

We are very proud to have been designated an **Artsmark Platinum** school in recognition of our focus on high quality arts provision for all children at John Bunyan Primary School and Nursery.



The panel has made the following comment to us about our work:

“John Bunyan Primary and Nursery School is to be highly commended for your commitment to providing a wide range of high quality cultural and artistic opportunities for pupils. You have successfully developed a wide range of partnerships with a range of professional organisations including the Essex Music Hub, the Essex Dance Network, the Royal Opera House Bridge, the Braintree Museum, Saffron Hall, the Mercury Theatre. These partnerships have provided pupils and teachers with opportunities for CPD and raised expectation levels. You successfully demonstrate the positive effects your curriculum has on pupil attainment levels and have provided opportunities for pupils to perform at both a local and regional level. You have also started to influence and support other schools in the area, leading CPD sessions and actively participating in your Local Cultural Partnership boards and inputting to the Durham Commission conversations. The SLT regularly assess ongoing strategies and ensure arts and cultural activities are kept in high profile across the school and wider educational landscape. For future development you may wish to consider developing case studies which can be shared wider. Continuing to explore opportunities to support other schools will help to ensure you continue to be an opinion former and increase the impact of arts and cultural activities across the region and beyond.”

“Arts Council England celebrates your ongoing commitment to arts and cultural education at a governing body level, and the opportunities stretching your whole setting. Your children and young people are offered equal opportunity to influence, lead, experience and evaluate a broad range of high-quality arts and cultural activities across a wide range of media, and you contribute to development opportunities in these areas for your staff and others that make a difference in these areas. You have strong partnerships with arts and cultural organisations and other settings, and can evidence the long-lasting positive impact of this collaboration. Your children and young people have an opportunity to continually develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of arts and culture, and you are working to become an opinion former and further progress the leadership role you have established.”