

School Music Development Plan

2026–2027

Vision & Priorities

At St Joseph's, we value Music as a way for every child to develop creativity, confidence and enjoyment. Through lessons, singing, instruments, choir and performances, pupils learn to express themselves and work together. Our priorities are to ensure every child can participate, strengthen musical skills across year groups and celebrate pupils' progress.



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In the classroom

Music is taught by class teachers for one hour each week using the [Charanga music scheme](#). Children develop their musical skills through singing, listening, composing and playing instruments, including glockenspiels. In EYFS, music is woven into daily learning through nursery rhymes, songs, movement and exploring sounds. KS2 pupils also receive weekly singing lessons through the [Diocese of Leeds Schools Singing Programme](#).

Beyond the classroom

KS2 pupils receive weekly singing lessons with Diocesan Music. [Diocese of Leeds Music | Schools Singing Programme Yorkshire](#). Our Upper Key Stage 2 choir rehearses weekly and has several opportunities to perform throughout the year at local events, assemblies and competitions.

Rocksteady offers paid band tuition in a range of guitars, singing, drums and keyboard. Instruments are provided, although children may bring their own. Free places are occasionally available for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium. Half-termly opportunities allow children to join their friends for trial sessions, with additional sessions offered as raffle prizes and treats. [Home - Rocksteady Music School](#)

For musical opportunities we do not offer, families are signposted to:

[Calderdale Music - The home of music in Calderdale](#)

"All the children love and are engaged during music lessons"- Teacher Assistant

*"Music makes me feel different emotions and is my favourite lesson"-
Year 5*

I.D.E.A. (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access)

We aim for every child to enjoy and participate in music. Teachers support pupils with SEND through clear modelling, visual prompts, repetition and adapted activities or instruments where needed. Children explore music from different cultures, traditions and styles. Classroom music is available to all pupils, and free Rocksteady places are occasionally available for children eligible for Pupil Premium. Trial sessions also give children opportunities to experience playing in a band.

"We love the music warm ups and using the instruments to make a band"- Teacher

"We love using the glockenspiels with the songs"- Year 1/2

In the future...

We plan to strengthen progression in singing and instrumental skills, increase opportunities for composing and improvising, and develop the use of digital music technology in KS2. We will also build on performance opportunities, support staff confidence and improve how we assess and record pupils' musical progress.

Musical Experiences

Children perform in class and choir assemblies, Nativity performances, Easter celebrations and Year 6 end-of-year musicals. Our choir also takes part in competitions, care home visits and charity events. Pupils experience being an audience by watching one another perform in lessons and assemblies. Theatre trips and opportunities to hear live orchestral music further enrich their musical experiences.



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