

Music development plan summary: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Jeanne Raymond
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Singing in Schools (Shrewsbury Diocese)

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.

Link to Music Curriculum on Website

<https://www.stjosephs.cheshire.sch.uk/page/music/48554>

EYFS Daily singing/ music opportunities, 20 music session

KS1 1 hour music lesson per week

KS2 30 minutes singing lessons

30 minutes music less per week

Our music curriculum is a 2 year rolling programme, based around the SingUp scheme of work for music. This planning is informed by the [model music curriculum](#), The National Curriculum for Music and The National Plan for Music Education.

In addition, children in KS2 all benefit from weekly singing lessons allowing them to progress and perform regularly as an ensemble. These lessons are provided by National Schools Singing Programme (The Diocese of Shrewbury), who provide professional tuition.

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.

Piano tuition is available for children to access as well as lessons in base, guitar, keyboard, singing and drums. Piano lessons can be accessed during the school day on a 1:1 basis. All other lessons are accessed as part of an ensemble group. In addition, we offer an after school piano club where pupils can be taught in a group lesson. All instruments required for lessons are provided.

We offer 6 bursary places to support families unable to access lessons.

Our school choir meets each week and is open to all children from Year 3 upwards, free of charge.

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.

Singing practise happens each week and each Gospel assembly begins with a hymn. Children in KS2 have the opportunity to perform songs learnt during Singing Lessons, for parents, each half term.

During the Harvest Festival and Christmas Carol Concert, children perform hymns.

EYFS/ KS1 perform in a musical nativity containing a range of songs every other year ensuring all children take part. Year 6 children also perform a musical end of year production.

Children who take part in 'School of Rock' lessons perform in half termly concerts for other children and parents.

The choir perform at a Music Festival with our link High School, St Nicholas Catholic High School and at the Young Voices event.

Tickets for any events are provided at a minimal cost of £1 per ticket to ensure that they are affordable.

All children have enjoyed musical theatre performances within school.

In the future

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

Moving forwards, we hope to identify further opportunities for music lessons for families and increase uptake of the current options.

As increasing numbers of pupils take up music lessons, we hope to explore creating a school band/ group providing performance opportunities.

We also hope to increase opportunities to watch musical performances such as orchestras, musical groups.

Further information (optional)