

# Pupil premium strategy statement – St Just Primary School

This statement details our school’s use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for 2024 to 2025) funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils.

It outlines our pupil premium strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and the effect that last year’s spending of pupil premium had within our school.

## School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	179
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	39 pupils (22%)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers ( <b>3 year plans are recommended</b> )	2023-2026
Date this statement was published	December 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2025
Statement authorised by	Governing Body
Pupil premium lead	Jon Hall
Governor / Trustee lead	Ruth Sellors – Chair of Local Monitoring Committee Anita Firth – Chair of Trustees


## Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£63 160
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
Pupil premium (and recovery premium*) funding carried forward from previous years ( <i>enter £0 if not applicable</i> ) <i>*Recovery premium received in academic year 2021 to 2022 can be carried forward to academic year 2022 to 2023. Recovery premium received in academic year 2022 to 2023 cannot be carried forward to 2023 to 2024.</i>	£0

<p><b>Total budget for this academic year</b></p> <p><i>If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year</i></p>	<p>£63 160</p>
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## Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

### Statement of intent

<p><i>Aspirations and Achievements; Together One and All</i></p>	
<p>Our school vision is ‘Aspirations and Achievements; Together One and All’</p>	
<p>Through implementing this Pupil Premium Strategy, our intention is that all pupils, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make good progress and achieve high attainment across all subject areas.</p>	
<p>Key strategies of our plan include:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring that all children access high quality teaching and pupils are challenged in the work they are set.</li> <li>• Providing children with a strong curriculum that will support their academic progress.</li> <li>• Acting early to intervene where additional need is identified.</li> <li>• Supporting children’s wider development and wellbeing.</li> <li>• Ensuring high quality pastoral support for all pupils to maximise engagement in learning..</li> <li>• Adopting a whole school approach where all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils’ outcomes and have high expectations in terms of what they can achieve.</li> </ul>	
<p>Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for educational recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic and the more recent challenges with the cost of living. Our approach will be responsive to challenge and individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage.</p>	

### Challenges

This details the key challenges to achievement that we have identified among our disadvantaged pupils.

<p><b>Challenge number</b></p>	<p><b>Detail of challenge</b></p>
<p>1</p>	<p>The current levels of attainment for some children facing disadvantage may prevent them from achieving nationally expected standards at the end of a key stage and achieving their full potential.</p>

2	Assessments and observation of some pupils in the EYFS, indicate that they are starting start school with higher needs regarding their communication skills, vocabulary development and personal development. This impacts social communication and access to the curriculum
3	Through efficient monitoring of children’s behaviours, discussions with families and academic progress, we recognise that a proportion of children from under-resourced families require additional support with their mental health and social skills. This impacts attendance, resilience and confidence to engage in the curriculum
4	Attendance data for children eligible for the Pupil Premium indicates that it can be lower for this cohort. This impacts children’s academic progress and attainment.
5	Through efficient monitoring of children’s behaviours, discussions with families and academic progress, we recognise that a proportion of children in receipt of pupil premium require additional financial support to access wider opportunities in school.

## Intended outcomes

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for **by the end of our current strategy plan**, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

Intended outcome	Success criteria
1. Pupils develop knowledge and skills across the curriculum and achieve nationally expected standards at the end of each key stage, including the Early Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gaps in children’s knowledge and understanding within the school curriculum sequences will be rapidly identified and addressed through high quality interventions.</li> <li>All children will access high quality teaching provision across all year groups. This will be measured through work scrutiny and observations</li> <li>There are concerted efforts to close gaps in progress and attainment for disadvantaged pupils. Incrementally, gaps are narrowed at the end of Key Stage 2.</li> <li>The progress of disadvantaged pupils is in line with national expectations by the end of KS2 in 2024/25. Termly teacher assessments, summative assessments and successful moderation practices will be established.</li> </ul>

<p>2. All children have improved oral language skills and vocabulary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among all children.</li> <li>• This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including engagement in lessons, book scrutiny and ongoing formative assessment.</li> <li>• Children’s spoken language will become easier for adults and children to</li> </ul>
	<p>interpret leading to better communication of the children’s wants and needs. KS1?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring and learning walks demonstrate access to high quality vocabulary input and oracy development in lessons.</li> <li>• The school will continue to achieve in line with the national figure, for Y1 phonics results and continue to develop pupils’ oracy and reading throughout the school</li> </ul>
<p>3. All children can regulate their emotions and feel safe to be in school and learn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustain high levels of wellbeing by 2024-25 demonstrated by: Staff voice - Staff will feel equipped to support children following THRIVE training</li> <li>• Children will be able to resolve conflict within their friendships through support such as the ‘playground leaders’, this will show a significant reduction in bullying and sanctions . A significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly for disadvantaged pupils.</li> </ul>
<p>4. To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils</p>	<p>Maintain high attendance in 2024/25 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The overall absence rate for all pupils to be back to the national level and the attendance gap between disadvantaged and other pupils to be reduced.</li> <li>• The percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent to be below the national figure and the figure among disadvantaged pupils being no more lower than peers</li> </ul>

<p>5. All children will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of experiences outside of the school curriculum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School trips and wider experiences are subsidised by the pupil premium grant to ensure that all children participate</li> <li>• The school develops its outdoor area (including a new 'trim trail') to stimulate and support imaginative and active play for all children.</li> <li>• The school develops an enrichment curriculum to ensure that all pupils take part in visits which are outside the normal school curriculum, before they leave St Just.</li> <li>• The percentage of children involved in extra-curricular clubs will increase</li> </ul>
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## Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium (and recovery premium) funding **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

## Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £5,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Ensure continued investment and upskilling of staff to sustain our high quality phonics programmes, strengthen the teaching of spelling and develop a reading curriculum across the school.</p>	<p>EEF impact report of explicit and systematic teaching of phonics shows high impact for very low cost based on very extensive evidence. Skilled implementation can result in an average impact of the adoption of phonics approaches of approximately 5 months progress over the course of a year.</p>	<p>1,2</p>

<p>Ensure continued investment and upskilling of staff to deliver quality teaching.</p> <p>Fund ongoing training and teacher release time to support subject development with a focus on Art, DT, Geography and RE.</p>	<p>‘Effective professional development for teachers is a core part of securing effective teaching. It cannot exist in isolation, rather it requires a pervasive culture of scholarship with a shared commitment for teachers to support one another to develop so that pupils benefit from the highest quality teaching. The thousands of professional decisions that must be made every day need to be informed by the best evidence, knowledge and professional wisdom.’</p> <p>Department for Education (publishing.service.gov.uk)</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>Ensure continued investment to ensure pupils have access to a high quality phonics and reading curriculum</p> <p>Develop subject Resources, especially in science; RE and geography.</p>	<p>One in four children hasn't reached the expected level of reading by the age of 11. By the final year of compulsory schooling in England, the reading skills of children from disadvantaged backgrounds are on average almost three years behind those from the most affluent homes. Children who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly. (Reading agency)</p>	<p>1,2</p>

### Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support, structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £42,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Phonics interventions for year 1, 2 and those catching up in years 3 and 4</p> <p>Maths intervention in Y4.</p> <p>Targeted academic intervention in Y6.</p>	<p>The school acknowledges that there is a large body of evidence which states that tutoring and small-group tuition is effective, particularly when it is targeted at pupils' specific needs and led by qualified or expert teachers.</p> <p>Small group tuition   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	<p>1,2</p>

<p>Additional TAs</p> <p>Support staff to study for SEN Apprenticeships as part of the Trust programme.</p>	<p>We have recognised that children need to be emotionally secure in order to access learning. This is supported by EEF +4 'On average, SEL interventions have an identifiable and valuable impact on attitudes to learning and social relationships in school. They also have an average overall impact of four months' additional progress on attainment'</p> <p>+2 EEF We have identified that inviting children to attend breakfast club free of charge supports attendance and arrival at school on time to begin the day happily.</p>	<p>3,4,5</p>
<p>Develop 360 Curriculum so that it is more embedded with activities distributed across the year.</p> <p>Outdoor nurture sessions to develop children's resilience, social communication skills and social emotional and mental health.</p>	<p>EEF indicates that outdoor experiences could have positive impacts on self-confidence, self-efficacy and motivation (+4 EEF).</p> <p>Outdoor adventure learning   EEF(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Staff will all receive training on the benefits of outdoor education and links will be made to the curriculum</p>	<p>3,5</p>
<p>Targeted phonics and reading curriculum developed to enable children to make accelerated progress – this to include subscription to Bug Club</p>	<p>The school has been using the Phonics Bug scheme for several years and has Maintained results in line with the national figure in the Y1 phonics screening over time. There is convincing evidence of the value of systematic synthetic phonics (SSP), including the seven-year study by Johnston and Watson undertaken in Clackmannanshire, published in 2005, which has been especially influential in England. In the United States, a seminal national study in 2000 described how:</p> <p>... synthetic phonics programs produced stronger growth in reading than control</p>	<p>1,2</p>

	programs in most of the different reader groups (Reading framework 2023)	
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## Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £16,160

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Implementation of new Attendance strategy including free access to Breakfast club, nurture support, refreshed playtimes and Wraparound Care	All pupils will be provided with a free breakfast once school has started. Breakfast provision provides children with a 'soft start' to the day to ease the transition into school. This is also to support those with low attendance struggling to attend school due to anxiety.  Nurture support will be provided at lunch times to ensure pupils are successful in and out of the classroom. Attendance weekly class awards, half termly individual awards.	3,4
Access to high quality pastoral support including training for key members of staff in SPACE and THRIVE	The school has implemented the SPACE project and supported individual pupils and families. The programme aims for parents and carers to: gain an understanding of the impact of early life experiences on themselves as parents and on their children, learn to see behaviour as a form of communication, and look at the causes and triggers of behaviours and develop strategies for building resilience in themselves and their children. (headstartkernow.org )	3
Outdoor nurture sessions to develop children's resilience, social communication skills and social	EEF indicates that outdoor experiences could have positive impacts on selfconfidence, self-efficacy and motivation (+4 EEF)	3
Emotional and mental health	All staff will be trained in outdoor learning it will become an integral part of the curriculum.	



<p>Subsidised residentials and significant trips. Provide further opportunities for pupils to access wide and rich curriculum experiences in teaching through visits/visitors and other enrichment opportunities.</p>	<p>These wider curriculum experiences form a key part in our curriculum that seeks to broaden children’s cultural capital. By providing financial support to all disadvantaged families we ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to attend residentials and educational visits.</p>	<p>5</p>
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**Total budgeted cost: £63 160**

## Part B: Review of the previous academic year

### Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

We have analysed the performance of our school's disadvantaged pupils during the 2023/24 academic year using Key stage 1 and 2 performance data, phonics check results and our own internal assessments.

To help us gauge the performance of our disadvantaged pupils we compared our results to those for disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils at a national and regional level.

#### Phonics Year 1

National 'other'	National disadvantaged	School 'other' (12)	School disadvantaged (4)
84%	68%	71%	100%

#### Phonics Year 2

6 disadvantaged pupils to re-take: 100% pass.

#### KS1

**National Consortium for Examination Results - NCER data from Corestats - NCER indicative national averages are based on NCER data for 81,078 pupils from 58 of 153 LAs in England, representing approximately 13% of the full national cohort. Please use caution with these comparators -**

ARE	NCER 'other'	NCER disadvantaged	School 'other' (25)	School disadvantaged (5)
Reading	76%	59%	72%	67%
Writing	68%	49%	72%	50%
Maths	77%	59%	72%	67%

GD	National 'other'	National disadvantaged	School 'other'	School disadvantaged
Reading	23%	10%	28%	17%
Writing	11%	4%	28%	0%
Maths	20%	9%	22%	0%

#### KS2

ARE	National 'other'	National disadvantaged	School 'other' (15)	School disadvantaged (10)
Reading	80%	62%	80%	60%
Writing	78%	58%	75%	75%
Maths	79%	59%	60%	100%
Combined	67%	46%	55%	60%

GD	National 'other'	National disadvantaged	School 'other' (15)	School disadvantaged (10)
Reading	33%			0%
Writing	16%		20%	0%
Maths	29%			0%
Combined	10%		10%	0%

### KS2 progress

*It will not be possible to calculate KS1-KS2 progress measures for academic years 2023/24 and 2024/25. This is because there is no KS1 baseline available to calculate primary progress measures for these years due to Covid-19 disruption.*

	Non-disadvantaged	Disadvantaged	Gap
Reading			
Writing			
Maths			

Absence for 2021/22 overall and persistent was in the highest 20% of all school nationally and with schools of similar deprivation. This is therefore a reason for implementing a new strategy.

Our observations and assessments demonstrated that there are challenges in relation to wellbeing and mental health remain significantly higher than before the pandemic. The impact on disadvantaged pupils has been particularly acute.

## Externally provided programmes

*Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you used your pupil premium (or recovery premium) to fund in the previous academic year.*

Programme	Provider
Bug Club / Active Learn	Pearsons
TT Rockstars	Maths Circle Ltd
Numbots	Maths Circle Ltd

## Service pupil premium funding (optional)

*For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information: **How our service pupil premium allocation was spent last academic year***

Service pupil was allocated funds to support their wider development in music and sports.

Gaps were identified in service children's education and support put in place.

### **The impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils**

Teachers observed improvements in wellbeing amongst service children. Assessments demonstrated progress in subject areas where extra support classes was provided.

## Further information (optional)

*Ongoing monitoring of PLAC takes place and tailored intervention is put in place to support their mental well being and learning.*