

EYFS music resource links

Musical tracing maps help children follow music visually, boosting listening, coordination, and rhythm in a fun way.

Musical tracing maps – You Tube has lots of examples like the one below

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_7ldDqyzE4

First Thing Music is a UK programme offering video resources to help primary schools teach music daily using the Kodály approach. You can use songs, games, and simple activities to build musical skills step by step.

First Thing Music - <https://firstthingmusic.co.uk/video-resources/>

NYCOS early years videos help children learn music through songs, movement, and play.

NYCOS Early Years Song Library

<https://www.nycos.co.uk/learn/video-resources/pre-fives/> - Pre fives

<https://www.nycos.co.uk/learn/video-resources/ages-5-8/> - 5 – 7 years

Take Art's early years music videos introduce provocation ideas and musical behaviours, supporting creative exploration through playful sessions.

<https://takeart.org/early-years/early-years-video-library> - provocation ideas and music behaviours through play and observation

Jimmy Rotherham is a music educator who provides lesson plans and resources tailored for children aged 4–7. When you download the planning, his videos become accessible.

Jimmy Rotheram Lesson plans and resources KS1 – ages 4-7 – developed and edited by The Benedetti Foundation https://issuu.com/benedettfoundation/docs/final_age_4-7_teaching_primary_music

Magic Acorns is a UK-based arts group for young children and families. They create sensory music, theatre, and play experiences. SALT Music is their project combining speech therapy with music. It helps children build confidence in communication.

Explore their work on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@ECFSNorfolk/search?query=magic%20acorns>

Magic Acorns – SALT Music

<https://www.magicacorns.co.uk/what-we-do/>

You Tube library - https://www.youtube.com/@magic_acorns

Note Weavers supports music-making for young children through training, projects, and community partnerships. Their Music in Early Childhood site shares resources, events, and ideas for early years music practitioners.

Note Weavers - <https://www.noteweavers.org/>

Musical Storyland videos - <https://www.noteweavers.org/musical-storyland/>

Playsongs offers action songs, rhymes, and lullabies for babies and toddlers. Their website is full of audio files to support playful, musical bonding and early development.

<https://www.playsongs.co.uk/> - website full of early years songs and rhymes

Musical Development Matters – [Musical Development Matters in the Early Years | Youth Music Network](#)

An online version of the 'Musical Development Matters' guidance document. Featuring videos and resources to support musical learning.

Youth Music is a UK charity that funds and supports accessible music projects for all young people. Their website offers funding, resources, research, and training for music practitioners.

Youth Music – 4 strands evidenced against Musical Development Matters

<https://www.youthmusic.org.uk/resources/hearing-and-listening> - Hearing and Listening

<https://www.youthmusic.org.uk/resources/vocalising-and-singing> - Vocalising and Singing

<https://www.youthmusic.org.uk/resources/moving-and-dancing> - Moving and Dancing

<https://www.youthmusic.org.uk/resources/exploring-and-playing> - Exploring and Playing

BBC Bring the Noise is a fun educational site with videos and activities to help children learn about music and instruments. It includes various activities including songs, playing and support for children with additional needs.

BBC bring the noise – [Bring the Noise music resources](#)

BBC School Radio's EYFS Reception website provides free audio resources like songs and stories for young children. It supports learning in communication, literacy, and personal development for teachers and parents. It includes video and audio resources for Reception with a focus on stories, music, movement and songs.

BBC School radio – [Reception / EYFS \(Early Years Foundation Stage\) – BBC Teach](#)

The Scottish Book Trust's Bookbug Song and Rhyme Library offers 260+ free songs and rhymes for children aged 0–5 to support early language and bonding. It includes songs and rhymes to suit all times of days and routines. Listen to the playlist or watch individual recordings of the songs and repeat them with your little ones

Scottish Book Trust- [Bookbug Song and Rhyme Library – Scottish Book Trust](#)

The BBC Nursery Rhymes & Songs website offers animated sing-alongs of classic and modern rhymes to support early learning. It's a fun, interactive resource for young children and their caregivers.

BBC Nursery rhymes and songs – [Nursery Rhymes and Songs – BBC Teach](#) Animated nursery rhymes sung by CBeebies presenters

The Northeast Museums "Let's Play" site offers songs, lesson plans, and resources to support music-making in early years. It helps educators bring creative, age-appropriate music into their teaching.

Northeast museums – [Let's Play: Training and resources for early years practitioners | Tyne & Wear Schools](#)

Hull Music Hub's Early Years section provides guidance, resources, and practical support to help educators introduce music to young children. It offers profiles of local music practitioners, tips on engaging activities, and links to workshops and training tailored for early years settings.

<https://www.hullmusichub.com/early-years/> Puppet videos – use of puppets!

The YouTube channel Active Music (@ActiveMusic1) features a variety of music videos, some of which are designed to support Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) learning through engaging and interactive songs. It provides useful musical resources that can be used by early years practitioners to enhance children's development and enjoyment of music.

Active Music - <https://www.youtube.com/@ActiveMusic1>

Creative Futures UK offers free online music videos tailored for Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) educators and families. These resources include interactive songs, storytelling, and craft activities designed to support early childhood development through music.

<https://www.creativefuturesuk.com/early-years-music>

How a game of peekaboo can change the world...

TED Talk - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aISXCwOPi94> – Molly Wright, How Every Child Can Thrive by Five

Examples of children's spontaneous musical play through enabling environments & 60 homemade musical instruments! - Child's Play Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjqM3DI6yO4&t=70s> –

Early Childhood and Family Service - Activity ideas (including music) and information for families with babies, toddlers and preschool children under 5 years old.

<https://www.youtube.com/@ECFSNorfolk>