

Music development plan summary: St Joseph's Catholic, Otley

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Yvonne Georghiou
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Leeds Music Education Partnership (LMEP)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Artforms 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

- St Joseph's is a Music Champion School.
- St Joseph's music long term plan and progression of skills document is used to ensure coverage and progression across year groups.
- Music is taught over six half terms of the year for EYFS and KS2.
- KS1, will be covering the NC over 4 half terms following a progression document.
- Music is taught weekly.
- KS2 is taught by our music specialist Graham Rickson (ArtForms specialist).
- EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are taught by the class teacher following the Model Music Curriculum through Charanga.
- See the long-term plan for the variety of instruments which children play throughout the year.
- The following classes receive the following timetable duration, weekly:
- EYFS a structured minimum 30 minutes. Year 3: 45 mins, Year 4: 45 mins (whole class instrument), Year 5: 45 minutes and Year 6: 45 minutes.
- The following classes receive the following timetable duration, in HT1-3 and HT5.
- Year 1: 40 mins, Year 2: 40 mins.
- The learning objective is shared with the children, so they know the purpose of each lesson.

- Vocabulary is explicitly taught in lessons and revisited and displayed in class.
- Children are taught within mixed ability classes by their teacher.
- Children work independently, in pairs or as a group or whole class during lessons.
- SEND children are supported with easier instrumental parts, mixed ability pairings and TA support if needed.
- Children working at GD are challenged with harder instrumental parts and playing individual instruments taught outside the music lesson (when appropriate).

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.

- Singing Liturgical Choir (Y2-Y6) weekly 20mins on a lunchtime with a pianist. These children then lead in collective worship (weekly) and mass.
- Whole school 'Songs of Praise' singing practice - 30 mins per week (free)
- Music For Schools: Peripatetic teacher works with individuals and small groups of children weekly for string, brass and woodwind lessons (charged and pupil premium children are subsidised).
- Young Voices Choir for Key Stage Two meet after school on a Wednesday, Autumn Term & Spring 1 (free)
- A group of 7, Year 5 pupils have additional 30mins recorder lessons with Mr Rickson through the Artforms Music Model Program to extend progression of the instrument (free).
- Liturgical choir rehearse every Friday lunchtime for 20 minutes (free).
- Rocksteady band weekly (Y1-6) rehearsal and performance (from Autumn 2025- paid by parents). We have 20 children enrolled (including PP and SEND children).
- Year 3 have had 6 weeks of 30 minutes Ukulele with Front Row Music (free). Children will then perform in front of their parents.

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.

- Pupils regularly sing hymns in Celebration of the Word and Celebration Assemblies throughout the week- assembly and in class.
- All classes perform in three music assemblies throughout the year at the end of Autumn 2, Spring 2 and Summer 2.
- Year 3 to attend the Discovering Leider Project – 13th November at Yeadon Town Hall.

- Reception and Key Stage One take part in Christmas performances each year. They rehearse and then perform in front of the rest of the school and parents.
- Key Stage Two take part in the Christmas Carol Concert at church each year. All parents are invited to watch. (free)
- Year 6 participates in a Summer Production performed in front of the rest of the school and parents. (charge for parents)
- Years 3 and 4 participate in an Easter Production performed in front of the rest of the school and parents.
- EYFS attend a pantomime in the local area in the Autumn term. (charge for pupils and subsidised for PP)
- Y6 to attend a show at Prince Henry's High School (free).
- Key Stage Two classes sing at the local residential home- December.
- Singing club perform at the school Christmas Fayre.
- Otley Light Switch On- Singing carols in the Town Square, Otley- November. This event involves 20 pupils, where they are invited to attend.
- Otley Victorian Fayre- Singing carols in the Town Square, Otley- November- whole school were invited to attend.
- Christmas Tree Festival - Whole school (2 classes at a time) perform at the festival on stage at the local town to see.
- Young Voices Choir attend Young Voices Concert at Sheffield Arena- February 2026 (free for pupils to participate-subsidised by school, ticket charge for parents)
- Otley Spring Concert – April (free, transport subsidised).
- Local orchestra 'The Jellies' to perform at the school for the whole school to watch- Autumn term and Summer (free).
- St Jo's has Talent for children to perform in the summer tem (July – free).
- Link with secondary schools- invitation to watch a performance and take part in workshops. (February)
- Junior Band day for a KS2 class at Prince Henry's.
- Local high school invited in for Summer 2(after exams) to perform.

In the future

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

Curriculum Music

- Music lead to attend local Music Hub termly meetings where possible on zooms.
- Music lead to attend the Music conference (May 2027) to support role.
- Musician of the week. Posters to display in class and hall so that children can see who they are listening to and learn to appreciate different genres and instruments.

- EYFS to have CPD when a class is not able to have Mr Rickson due to other commitments.
- EYFS teacher to attend the Artforms Music training.
- Music leader to deliver a staff meeting on musical skills to provide CPD to other staff so that they are not de-skilled.
- LTP to be created to have a range of genres and diverse musicians to be exposed to.
- Children to be exposed to a variety of composers and musicians. Posters to display who they are listening to.

Co-curriculum music

Musical Experiences

- Secondary school's ensemble dates throughout the year- to attend musical concerts at the school.
- Artforms workshop (Spring Term / Summer 1) to enrich our children with cultural music to appreciate.
- Ensemble/ Band for Spring 2 Y3-5.