



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Sports Premium Plan 2025-26

Overview

Last academic year, the school received £17,720 Sports Premium funding which is set aside for developing sport, exercise and health across the school. The funding this year has been allocated on:

The school spent £17,770 on sports over the past year.

- External sports activities (including Gateshead Schools Sports Partnership and additional coaching) - £13,109.50.
- Updating PE equipment and resources - £2,818.66
- Additional swimming provision - £1,841.84

The school spent its allocation of Sports Premium funding within the year.

School Sports Priorities

School priorities for sport are as follows:

1. Sporting participation:
 - All pupils will represent the school in at least one inter-school competition.
 - The school will aim for representation in all GSSP events.
 - The school will use GSSP coaching to upskill staff and ensure wider confidence in participation from all pupils (not just those who attend clubs outside of school).
 - Ensure resources and equipment are up to date and well used across the PE Curriculum.
 - Clubs/extra-curricular at lunchtime and after school.
 - One class (Year 4) to attend swimming lessons for full year with additional opportunities for pupils in Years 5 and 6 who have not met National Curriculum expectations to continue to attend.
2. Health and well-being:
 - Plan for whole-school events to promote active play during pupil breaktimes.
 - Sports lead to attend relevant training through Gateshead Healthy Schools.
 - Engage with families where children are lacking activity outside of school.
 - Ensure participation from all pupils.
 - Ensure all pupils have access to resources during break times.
3. Inclusion:
 - Ensure participation on inclusive sporting events.
 - Ensure participation from all pupils.
 - Use funds to purchase – where required – specialised resources to ensure inclusivity.

4. Sporting Achievement:
 - To achieve Platinum in the School Games Mark.
 - To ensure that pupils have the opportunity to participate in local, regional and national finals in a number of events.

5. Swimming:
 - Before they leave KS2, ensure that all pupils meet Curriculum expectations to:
 - swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
 - use a range of strokes effectively, for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke
 - perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Evaluation of 2024-25

Coaching

We have used specialist coaches across the whole school to give all of our children a broad and balanced curriculum and a taste of a variety of activities and sports aimed at developing active lifestyles.

- Skipping
- Hula hooping
- Dance
- Judo
- Tennis
- Outdoor and Adventurous

Inter-School Events 2024-2025

Our aim is to give every child in the school, from Reception to Year 6, the opportunity to represent the school on at least one occasion every year. We have had a very successful sporting year and many of the SSP and Cluster events have led to next stages, local and County finals. This year, some of our children have had the opportunity of dancing on the stage at The Sage Gateshead, running on the track at Gateshead Stadium and representing Gateshead in Netball and Swimming finals. We have also been involved in setting up a sports event at Gateshead Stadium for Y4 and 5 pupils from 43 primary/first schools within Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust; the second annual BW CET Celebration of Sport took place in July 2025.

Swimming

One class, Year 4, has had a full year of swimming tuition. This has proved very successful and children have become competent swimmers and have also learned life-saving skills.

100% of pupils in Y6 met national curriculum expectations in swimming in 2024-25.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

This year we have had the following extra-curriculum clubs in school:

- Dance
- Tennis
- Gymnastics

We have also run football, netball and athletics during lunchtimes across the year as well as a morning running club before school.

Links to Local Clubs

We have strong links with many local clubs and encourage children to continue their sports and activities outside of school.

- Blaydon Tennis Club
- Whickham Cricket Club
- Gateshead Stadium Netball Club
- Happy Feet Dance
- Blaydon Harriers

Planned Spend for 2024-25

For 2025/26, the school will receive £17,720.

We plan to spend this on the following:

- Gateshead Schools Sports Partnership (£5,240).
- Coaching (incl. additional swimming) (£3000)
- Updating PE equipment (£5000).
- Transportation to/from extra-curricular sporting events (£5,000).