

Music development plan summary: St Joseph's Catholic Voluntary Academy



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	Autumn 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	Autumn 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Clair Dedman
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Create Music Ltd

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

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

Music is taught in class every week and is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021). Lessons for each class are at least 45 minutes and are year group specific. Lessons are taught by a music specialist. Teaching is supported by specialist planning and the music lead oversees the planning and assessment processes. St Joseph's music curriculum is bespoke to St Joseph's and has been developed over the last 4 years.

In addition to the 45-minute weekly music lessons pupils also participate in thematic music lessons at least twice a year.

Musical learning is further supplemented by a weekly hymn practice which lasts for 30 mins.

Each class has the opportunity each year to learn a range of instruments as whole class ensemble. St Joseph's owns all the instruments that the pupils learn, creating optimal opportunities and progression within the curriculum.

Children in all years, have termly opportunities to perform to parents, with additional public performances around the Catholic calendar of events e.g. Harvest Festival, Christmas, Easter. KS2 children take part in external choir opportunities at least twice a year. Termly performances aim to not only provide children with performances experience but to also inform families as to the musical progression followed within our curriculum.

Children across the school benefit from live musical performances, at least once a year, but ad hoc additional experiences are always sought.

We have an external company providing drumming lessons from years Reception – Year 6. These take place once a week and take the form of small, grouped sessions. There is a good up take of this throughout the school.

All musical activities and opportunities at St Joseph's are open to any ability child. Adaptations to the curriculum or event structure take place as and when this is required. All music lessons take account of all differences in ability and progress is achieved from every child.

To read in more detail about the provision of music at St Joseph's school, please visit our music curriculum page [Music](#)

Part B: Co-curricular music

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.

At St Joseph's Primary School, we currently offer small group lessons on the drums through DCP Drums Limited. Teachers visit the school and teach children in our dedicated music hub. Lessons are funded by parents or the use of PP or curriculum budget.

We have a thriving KS2 choir, and this choir takes part in local singing events, at least twice a year. There is good attendance from children, when attending out of school events.

We work closely with the Leicestershire Music hub.

We celebrate children who have achieved any musical qualification outside of school, once a week in a celebration assembly, where parents are invited to attend.

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.

Children will have the opportunity to perform and experience high quality music this academic year. Below are the opportunities for this year:

- Children demonstrate their Music learning during celebration class assemblies
- The KS2 choir take part in the Menphys Christmas Catholic massed choir at De Monfort Hall, tickets sold to the public
- The whole school performing at the Christmas Carol Service at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
- All classes perform in class liturgies or masses throughout the year where parents are invited
- Nativities performed by Early Years (FS1 and FS2) and KS1, families invited
- Ks2 children perform musically during Easter and End of year productions
- The whole school will enjoy the Panto, presented by an outside performance company.
- The school enjoy music workshops by annually – African Drumming Workshop 26. 06. 24
- Music and Movement sessions for EYFS Year 1 and Year 2 18.04.24
- Ukulele and Guitar Lessons Performance 05.07.24
- Each year we celebrate world music day

In the future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for whole class ensemble, especially focusing on non-western style of music
- Introduction of further collaboration with the Leicestershire music hub
- Further development of extra-curricular music for PP and SEND children
- Investigate Forest school and outdoor learning in music.