

SJS Autumn 1 Music Genre Calendar B

I am the Primary Music Lead at SJS and have put together a free Music Genre Calendar, which is used daily in and across our school, to help our children explore and enjoy music. The calendar has been designed to:

- Introduce a variety of music genres.
- Encourage discussions and comparisons about how music has changed over time.
- Identify different instruments and other musical elements taught within the music curriculum.
- Show how music can spark different emotions and memories.
- Show how music and artists influence each other.

This resource is aimed at junior school children (Years 3–6, ages 7–11). I have adapted the calendar for our school but was originally created by Mike Watson © – The Bearded Educator's Weekly Music Calendar. He makes a new calendar each year which you can find here:

- <https://watseducation.weebly.com/free-teaching-resources.html>
- https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxmPhVXGwaCwI_c21SFz7_SfdDY16zTrc (Last year's playlist)
- <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/music-genres-calendar-2025-26-13301188> (This year's but has a cost!)

.All songs and videos have been checked in advance, but we strongly recommend that teachers and parents watch and review content before sharing it with children, to make sure it's suitable for your own class or setting. In this case, use a lyric video or a live version as an alternative if unsure.

I have created our own playlist on YouTube for you to access this term's songs, in order, as they appear in the calendar:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9X9yYwmOOaO9FvH8wFOx9LEm-rFhniyn>

I hope you enjoy listening to and talking about Music with your children!

Mrs Swannell.

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Week	Dates	Genre Focus	Artists
Week 1	3 rd -5 th September 2025	Fantasy Movie Scores	John Williams, Howard Shore, John Powell
Week 2	8 th -12 th September 2025	Rock	The Beatles, Queen, Guns 'n' Roses, Oasis, Kaiser Chiefs
Week 3	15 th -19 th September 2025	A Cappella	Pentatonix, Voctave, Out of the Blue, Ndlovu Youth Choir, The Buzztones
Week 4	22 nd -26 th September 2025	Disco	Earth, Wind and Fire, ABBA, The Jacksons, Bee Gees, Gloria Gaynor
Week 5	29 th September – 3 rd October 2025	Jazz	Glenn Miller, Dave Brubeck, Benny Goodman, Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington, Nina Simone
Week 6	6 th -10 th October 2025	Gospel	Cece Winans, Mahalia Jackson, Reverend James Cleveland, The Edwin Hawkins Sisters, Cast of Sister Act 2
Week 7	13 th -17 th October 2025	Motown	The Supremes, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Four Tops, The Marvelettes

Week 1 – 3rd–5th September 2025 – Fantasy Movie Scores

Day	Artist	Song	Year	Link
Monday 1 st	INSET DAY			Songs chosen from Classic FM's top 100 Movie Music Hall of Fame as voted for by listeners – Link at the bottom of the page.
Tuesday 2 nd	INSET DAY			
Wednesday 3 rd	John Williams	Hedwig's theme from Harry Potter	2001	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOzG8GR9gWk (‘Back to Hogwarts Day’ – Sept 1 st) #12 Movie Music Hall of Fame
Thursday 4 th	Howard Shore	The Lord of the Rings Medley	2001	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j46z7rBYt_s #1 Movie Music Hall of Fame
Friday 5 th	John Powell	Test Drive from How to Train Your Dragon	2010	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTSXiF_cxG8 #19 Movie Music Hall of Fame

https://win.classicfm.com/movie-music-2025/?_gl=1*ewqle5*_ga*MjEwMDMwNTE1OC4xNzU2NTUyNTQ2*_ga_T3HQWH546F*_czE3NTY1NTI1NDUkbzEkZzAkDE3NTY1NTI1NDckajU4JGwwJGgw

Week 2 - 8th-12th September 2025 – Rock

Day	Artist	Song	Year	Link
Monday 8 th	The Beatles	Twist and Shout	1963	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-VAXGJdJeQ
Tuesday 9 th	Queen	We Are The Champions	1977	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FP808MiJUcM (Performance is the 1985 Live Aid Concert)
Wednesday 10 th	Guns 'n' Roses	Sweet Child O' Mine	1987	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qo9lJn7zkFM
Thursday 11 th	Oasis	Roll With It	1995	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGG5YF6mCXE Fun fact – for this performance, the brothers have swapped roles (singing/guitar) so it looks a bit off!
Friday 12 th	Kaiser Chiefs	Ruby	2007	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOc53Qz48Fo

Week 3 - 15th-19th September – A Cappella

Day	Artist	Song	Year	Link
Monday 15 th	Pentatonix	Evolution of Music	2013	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IExW80sXsHs Note: I Kissed A Girl is one of the songs they sing.
Tuesday 16 th	Voctave	Stampede (From The Lion King West End Musical)	2016	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L05fulXdz0M
Wednesday 17 th	Out of the Blue	Haven't Met You Yet (Cover of Michael Bubl� 2009)	2015	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRigy7MxZpg They were semi-finalists on Britain's Got Talent in 2011.
Thursday 18 th	Ndlovu Youth Choir	Africa (Cover of Toto 1982)	2019	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpLdMeHhrYQ They were America's Got Talent Finalists in 2019.
Friday 19 th	The Buzztones	Stand By Me (Cover of Ben E King 1962)	2019	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQ3VtEDdM5k

Week 4 – 22nd -26th September 2025 – Disco

Day	Artist	Song	Year	Link
Monday 22 nd	Earth, Wind and Fire	September	1978	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G5069dndIYk
Tuesday 23 rd	ABBA	Waterloo	1974	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sj_9CiNkkn4
Wednesday 24 th	The Jacksons	Blame It On The Boogie	1979	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqxVMLVe62U
Thursday 25 th	Bee Gees	Stayin' Alive	1977	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_izvAbhExY
Friday 26 th	Gloria Gaynor	I Will Survive	1978	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6dYWe1c3OyU

Week 5 – 29th September – 3rd October 2025 – Jazz

Day	Artist	Song	Year	Link
Monday 29 th	Glenn Miller	In the Mood	1940	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aME0qvhZ37o
Tuesday 30 th	Dave Brubeck	Take Five	1959	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tT9Eh8wNMkw
Wednesday 1 st October	Benny Goodman	Sing, Sing, Sing	1936	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2S1I_ien6A
Thursday 2 nd	Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington	It don't mean a thing	1965	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myRc-3oF1d0 Written by Duke Ellington and Irving Mills in 1931.
Friday 3 rd	Nina Simone	To Love Somebody	1968	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LymNICNvaH8 Cover: The Bee Gees wrote this in 1967.

Week 6 - 6th-10th October 2025 – Gospel

Day	Artist	Song	Year	Link
Monday 6 th	Cece Winans	That's My King	2024	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AB-3Av8RYo8
Tuesday 7 th	Mahalia Jackson	Down By The Riverside	1956	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eiwb67-TMdO History – A song sung by slaves in the south before the American Civil war but was first recorded as a single in 1920.
Wednesday 8 th	Reverend James Cleveland	God Has Smiled on Me and Oh Happy Day	1980	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qz4tPwg0AiA Video Quality is very poor
Thursday 9 th	The Edwin Hawkins Sisters	Oh Happy Day	1969	http://youtube.com/watch?v=PevFV3qAvQw Sister Act version: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VE2yYbRx6XA
Friday 10 th	Cast of Sister Act 2	Joyful Joyful and the reunion	1993 and 2024	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKvmT42yPns

Week 7 – 13th-17th October - Motown

Day	Artist	Song	Year	Link
Monday 13 th	The Supremes	You Can't Hurry Love	1966	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Itu438i30hk
Tuesday 14 th	The Temptations	My Girl	1964	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Itu438i30hk
Wednesday 15 th	Marvin Gaye	How Sweet It Is To Be Loved By You	1964	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=je-gNICGdbs
Thursday 16 th	Four Tops	I Can't Help Myself	1965	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kK_yWYdoY0
Friday 17 th	The Marvelettes	Please Mr Postman	1961	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jZyAnp6O8Y Later covered by The Beatles but changed the genre to Pop Rock: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jzy4R8EbWJ4