

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

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Claire Ramsay
Name of local music hub	Havering Music School

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.

St. Joseph's music curriculum overview can be found on the school's website.

We mainly use the Sing Up scheme, which is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (2021) of work alongside the performance part of the curriculum. The curriculum is tailored to meet the needs of the students in each class, with differentiation in lessons, levels of support and equipment available to use.

EYFS timetable a discrete music lesson of 20 minutes per week with additional opportunities available for children to experience music through continuous provision. Key Stage 1 allocate 40 minutes per music lesson and Key Stage 2 60 minutes. These timings become more flexible when children are preparing for performing music.

The performance part of the music curriculum is made up of the celebrations the children are involved in during their years at St. Joseph's, with the songs chosen showing greater complexity as the children get older.

Reception – Christmas

Years 1 & 2 – Christmas

Years 3 & 4 – Easter

Years 5 & 6 – Christmas

Although musical theory is taught throughout the school and children learn to use a variety of tuned and untuned percussion instruments, children in Years 3 & 4 cover musical units learning to play glockenspiels.

Music within St. Joseph's is supported by Havering Music School. We are involved with their HSIS network and peripatetic teachers who work in the school on a regular basis.

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.

Pupils at St. Joseph's have the opportunity to have instrumental lessons provided by Havering Music School. We have visiting peripatetic teachers who teach flute, violin, brass and keyboard. Tuition fees are paid to Havering Music School.

Children at St. Joseph's have the opportunity to join the Year 3 & 4 choir, run by Mrs. Calver and the Year 5 & 6 choir, run by Miss Ramsay. The Year 3 & 4 choir rehearse one lunch time per week for 30 minutes and the Year 5 & 6 choir rehearse for 75 minutes after school most Mondays during the Autumn term. This is then replaced by the Year 5 choir for the Spring and Summer terms. There is no charge for choir sessions.

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.

Music is an important part of school life at St. Joseph's. Apart from lessons and the performances all children are involved in annually, we also have regular Masses, assemblies and celebrations where music is actively listened to, songs are sung and music is performed.

Dress rehearsals are held so all children have the opportunity to watch and enjoy their peers' performances.

Children of a suitable standard are invited to play the piano in the hall as children come in for assemblies.

Children from Key Stage 2 are invited to perform at our summer concert for parents. Children above grade 1 are invited to perform instruments they are learning and children audition to sing individually or as a member of a group.

Year 4 attend the Christmas Tree Celebration at Upminster Methodist Church and perform and join in with Christmas songs.

The Year 3 & 4 choir perform at the CDOT Christmas concert and the school summer concert.

The Year 5 & 6 choir perform at the Young Voices concert at the O2

The Year 5 choir perform at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch, as part of the Havering Music Festival. They perform joint songs with other schools as well as an individual school song.

Children from all year groups learn about Beat Boxing during a visit from members of the Beatbox Collective.

In the future

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

The academic year 2024 – 2025 will be used to assess how well the Sing Up Music Scheme works for St. Joseph's and to make any adjustments needed.

We were lucky to have a visit from Conductive Music, looking at STEAM and are looking to repeat the experience again this year.

The children are going to be invited to start practising instruments during lunch times in the hall. We will start with the piano and assess how we will proceed.

I would like to repeat the experience children had this academic year of watching a live stream of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

We will continue with the performances we are currently involved in.

Further information (optional)

Our local music hub is the Havering Music School.

<https://www.haveringmusicschool.org.uk/>

Our school is supported by them through peripatetic music lessons, concerts and teacher training.

We also encourage pupils to be involved in their summer school.