

# Music development plan summary: St Joseph's RC Primary School 2025-2026

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Anna Mellon
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Southwark Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Stretto Music

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

The main scheme that is used to teach the National Curriculum objectives for music at St Joseph's Primary School, is provided and delivered by Stretto Music . The scheme is constantly being adapted (where appropriate) to ensure it meets the needs of the children that attend St Joseph's, whilst ensuring all of the statutory objectives are taught.

At St Joseph's, all of the children access the music curriculum which is delivered by a music specialist whilst being accompanied by the class teacher. During the music lessons, the children have the opportunity to learn to sing, play an instrument and create music together (As stated in 'The power of music to change lives'). They learn to sing a range of different genres of songs from different periods of time by different artists, ensuring that they are exposed to different high-quality music. During the singing lessons, they are taught to warm up, correctly breathe, ensure they have the correct posture and look after their vocal health. They are taught about dynamics, phrasing, context of the music, pitch, tone, rhythm, pulse and beat, whilst also

any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

practising skills in composition and performance. Children with specific interests and talents are provided with further opportunities through our school choir. The children also have access to and learn to play a variety of instruments in their music lessons- ukuleles, recorders and the chime bar. Opportunities to play instruments and for the children to develop their musical talents and interests are provided through the chance to attend an after school club and become part of the developing school band.

All music lessons are delivered by an exceptionally high-quality music specialist and all classes receive a high quality music lesson every Thursday or Friday. The music lead works alongside other music leaders from Stretto music education and alongside the music hub to network, receive CPD opportunities and provide further opportunities for the children.

All classes are provided with music lessons every week- KS1 receive 30 minutes and KS2 receive 45 minutes. Those children with SEN are provided with an additional music lesson for 30 minutes.

## **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 the children are able to extend their love of music and singing by joining the school choir. This is a free club to ensure equal access for all. Within the choir, they extend their knowledge, skills and talents in both listening and singing. The children will be developing their skills to be able to perform for an audience at the end of the sessions.

Children are able to attend ukulele group lessons after school with the music specialist. This is open to all of the children in Key Stage 1.

On a weekly basis, the music teacher delivers a weekly singing assembly for 40 minutes. During this time, children learn new hymns and songs for festivals, performances and for Mass. All children attend this assembly and are fully engaged. This is free for all children from Year 1 to Year 6 and it runs from 2.30pm- 3.15pm every Thursday.

## 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.

There are a variety of music experiences for the children at St Joseph's on a yearly basis. Children perform in a variety of performances (including the Nativity, Christmas concert, Easter production and Upper KS2 end of year production), at class assemblies and at Mass (at both church and school). Children also have the opportunity to sing as a class, as a choir and as a school at festivals that are celebrated such as the harvest festival. There is a musical performance every year where the band and ukulele groups are able to exclusively perform. Externally, the children sing for charity events including, senior citizens Christmas tea.

Finally, the children all have the opportunity to experience musical theatre. The school provides children with the opportunity to attend a musical theatre club at the end of the day which is run by Pollyanna training theatre.

## In the future

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

- We would like to provide further opportunities for the band and choir to perform to parents/carers and at local community events.
- Provided the children with an opportunity to learn different musical instruments during their time at St Josephs.