



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Music
Development Plan 2024 - 2025**

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Susan Smith
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs Kate Moody
Name of local music hub	Tees Valley Music Service (TVMS)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

Our curriculum is informed by the DfE's Model Music Curriculum (March 2021). All children receive at least 1 hour of Music teaching a week which is complemented by regular opportunities to sing as a school community during collective worship and assemblies. Our music curriculum is supported by specialist provision that is provided by Tees Valley Music Service (TVMS).

All pupils are given the opportunity to learn key skills in performance, composition, listening and appreciation of music and this is organised to ensure a clear progression of skills across the seven years that the children are in primary school.

With the support of TVMS, we have been able to provide both vocal and instrumental sessions for all year groups:

- Vocal lessons explore a range of singing techniques including breath control; range and register; diction and harmonies.
- Instrumental sessions develop a greater understanding of pitch, dynamics, tempo, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations. Class sets of instruments including glockenspiels, keyboards, taiko drums and bells are used across the school. This ensures that all pupils have the opportunity to play a range of untuned and tuned instruments as their skill-level increases. As well as opportunities for performance, instrumental sessions include a focus on composition to support every child's development as a creative and critical thinker.
- Pupils in Year 3 receive weekly recorder lessons that are delivered by a specialist music teacher.

We recognise the positive impact that music can have on our earliest learners (including nursery age pupils) and those with special educational needs and ensure that dedicated time with our specialist teachers from TVMS is provided to support their musical development. Our curriculum is inclusive for all children: targeted support and adaptations are provided for those children who need them.

Part B: Extra-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.

In addition to the opportunities provided in class music lessons, we provide the opportunity for pupils in Year 3 - 6 to join our school choir. This is an integral part of our school life and is free for all to join. Our choir regularly performs at school events where it is joined by members of our sign-language club.

Our after school clubs include a singing club and performing arts club. The clubs are supported by members of the teaching staff and run for an hour after school. There is a £1 charge per session.

Through our links with TVMS, children are offered the opportunity to learn to play other instruments in addition to our curriculum offer, these include violin and brass. Beginner tuition carries a charge in the region of £19 a month that is paid for by parents. The school also hosts the weekly community choir - which all are welcome to attend - Bass Club and String orchestra on a Tuesday evening.

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.

The musical experiences that we offer our pupils are varied. We gather as a school community on three occasions across the week: collective worship, key stage assembly and celebration assembly. Each one gives the children an opportunity to sing assigned songs for that term. As a Catholic school, we regularly share worship opportunities with our wider school community, including parents and parishioners, where these songs are shared.

The school places a significant emphasis on performance opportunities and these are planned in for all year groups:

Autumn Term

EYFS - Christmas Nativity for parents

KS1 - Carols around the Crib AND Christmas Nativity for parents

LKS2 - Carols around the Crib, Christmas Concert for parents and the community AND Snappy Christmas for parents and the community

UKS2 - Carols around the Crib, Christmas Concert (Evening) for parents and the community AND Singing in Care Homes for the community

Spring Term

KS1 - Snappy Spring for parents and the community

Summer Term

Years 5-6 - End of year musical theatre performance

KS1 - Music Concert for parents

LKS2 - Music Concert for parents AND Snappy Summer for parents and the community

The school also takes the opportunity to celebrate other annual events through music, examples include Nursery Rhyme Week (18th - 24th November), World Book Day (6th March) and Make Music Day (21st June). Where other opportunities arise, the music lead (Mrs Smith) will ensure that the appropriate year group is signposted to this.

In addition, members of the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust (NPCAT) gather on a termly basis for a range of different performance opportunities that include a Christmas concert and Patron Saint celebration. Pupils from Years 4-6 are also invited to participate in Trinity Catholic College's annual musical productions which have included 'The Wizard of Oz' and 'Oliver Twist'.

In the Future

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

- Provide the pupils with more opportunities to experience live performances. (This will include opportunities for classes to visit other performance spaces and for musicians to visit us.)
- Develop the opportunity for pupils to receive one-to-one musical tuition either during the school day or as part of our extra-curricular offer.

Further information

For further information about Tees Valley Music Service, see their website:

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

For further information on how young people can get involved in music and where they can go for support beyond the school, see the DfE's guide for parents:

[DfE Music Education: A guide for Parents](#)