

Pupil Premium Strategy

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals and their peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011 and is allocated to schools to work with pupils who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years.

At St Mary's we pride ourselves on having high aspiration and ambition for all pupils, regardless of their background. We have a no excuse culture, setting children up to have the skills, knowledge and confidence to succeed. We have high expectations for all our children.

All pupil progress and attainment is carefully monitored through regular Pupil Progress meetings. Children are identified who need additional support and bespoke intervention programmes are delivered. Some intervention programmes would not have been possible without the Pupil Premium Grant.

Historically, we have not had a gap in attainment to diminish. Our strategies have effectively reduced barriers to learning and progress. We focus on supporting all disadvantaged pupils to achieve their highest level regardless of their ability. We recognise that not all pupils who are eligible for free school meals will be socially disadvantaged. We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for a free school meal. We reserve the right to allocate the pupil premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged.

As an inclusive school, St Mary's believes that no pupil should be disadvantaged as a result of background and ensures that resources and support are also provided for children who may not necessarily be eligible for free school meals, but who have been identified by the school as being at an educational disadvantage compared to their peers. This support is funded out of the school's main budget.

Objectives in spending PPG

- Increase access for all children to engage in the full range of educational experiences.
- To ensure all teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all learners.
- To raise progress and attainment in Reading, Writing and Maths in Key Stage 2.
- For pupils to confidently play a musical instrument in front of an audience.
- To develop personal character through challenge.

Main learning barriers faced by eligible pupils at St Mary's;

- Delays in social/emotional/behavioural development
- Needing additional support to grasp new concepts
- Poor physical skills with limited fine motor and gross motor skills
- Limited enriching experiences outside school



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Expenditure Plan Evaluation

April 2023 to March 2024

Number of pupils and pupil premium grant (PPG) received	
Total number of pupils on roll	95
Total number of pupils eligible for PPG	5 children receiving Free School Meals
Total amount of PPG received	£11,260
Total amount spent	£11,260

Item/project	Cost	Objective	Impact
LKS2 small group interventions led by a Teaching Assistant - Reading and Maths	£500	To raise attainment and increase progress in Reading and Maths in LKS2	Before and after assessments demonstrated solid progress and an increased love of reading.
Contribution towards Teaching Assistant in Class 3	£3,000	To support learning in the classroom in LKS2	The 2 PPG children in Class 3 made good progress.
Contribution towards Teaching Assistant in Class 1	£3,585	To provide 1:1 and small group support	The children increased their confidence and made progress.
Contribution towards Teaching Assistant in Class 2	£3,000	To facilitate adaptive teaching	The children were supported
Free Christmas Theatre Trip	6 x £20	For all children to experience a live professional musical production.	To give everyone a whole school shared experience in a theatre.
Teaching Assistant for Alternative Provision Days completing Forest School activities with 6x Y2/3 children	6 x 5 x £15 = £450	To learn outdoors with a small group of children.	Increased self confidence and emotional literacy.



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Expenditure Plan April 2024 to March 2025

Pupil Premium 2024/25			
Total number of children on roll			95
Total number of pupils eligible for PPG from April 24 to March 25			3
Total amount of PPG received			£4,440
Total amount allocated			£4,440
Item/project	Cost	Desired Outcome	Rationale
Teaching Assistant support - Targeted Support + adaptive teaching for two Y5 pupils	£2,110 towards total cost of 10 hours TA	To develop literacy and numeracy skills and basic concepts. To lead bespoke interventions.	Some PP children need additional support to achieve their best.
Free visit to Christmas Theatre trip	5 X £20 = £100	For all children to experience a live professional musical production.	To give everyone a whole school shared experience in a theatre.
Teaching Assistant support for Y2 (1 pupil) to support adaptive teaching	£1,000 towards total cost for 22.5 hours TA	To develop literacy and numeracy skills and basic concepts. To lead bespoke interventions.	Some PP children need additional support to achieve their best.
Free trips	4 x 30 2 x 15 4 x 20 = £230	All children can attend an outdoor residential experience	To remove financial barrier to attending the visit
Teaching Assistant in Class 1	=£1,000	To support individual social and emotional needs	Children are needing additional support to develop good behaviour for learning.