



ST MATTHIAS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sports Funding

What is the Sports Premium?

The Department for Education (DfE) spent over £450 million on improving physical education (PE) and sport in primary schools over the last 4 academic years. The Premium must be used to fund additional and sustainable improvements to the provision of PE and sport for the benefit of primary aged pupils within and beyond the school day to encourage the development of healthy, active lifestyles.

Our school allocation for 2025/2026

Our school has been awarded £17,358 for the academic year 2025/2026 and we used the funding as outlined below:

Strategic overview of PPSG (Primary PE Sports funding) spending:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To further improve PE provision at St Matthias ● To broaden the sporting opportunities available to our pupils ● To include as many pupils as possible into competitive sport through entering a wide range of competitions at all age ranges ● To develop a love of sport and physical activity ● To identify that sport can support positive mental health ● Increase amount of time for physical activities that ensure children ‘get out of breath’ 			
Initiative	Funding allocated	Success Criteria	Impact
Swimming lessons for Y4 & y6 children for a full year	£2,000	Opportunity to gain confidence, increase fitness levels and give lifelong swimming and learning skills.	All pupils passed the initial course of being able to swim 5m with an aid, showed some stroke development and water safety knowledge. Some pupils progressed to swimming 5m unaided and >5 pupils were able to swim 25m unaided. The majority were able to make a safe exit out of the pool using emergency safety techniques. impact since moving to an intensive swim school model.
Funding the hiring of qualified sports coaches to teach sport in	£7539	This will ensure the children have access to high quality teaching in their after school clubs to	At time of writing, 15 children are in sports related clubs.

After School Clubs		ensure high standards for provision.	Funding was used to staff a EY indoor games club too.
Sports coaches to work over lunchtime to engage children in physical activity	£1500	Will offer a range of sporting activities for all of the children to encourage healthy choices and engage children in physical activity	Broader range of physical activity during break times Reduced behaviour issues on playground Basket ball matches, tennis, badminton and cricket now taking place on playground
High quality sports equipment to further support the PE provision & active lifestyles - playground	£500	Children will have the appropriate equipment to ensure that they can participate fully in PE activities.	Investment in high quality sports equipment
Raise staff awareness of how to support children's mental health –	£500	Link to physical activity and mindfulness	Senior Mental Health Lead trained, who has developed wellbeing profile across school.
Promote an active lifestyle	£1500	Plan and administer sessions and workshops in eating and healthy living for families in order to have a better understanding of an active and healthy lifestyle	Embed Chefs in schools for healthier more sustainable meal options Working towards bronze & then silver accreditation for healthy schools
PE specialists to organise and run a highly specialised sports day for the whole school	£500	Sports day to be a mini-sporting competition with all children participating and medals/ stickers for winners and runners-up	Sports Day booked for July joint with St Mary's supported by Badu.
Participation in a variety of local sporting initiatives	£500	To engage and motivate children to want to join teams and participate in a healthier lifestyle	A group of children attend a weekly athletics programme outside the borough.
Opal Play	£3200	To ensure implementation of play, structures for play, risk assessments and staff training	Children taking risks developing social skills Playing creatively Spending more time outdoors

For more information about the Sports fund please visit the DfE website. [DfE Sports Fund](#)

Meeting national curriculum requirements for swimming and water safety	Please complete all of the below:
<p>What percentage of your current Year 6 cohort swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres?</p> <p>N.B. Even though your children may swim in another year please report on their attainment on leaving primary school.</p>	35%
<p>What percentage of your current Year 6 cohort use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]?</p>	30%
<p>What percentage of your current Year 6 cohort perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations?</p>	60%
<p>Schools can choose to use the Primary PE and Sport Premium to provide additional provision for swimming but this must be for activity over and above the national curriculum requirements. Have you used it in this way?</p>	No