buy instruments, joining choirs or bands. We work with the Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub to explore wider opportunities.

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.

Across the school year at Bacton and Mendlesham, we offer lots of Musical Experiences.

- Autumn term
    - Weekly singing assemblies
    - Makaton friendly songs – support for SEN
    - Entrance music for assemblies – exposing children to wider musical genres and styles

- Harvest Festival – performing to a large audience
- Remembrance – visiting the Village church and performing readings and songs
- Nativity – working in a large group utilising a stage. Learning dance routines, singing, wearing costumes and performing to a wider audience
- Upper key stage 2 – Audience for dress rehearsal, open forum to give feedback, tips and celebrate younger children's successes
- Carol service – a chance to sing some traditional hymns, fun celebration songs and use of tuned musical instruments
- School disco

- Spring term
  - Weekly singing assemblies
  - Makaton friendly songs – support for SEN
  - Entrance music for assemblies – exposing children to wider musical genres and styles
  - Easter service – learning traditional hymns and celebration songs
  - School disco

- Summer term
  - Weekly singing assemblies
  - Makaton friendly songs – support for SEN
  - Entrance music for assemblies – exposing children to wider musical genres and styles
  - End of year show for upper key stages – EYFS and lower key stages chance to be the audience for dress rehearsal, open forum to give feedback, tips and celebrate older children's successes
  - WCET festival in collaboration with Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub
  - Whole school end of term singing concert – time to celebrate the school year, have fun learning new songs and sharing some school traditional classics
  - School disco

We also aim to offer….

- 1 x a year Theatre trip – fully funded for Eligible PPG children
- Visits from a local musicians
- Visits from Suffolk Philharmonic Orchestra
- Musical workshops connected with RE curriculum – celebrating Holi, Lunar new year
- Exposure to different instruments via visiting workshops – boom whackers, African drumming, steel pans

Future Development Priorities

At Bacton and Mendlesham Primary, we are always looking to develop and improve the Musical experiences on offer to our children.

- Continue to develop inclusive music opportunities for all pupils, including pupils with SEND and those within The Mulberry Provision.
- Strengthen links with Suffolk Music Service and local music organisations.
- Increase opportunities for pupils to perform to wider audiences.
- Develop children's understanding of music from a wider range of cultures, traditions and genres.
- Further develop opportunities for composition, improvisation and music technology.
- Continue to ensure that all pupils experience a broad, ambitious and inspiring music curriculum.