

St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy – PE and Sport Premium Report

Introduction

At St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy in Grimsby, we are committed to providing high-quality physical education, school sport, and physical activity (PESSPA) to all pupils. Our approach strategically addresses local challenges, including barriers identified through IDACI and IMD insight data, by investing in inclusive and sustainable sport and activity programmes that benefit all children, particularly those who are least active or face disadvantage.

Key Indicator 1: Increased confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching PE and sport

A comprehensive staff CPD programme has been implemented. All teaching staff underwent a needs assessment, followed by tailored support and team teaching with a PE specialist. This has significantly improved staff confidence and competence in delivering high-quality PE lessons. Further to this, staff have also been given support in delivering active lessons across the curriculum with a full day in class demonstration with a PE specialist. Additionally, as part of Grimsby Town Foundation's Priority Schools we have been provided with staff CPD through team teaching alongside their coaches in the PE lessons which are delivered by GTF.

Key Indicator 2: The engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity

- Least Active and SEND Pupils: We have actively engaged pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as those identified as least active, through participation in inclusive local inter-school competitions such as Panathlon and Boccia. We held a whole school event with Great Athletes, an organisation that inspires children with a message about determination and resilience, overcoming any barriers to accessing physical activity. Taking part in this event enabled the children to raise over £2000 in donations, some of which was spent on purchasing new PE equipment for the school.

- Girls' Participation: To address the gender gap in sport, we provided opportunities outside curriculum time specifically for girls, including a dedicated girls' football programme. Participation has increased through our partnership with the local school sport partnership, which provides inter-school competitions linked to community club exit routes.

- Extracurricular Access: We subsidise extracurricular activities to remove financial barriers and improve access for all children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds in our local community.
- Active School Day: Initiatives such as active breakfast clubs, structured lunchtimes led by trained play leaders, and active classroom breaks have been implemented to embed physical activity into the school day.
- Intra-school competitions incorporated into our curriculum has enabled all pupils to participate in friendly competition and to demonstrate the skills learnt throughout the year. The annual Sports Day format also encourages all children to participate and this year every child in attendance that day, including all of our SEN children, took part throughout the entire afternoon's activities.

Key Indicator 3: The profile of PE and sport is raised across the school as a tool for whole-school improvement

- Most Active Class Initiative: Using Fitbits, we track physical activity across classes. The most active class is recognised weekly.
- Cycle Confidence Pathway: We have invested in cycling as a life skill, starting with balance bikes in Reception and progressing to cycle confidence programmes in Year 5, supporting active travel and lifelong physical activity habits.
- Maximise Swimming proficiency: Top-up sessions for our Year 5 and 6 cohorts to ensure they have an increased opportunity to achieve national curriculum requirements.
- Travel tracker: We now have access to an all-year-round charity based travel tracker, encouraging children to start their school day in an active way to earn badges.

Key Indicator 4: Broader experience of a range of sports and activities offered to all pupils

We have strategically targeted inter-school sports events that would otherwise be inaccessible for many children in our local area due to cost or transport barriers. This has included a diverse range of sports designed to broaden pupils' experiences and spark interest in physical activity.

Key Indicator 5: Increased participation in competitive sport

Participation in inter-school sport has remained a key focus for the school with 92% of all KS1 and KS2 children taking part in at least one event. We continue to prioritise inclusive and accessible competition formats that encourage high levels of engagement across all abilities and backgrounds.

Swimming and Water Safety

Swimming is delivered in Year 4 as standard, with top-up sessions offered in Years 5 and 6 for pupils who have not yet met the national curriculum requirements. This ensures as many children as possible are water-safe before leaving primary school.

Sustainability and Long-Term Impact

To ensure the long-term sustainability of high-quality PE, we have invested in upskilling our staff and embedding PE specialist support into our curriculum delivery model. This collaborative approach builds internal capacity and ensures consistent quality across year groups.

Sports Premium allocation 2025-2026

CATEGORY	BUDGET	IMPACT
Staff CPD	£600	Staff have increased confidence in delivering outstanding lessons and understanding how to support or challenge specific children through effective assessment for learning. Additional CPD has enabled staff to utilize active learning across the curriculum, so children are more engaged and able to increase their level of physical activity.
Extra-curricular Activities	£9158	Providing all children with free after school clubs has enabled them to experience a broad range of sports without barriers. Our Reception children have benefitted from Balance Bike sessions helping to improve overall coordination and gross motor skills in readiness for Key Stage 1. Bikeability in Year 5 has equipped children to ride bikes safely on the roads.
Equipment	£386	Replacing class fit bits for our active class trackers has maintained the school's commitment to increasing levels of physical fitness. To support our youngest learners to be ready for Balance Bike sessions, and for children identified as requiring additional support, old bikes were replaced.
Membership Fees	£1850	Core membership with NELSSP has enabled children to attend numerous competitions, staff to benefit from targeted CPD, training school sports leaders to lead active lunchtimes, and for the PE Coordinator to attend vital subject leader meetings to be updated on latest PE news. Support was also provided from the local SGO in completing the School Games Award achieving Gold in this academic year.
Activities Expenses/ External sports expenses	£3606	The sports premium budget has enabled the school to attend competitions and top up swimming lessons despite high transport costs.

Swimming expenses	£2184	Children in Year 5 and 6 have benefitted from top up swimming lessons. Data shows an increase in our Year 6 children achieving National Curriculum requirements.
Total Spend	£17784	
Sport Premium allocation 2025-2026	£17720	