

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	Mrs Grainne Tylee
Name of local music hub	Bexley Music Education Hub

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.

Music is an important part of our school curriculum here at St Joseph's.

We believe in the value of a broad and balanced curriculum that develops all our children's God given gifts.

In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all children are introduced to a wide range of percussion instruments in order to embed the central concepts of beat, tempo, dynamics, pitch, pulse, tempo and timbre.

Progressing from this broad foundation all children then specialise in the skills needed to master the following instruments:

- Year 3 Samba Drums
- Year 4 Recorders
- Year 5 Keyboards
- Year 6 Ukuleles.

Additional lessons are informed by the model music curriculum.

Each week a significant proportion of the school timetable is set aside for music in all its forms:

- 45 minutes music lesson
- 30 minutes singing practice.

Our Music curriculum is bespoke to our school and has been created by one of our teachers with a music specialism.

The school has a well equipped Music Room holding a range of music instruments and is a place for rehearsals and individual practice.

Further information about our school's Music curriculum offer can be found on our school website:

- www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Music/

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, singing is a part of what makes our school special:

- All children sing weekly as part of the infant or junior singing lessons
- Some children are part of the school's choir that practises one lunchtime each week
- Many children sing as part of the school's choir at special events and celebrations such as School Mass
- Bexley Music Weekend Orchestra Sessions

At St Joseph's, children have additional opportunities beyond the school's taught Music curriculum to develop their individual musical skills through one-to-one, small group and large group tuition in a wide range of instruments:

- Piano
- Guitar
- Woodwind
- Brass
- Drums
- String

At St Joseph's, children also have opportunities to progress further by involvement in:

- Orchestra

Access for children in particular circumstances are taken into account by the school:

- Pupil Premium children have their instrumental lessons and instrument hire paid for by the school to ensure they benefit from the same opportunities
- Trips to music events are subsidised by the school
- Choir and Orchestra clubs are free to all children

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 there are frequent opportunities across the school year to perform in assemblies, liturgies, concerts, shows and performances:

- Weekly school assembly
- Reception, Year 1 & 2 Nativity Plays
- Year 3 & 4 Easter Services and Plays
- Year 5 & 6 Summer Production
- School Summer Fair
- Parish Bazaar

Bexley Music College put on annual performances to motivate and inspire the children to want to become musicians and learn a musical instrument.

Children who are members of the Choir, Orchestra or play musical instruments have the opportunity to perform with other children at venues outside of school eg Bexley Music Festival at the Fairfield Halls.

Children who are members of the Choir have the opportunity to perform and compete with choirs from other Catholic Primary Schools at the annual Bexley Choral Festival.

In the future

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

To be confirmed.

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go for support beyond the school.

Local Music Hub

- Bexley Music Education Hub
- info@bexley-music.co.uk
- www.bexley-music.co.uk