

# Music development plan summary: St Joseph's

## Overview

| Detail   | Information           |
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| Academic year that this summary covers   | 2024/25               |
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| Name of the school music lead  | H Marshall            |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | J Leech - Headteacher |
| Name of local music hub  | NEL Music Hub         |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)            | OLOL Music Service    |

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.

At St Joseph's, we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups. We use the OLOL music scheme for our lessons which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. When using the scheme and its progressive week-by-week lessons, we are guaranteeing to be meeting all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum and progress is evident through observations, class books and our progression documents. Discussions with children have demonstrated an increasing knowledge of key music vocabulary being recalled. Observations have shown all pupils engaged and active during the lessons, including SEND.

Children have a 1 hour music lesson, once per week.

We have a range of instruments that can be used in the lessons and our curriculum. We use music in other academic areas and in our daily Celebrations of the Word. We have whole school signing assemblies each Monday morning.

## 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, we are fortunate to have opportunities for the children to develop their music skills. We have singing assemblies take place with a wide range of songs being learnt and performed. The children take part with confidence and enthusiasm.

All our Year 3/4 take part in whole class toots which gives them an opportunity to develop their woodwind understanding. We also have class sets of ukuleles which are used in UPKS2.

We have two choirs which meet weekly and learn and perform different songs throughout the academic year.

Currently, we have no music tuition in place, though we are looking to offer this provision from September 2025.

Throughout the year our children enjoy taking part in a Christmas production, music performances and singing within class assemblies which are performed to parents and peers. We also run a Hollywood Musical Theatre club for children in Y4 and above, which culminates in performances to the school and school community in July each year.

## 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.

At St Joseph's, parents and carers are fully supportive of music making and we have a good turn-out at productions.

Our weekly signing assemblies allow all children to be involved in singing and in KS2 children perform in a Carol Concert each year.

Our Singing Teacher leads two school choirs, who meet weekly and perform during the school year.

Our Hollywood cast visited the theatre to watch a musical theatre production and rehearse and perform each summer.

## In the future

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

- Our biggest focus for Music in the future is to re-introduce peripatetic music lessons. Giving more children the opportunity to start their music journeys and give them opportunities to excel in the field of Music. This will be done through the NEL Music Hub or through the OLOL music service.