

Music development plan summary: *Ripponden Junior and Infant School*

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
Date this summary was published	
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Tina Hamilton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Lorraine Bamforth
Name of local music hub	Calderdale Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

We use the Charanga Creative Curriculum scheme of work and this is taught for one hour a week. Calderdale Music teach year 4 but all other years are taught by their class teacher or HLTA.

Instrument Focus year 1 – 3 :Glockenspiel

Instrument Focus year 4 : Ukulele

Instrument Focus year 5 & 6: Glockenspiel

To broaden our music offer we also take part in Feelgood Friday with the Rocksteady team and have a timetabled programme of music in assembly.

Children can pursue music qualifications with both Rocksteady and Calderdale Music.

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.

We have 5 school bands which are delivered by Rocksteady which parents pay for. There are up to 45 places to learn how to play electric guitar, base guitar, drums, keyboard and singing.

Calderdale Music offers lessons in various instruments which parents pay for. We currently have children learning to play guitar and piano.

We have a KS2 school choir which is free to attend and inclusive of all abilities.

We have a KS2 music club teaching recorder and glockenspiel which is free to attend and inclusive of all abilities.

We have dedicated practice spaces in school and storage for our instruments.

Our PTFA are currently in the process of investing heavily in new glockenspiels, ukuleles and Samba instruments.

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.

Our Rocksteady band perform half-termly for family members and annually for the school.

Our choir performs at Ripponden Christmas Market, Young Voices in Manchester and our Annual Musical Soiree.

Our music club performs at our Annual Musical Soiree.

EYFS and KS1 perform in the Christmas Nativity.

KS2 perform in our Christmas Carol Service at St Bartholomew's church.

UKS2 perform in the annual leaver's production and assembly.

Children learning instruments with Calderdale Music perform in our annual Musical Soiree.

We have a weekly dedicated singing assembly every week.

In the future

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

Our main focus for the future is to investigate partnerships with local high schools for our pupils to experience live performances. We also wish to extend our opportunities for hearing high quality live performances e.g. Calderdale Music Carollers. Finally we are looking to explore family assemblies for each class.

Further information (optional)

The following links will provide more information about how your child can get involved in music.

<https://www.calderdalemusic.co.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people>

<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>