

School Music Development Plan

2026–2027

Vision & Priorities

Luddenden CE School is committed to providing an environment which embraces individuality, creativity, self-expression. Our music curriculum aims to ensure all pupils develop a love and appreciation of music through their experiences of listening, playing and singing. Children will have the confidence to freely express themselves through the medium of music. Our core values in music are love, friendship, compassion and openness.



in partnership with



In the classroom

The aims of the National Curriculum are fulfilled using Charanga. It uses a repetition-based, practical and exploratory approach to musical learning. Music lessons are taught weekly, delivered by teachers in the classroom. A range of percussion and pitched instruments are used to support learning.

I really like music because we get to sing lots of songs together (Year 3)

Beyond the classroom

There is a weekly singing assembly focussing on hymns and popular music. Children sing along to the 'Out of the Ark' scheme and with a guitar. A range of musical workshops and performances are booked with Calderdale Music Service, and our choir participates in the 'Voices Together' event. Each year there is a nativity KS1 and an end of year performance for Year 6.

I love music lessons – they're fun and make me happy (Year 2)

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

We make music inclusive by adapting curricula, instruments, and teaching methods so every pupil—regardless of background, physical ability, or neurodivergence—can participate fully. Lessons feature diverse composers, global traditions, and non-traditional notation methods to ensure no student feels excluded by rigid classical rules.

I enjoy performing pantomime scenes and singing the songs. We enjoy creating music and listening to feedback from others. Using laptops to compose music is exciting because we can experiment with sounds (Year 6)

Musical Experiences

Every year, school trips are planned to watch performances at the Victoria Theatre, Halifax. Depending on availability, these include pantomimes, orchestral ensembles and a big sing (Voices Together).

When we use laptops to create our own beats – it feels creative and fun (Year 5)

In the future...

We would like to explore the opportunities for instrumental tuition and a weekly choir club.

