



St. John's C of E Primary School
Little Baddow Road, Danbury, Essex CM3 4NS



Music lessons – September 2026 sign up

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to be able to offer a wide range of individual and group music lessons at St John's. Many of our lessons are offered in partnership with Essex Music Service. Music lessons will take place during the school day by specialist music tutors.

We also offer guitar and ukelele lessons with David Ainsworth – a separate letter will be sent out shortly about these.

- 15 and 30 minute 1-to-1 lessons are currently available in the following instruments: **piano, singing, flute, descant recorder, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, electric guitar, bass guitar and drum kit.**
- The instruments above are mostly suitable from Year 3 upwards, though some younger children have singing or piano lessons.
- We also offer **Band-it lessons** from Year 3. Band-it gives children the opportunity to learn band instruments in a 30-minute group lesson (keyboard, electric guitar, bass guitar, drums, band vocals). *Please note that Band-it lessons are designed to give your child the opportunity to try out several instruments and experience playing music in a band. If they wish to learn a specific instrument, they may prefer to choose individual lessons.*
- If your child is keen to play an instrument not listed above, please let me know and we'll see what we can do.
- We recognise that music lessons are expensive. Essex Music Services do offer tuition discounts, which may make lessons more feasible (see below).

How do I apply for lessons?

- To add your child to the waiting list, please register by **29th June 2026**.
- When a lesson slot becomes available, Essex Music Service will send an invoice to you.
- Payment is required before lessons can begin.
- **Please register on this link:**
<https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1438#/courselist/25>
- Existing students **do not need** to re-register.

How much do lessons cost?

- There will be **30** lessons throughout the academic year ie **10** lessons a term.
- **10 x 15-minute lessons per term = £103.50 per term**
- **10 x 30-minute lessons per term = £207.00 per term**
- **10 x 30-minute Band lessons per term (Groups of 4+) = £70.00 per term**

Can I get financial help in paying for lessons?

- Families with a household income under £24,000 can apply for a 50% discount.
- Looked after Children, Adopted Children and those who have had contact with Social Care can receive 10 x free 15 minute lessons per term.
- Please register for [Financial assistance here.](#)

Does my child need an instrument?

- Yes, your child will need to take an instrument to individual lessons unless they are having piano or drum lessons.
- If you do not own an instrument, Essex Music Service provide low-cost hire for all Essex children.
- Please register for [Instrument Hire here.](#)
- We also have 2 clarinets and 1 flute in school, which are available to borrow on a first come first served basis.

Useful information

- Please view Essex Music Service's [Terms and Conditions for Parents](#)
- You may wish to read through our new [Parent's Guide to Music Lessons](#)
- You can sign up to the Service's [free newsletter 'In Tune'](#) which includes details of music making for pupils during the school term and in school holidays

Do feel free to contact me if you have any questions. We look forward to developing your child's love of music!

Yours sincerely

Catherine Beales