

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Music Development plan summary: 2024 - 2025

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Christine Webster
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Tracey North
Name of local music hub	Essex
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.

Part A: Curriculum music

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School follows the national curriculum for teaching music; we also follow the non-statutory Model Music Curriculum, published by the DfE in March 2021.

The Music Curriculum for St Joseph's is published on the Christ the King Federation website. Documents include progression statements and mastery documents for music

Music is taught for one hour overall each week – this is via weekly individual 30 minute class lessons taught by a specialist music teacher and weekly singing/percussion assemblies led by the music subject leader.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School follows the Charanga Scheme of Work with specific adaption to incorporate our progressive programme of class instrumental and compositional teaching and learning. St Joseph's has created its own bespoke Music curriculum which is delivered by a specialist Music Teacher.

All children from Year Two up learn to play a tuned musical instrument during their weekly music lessons, progressing from descant recorder in Years Two and Three, through to fife in Year Four and then flute in Years Five and Six. Children also have planned opportunities to compose and perform their own pieces, applying knowledge acquired during weekly music theory work. Termly music assemblies, to which parents and carers are invited, showcase our curricular music and include both instrumental and vocal work from a range of musical genres.

Part B: Extra-Curricular Music and Music Tuition

This is about 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.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School offers one to one lessons in guitar and ukulele. Parents and carers pay for these lessons; however, the Pupil Premium Grant has been used to subsidise cost when applicable.

St Joseph's KS2 choir is our largest extra-curricular club; this choir is inclusive and open to all children from Years Four to Six.

Pupils from Reception to Year Six are also involved in Rocksteady weekly band lessons, selecting to focus on vocal, drum, keyboard or electric guitar tuition. This is led by a specialist teacher. Termly concerts for parents and peers showcase pieces worked on by each band.

St Joseph's participate in both the Chelmsford Infant and Junior Music Festivals each year, and are also supported by the Essex Music Hub.

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.

All children sing regularly in assembly and also during our weekly school music assemblies which include vocal and percussion work.

Each year group host their own annual assembly for parents and families – every class features vocal and instrumental work, and also link songs and percussion work to their cross curricular topics.

Liturgical music and our parish services provide valuable and regular opportunities for KS2 pupils to sing in parts and to build their confidence and skills within both small

groups or as solo singers.

Both EYFS and KS1 prepare and perform their own annual Nativity Plays involving a range of songs and untuned percussion accompaniment. Key Stage Two pupils participate in school Christmas and Holy Week services featuring liturgical music, and also link with the local community in singing at the SWF Christian Council service each December.

Pupils from both key stages regularly visit two local retirement homes to sing to (and with) elderly residents.

Year Six prepare and perform an end of year play to families and the school each July.

Year Two children take part in the Chelmsford District Infant Music Festival at Christchurch each year; Year Five represent the school at the annual Chelmsford Junior Music Festival experiencing, first hand, performing on a theatre stage!

Our KS2 school choir take part in the annual Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena in London and also sing during school, local community and parish events.

St Joseph's children have planned experience of wider music genres through visiting pantomime and workshop events. Our specialist music teachers lead assemblies where they also showcase their own guitar, saxophone, ukulele and bugle skills.

Pupils who learn piano, keyboard, drums or guitar out of school also have planned opportunities to perform for their peers and are always keen to do so!

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

- Further build links with our neighbouring senior school to support Upper Key Stage Two pupils in accessing the software/facilities to create digital music
- Widen opportunities for all of our pupils to experience live performance of music each year