

Dean Field Community Primary School

Music Development Plan 2026–2027

Vision & Priorities

Music brings our school community together. It gives every child the opportunity to be creative, develop confidence and express themselves, while experiencing a wide range of music, cultures and traditions. Through singing, playing, performing and listening, we aim to make music enjoyable, inclusive and accessible to all.



in partnership with



In the classroom

Early Years

Music in Early Years follows the Early Learning Goals, with children developing skills through singing, rhymes, movement and performance.

Reception to Year 6

Kapow Condensed Music Curriculum is used from Reception to Year 6, providing a progressive, spiral curriculum. Years 1–6 receive fortnightly music lessons alongside specialist instrumental teaching from Calderdale Music Trust across KS1 and KS2. Musical learning is recorded through videos and shared with parents via Seesaw.

“Mr Drinkwater (Calderdale Music) has given so many pupils the opportunity to experience playing a real instrument and has helped build their confidence as musicians.” – Class teacher

Beyond the classroom

At Dean Field School, pupils can develop their musical interests through our after-school choir, performing at events including Young Voices, Voices Together and local community events.

Information from Calderdale Music is shared with families to support access to instrumental tuition and further musical opportunities.

<https://www.calderdalemusic.co.uk/about-us/news/newsletter/>

“The Kapow curriculum gives teachers a clear structure and progression, while providing engaging and accessible lessons that are easy to deliver” – Class teacher

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

We ensure all pupils can access music through differentiated teaching, adapted resources and appropriate SEND support. Adjustments include ear defenders, visual prompts, simplified parts and sensory breaks, with an adapted curriculum in our SEND Hub. Pupil premium pupils are supported to access musical opportunities, while a diverse curriculum and our Musician of the Month programme promote inclusion and representation.

"Dean Field's Got Talent is my favourite because you get to show everyone what you can do." – Year 6 pupil

"I liked it when Mrs Spindler performed opera to us all because I had never heard someone sing like that before!" – Year 4 pupil

In the future...

- Increase live music opportunities through Calderdale Music.
- Strengthen musical links and events across the Family of Learning Trust.
- Reintroduce regular whole-school singing assemblies.
- Introduce Stealth Singing to develop a strong singing culture.
- Continue Lights Camera Score project in Year 5.
- Ensure every pupil in Years 1–6 has one half-term of instrumental teaching.

Musical Experiences

Alongside timetabled lessons, pupils enjoy a range of wider musical opportunities. Monthly Musician of the Month assemblies introduce diverse composers and musicians, while music is also used across the school day and in assemblies and performances.

KS2 pupils can join choir and perform at events including Young Voices, Voices Together and Trust concerts. Year 5 pupils work with Lights Camera Score to compose and perform original music. Pupils also experience live and professional performances, including visiting musicians, and can showcase their talents through our annual Dean Field's Got Talent.

Useful Websites

<https://youngvoices.co.uk/>

<https://threestonesmedia.co.uk/blog/portfolio-item/lights-camera-score/>

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

<https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/>

<https://www.calderdalemusic.co.uk/about-us/news/newsletter/>