

RA *Be* INSPIRED

Sport | Music & Drama | Reading

Giving children access to first-class facilities at RAB and inspiring the athletes, performers and achievers of the future

FUNDING GAP

RAB receives the lowest band of government funding in Essex. This puts huge financial pressure on the school's budgets.

With the priority rightly on key curriculum learning, little is left for anything extra. To invest in the future excellence of our school, we need to raise funds independently.

With 650 students sharing school facilities, the existing ageing infrastructure does not do justice to the ambitions of our School Leadership Team, Governing Body and PTA.

We want an enhanced, inspiring learning environment in which every child can be given even greater opportunities to stretch their potential.

FUNDRASING FOCUS

RAB PTA are launching **RA Be Inspired**, an ambitious fundraising plan to support investment in three key areas:

▶ SPORT

New astro pitch

▶ MUSIC & DRAMA

Arts centre for lessons and workshops

▶ READING

New library facility

PHASE 1

SPORT – NEW ASTRO PITCH

The current astro pitch was installed over 12 years ago and is now in urgent need of resurfacing using modern materials that can withstand the impact of daily use across all year groups.

In addition, the shift to a wetter climate has compounded problems with poor site drainage which means that the astro is often flooded in a downpour, limiting its usability and damaging its surface.

The astro pitch is used throughout the school day for PE lessons, clubs and active play at break times.

Resurfacing the pitch will enrich the current provision, whilst enabling the school to offer it for hire to holiday club providers and, during the summer months, to local sports groups. This will not only benefit our wider local community but will help to secure additional income for RAB.

The cost of replacing the pitch surface is around £30,000. Anything extra we raise will go towards the expensive drainage project costs, for which the school is trying to find external grants to fund.

Estimate £30k+

PHASE 2

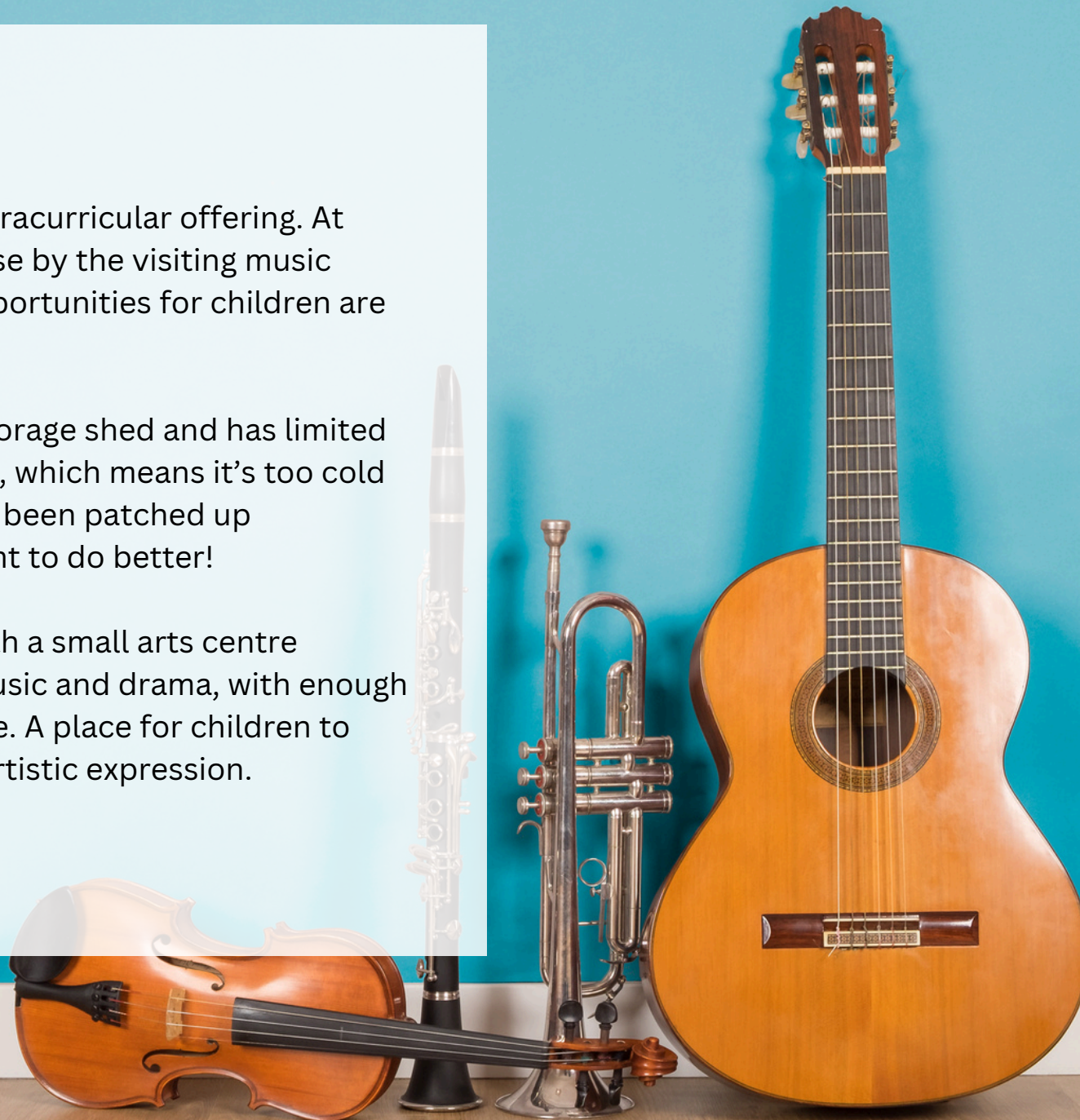
MUSIC & DRAMA

Music is an important part of RAB's extracurricular offering. At present, we have one small room for use by the visiting music teachers to offer their lessons, and opportunities for children are subsequently limited.

The music room used to be part of a storage shed and has limited natural light and inadequate insulation, which means it's too cold in winter and too hot in summer. It has been patched up repeatedly over the years – but we want to do better!

We'd love to replace the whole unit with a small arts centre suitable for lessons and workshops, music and drama, with enough space for the RAB orchestra to practise. A place for children to explore skills practice, creativity and artistic expression.

Estimate £100k+





PHASE 3

READING – NEW LIBRARY

The current Y6 block is scheduled for redevelopment from Summer 2026. The school has already secured funding for a functional replacement of existing facilities, including a new library.

What we want is to install a library that goes beyond a room with bookshelves to become an inspiring space to read, absorb imaginary new worlds and reflect on the collective knowledge that surrounds us.

Whether it's working with architects to develop a more ambitious design, improving the furniture and creating reading nooks, or ensuring that students have access to an expansive range of reading materials, whatever we can raise will be a worthwhile investment.

Estimate £50k+

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The goal is to make our wonderful school an even more inspirational place to learn for our children, now and into the future. We will only succeed in creating these stand-out facilities with the support of our school community. There are a number of ways you could help:

SUPPORT OUR PTA FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Contribute when you can, helping each time.

MAKE A ONE OFF DONATION

Consider whether you could make an extra special contribution to help us achieve our goal.

SPREAD THE WORD

Reach out to family and friends alongside our wider community of ex-RAB pupils and ask them to consider supporting the future of RAB.

RAB PTA FUNDRAISING AT JUSTGIVING.COM

Visit [justgiving.com/campaign/rabeinspired](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/rabeinspired) – every penny donated is given directly to us to make a real difference. Plus UK taxpayers can help us raise an extra 25% with Gift Aid.

High value donors will be acknowledged with thanks in a **commemorative plaque** ensuring a lifetime legacy of their investment at RAB.

SEE IF YOUR WORKPLACE CAN HELP

Do you work for a business, or own a company, that may be open to supporting this project? For example, via a **donation**, **sponsorship** or **match-funding**.

Can you start the conversation by introducing us to the right person – or are *you* the right person?

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ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or think you can help, please email

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THIS IS JUST THE START!

We look forward to sharing more with you as our plans develop. Keep an eye out for updates and more information via email and our website: rab.academy/RABeInspired

With thanks for your support

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