



Music at Rockcliffe

At Rockcliffe, we believe that music is a vital part of every child's education and that every child is musical. Our curriculum inspires pupils to develop a lifelong love of music while growing in confidence as performers, composers, improvisers and listeners.

In Nursery and Reception, we follow the Charanga Creative Curriculum, aligned with the EYFS Framework and Development Matters guidance. Through singing, movement, play and musical exploration, children develop early listening, communication and musicianship skills in a creative and engaging environment.

From Years 1–4, we follow the Charanga Model Music Curriculum, which is aligned with the Model Music Curriculum and the National Curriculum. This provides a carefully sequenced, progressive approach to music learning. Through a spiral curriculum, children revisit and deepen their understanding of key musical concepts, including pulse, rhythm and pitch, enabling secure and sustained musical development.

Singing lies at the heart of our music curriculum. From the Early Years, children explore music through singing, movement and play, developing their early musicianship skills. As they progress through Key Stage 1 and into Key Stage 2, pupils build on these foundations by listening and responding to a wide range of music, playing instruments, improvising and composing their own pieces.

Our curriculum is designed to be inclusive, engaging and culturally rich. Children experience music from a wide variety of styles, traditions and historical contexts, helping them to understand music's role in the world and in their own lives. Through Charanga's 'Listen and Respond' approach, pupils develop critical listening skills and learn to express their own musical opinions.

In Key Stage 2, all pupils learn the ukulele as a class, allowing them to develop instrumental skills, musical understanding and confidence over time. Opportunities to perform are embedded within lessons and across the school, enabling children to share and celebrate their musical achievements.

Performance is a key part of musical life at Rockcliffe. Through our partnership with the North Tyneside Music Hub, pupils engage with the wider musical community and take part in regular performance opportunities. Our Glee Club choir meets weekly and performs at local events and all Year 4 pupils take part in a special Leavers' Performance. We also offer specialist 1:1 tuition in guitar and piano for those wishing to develop their skills further.

By the time they leave Rockcliffe, pupils are confident, reflective and enthusiastic musicians. They have developed a strong foundation of musical knowledge and skills, an appreciation of diverse musical traditions and the confidence to express themselves creatively through music.