



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Baines' Endowed Church of England Primary Academy

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Thank you for your recent submission, and congratulations on completing your Artsmark journey.

You've achieved an Artsmark Gold Award!

We are delighted to inform you that your setting has been awarded an Artsmark Gold Award. Congratulations!

Your Statement of Commitment and Statement of Impact have been assessed and we're pleased to share this feedback from our assessors with you:

'It is positive to read about the wide range of artistic and cultural experiences you have provided at Baines' Endowed Church of England Primary Academy. Pupils have been able to perform and use their artistic talents in an inclusive production, Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies, where pupils sang, acted and danced, whilst other pupils created props and scenery. As well as a weekly orchestra performed in your annual Baines Music Night. Pupils also had the opportunity to showcase their talents in various competitions and events, including 'Choir of the Year' and performing at one of your teacher's weddings! 38 pupils now have instrumental lessons with all Y4 learning to play either a saxophone or clarinet. Y6 created the ship from The Tempest and you used the RSC active approach to fully immerse the pupils in the play. Year 3 created a class version of The Kiss for Romeo and Juliet, which was displayed in school. Although some areas identified in your Statement of Commitment were unable to be implemented due to the COVID pandemic, teachers and pupils continued to find ways to engage with arts activities. The choir rehearsed virtually and made a video during lockdown of them singing together from their homes, the performance was then shared across the school. Year 3 visited a care home at Christmas and sang carols from the lawn, whilst the school met virtually for Songs of Praise every week to sing together. Pupils entered the annual Young

Seasiders competition from home and an online gallery was set up for families. These activities all helped to raise the profile of arts across the wider school community whilst supporting pupils' health and wellbeing. The introduction of a new Art Scheme has had positive outcomes with teachers reporting that pupils are more confident during art lessons and the level of work being produced across school is a higher level than it has been previously. Teachers have worked with the music teacher to place an emphasis on exposing children to music, particularly alongside literacy during early years and evidence from your phonics screening test results indicate a 15% increase in results. You may wish to consider building a case study on these results to share with other schools in the area. You have worked hard to embed the Arts across the school and curriculum and this work is starting to have a positive impact on the pupil's attitude towards the Arts. You have identified appropriate areas for development in your Statement of Impact and you may also wish to consider revisiting some of the previous targets that you were unable to implement due to COVID. You may also want to consider introducing Arts Awards as another way of formally recognising pupils' achievements. Your local Music Hub may also be able to provide further CPD opportunities for teachers and support you to embed the recommendations in the refreshed National Plan for Music Education.'

Congratulations on your Artsmark Gold Award!

Your award is valid for two years and will expire on **16/05/2025**

Celebrate your success!

- Your Bridge organisation, Curious Minds, has been informed of your award, and your Artsmark certificate will be on its way to you soon.
- We are delighted to enclose your Artsmark Gold Award logo, both for print and screen use. You can use this logo publicly until your award expires. Accompanying this is a guidance document for how to use the logo. Please refer to this when updating your website or letterhead.
- Visit the [Celebrate your Artsmark Success](#) page on our website to download our celebration toolkit, including press release templates, celebration cards for social media and advice on how to organise a celebration event.
- Keep us updated with your celebrations by tagging us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#). We would love to see how you are showcasing the fantastic creative opportunities you offer.

Looking ahead

We've developed a guidance booklet, *Your Artsmark Award*, to help you reflect on your achievements and support you to plan your next Artsmark journey. It also includes a resource to kick-start your reflection and planning process. [Download it now](#).

When you've taken time to celebrate your success, we recommend you [re-register](#) sooner rather than later. Artsmark is a cyclical journey and to keep momentum going, setting new goals now will further enhance the opportunities for your children and young people.

Once again, congratulations on your Artsmark **Gold Award**.

With warm wishes,

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