

Music development plan summary: St Josephs Junior School Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	West Sussex Music Services
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	West Sussex individual

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 taught in every class each term and is informed by the schools personalised curriculum coverage supported with resources from Kapow Music. This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing assemblies in each key stage, lasting 20 minutes, a nativity in Children in years 3 - 6 learn an instrument as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialists from West Sussex Music services as part of the term to learn programme and this ranges from woodwind, strings to percussion. Each project lasts 10 weeks and culminates in a concert where children perform songs and pieces together

Planning, policy and progression documents are reviewed and updated yearly.

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 Josephs we currently offer individual and small group lessons on Piano, Guitar, Drums through West Sussex Music Services

Individual and small group lessons are funded by parents, however for those children who are pupil premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium provision.

We have a KS2 choir, attend Young Voice Biannually at the 02

We work closely with West Sussex Music Services to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children. If you have an enquiry regarding instrumental lessons on offer please call the school office or enquire on <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/hub-directory/>

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.

Throughout the year, children have a number of opportunities to join in large-scale performances both in and outside of school.

Children sing regularly as a whole school in the weekly values assembly and in special/religious event celebrations such as Christingle Easter and Harvest..

At the end of the year the children perform a musical play from Year 5 year 6 .

There are a number of events including a Choir Concert where children sing as part of their school choirs and en-masse with the Chichester schools at the Festival Theatre. As part of DCAT Trust each school takes part in an Enrichment musicals activity where children work with West End Actos to learn a song and dance from a musical to perform on stage to an audience.

Additionally, to this, across the academic year children are introduced to current and past musicians including the greats, women, musicians from around the world, song writers, TV/film and West End musicals.

Each week during our Worship and reading sessions the pupils listen to a range of music to develop children's love of music. They have the opportunity to learn new songs both as a whole school and in parts.

As part of our offer to children prior to leaving the school 2 Key Stage 2 classes are given opportunity to experience seeing a live orchestra so that their experience/learning about individual instruments culminates in a whole orchestral experience.

In the future

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

Looking ahead to this next year, we aim to offer a range of musical/performing arts after-school clubs including exploring different genres of music from across the world.

Develop an annual International day (in June) for the pupils to learn about a country (Italy, America, India, China, Japan, Russia, Australia, and Mexico). They can listen to and discuss the music as well as having the opportunity to learn songs and play pieces linked to that country