



Sports Premium Summary – 2024-2025

This report provides an overview of the Physical Education (PE) curriculum at St John's Primary School and details how the Sports Premium funding for the academic year 2024–2025 has been used to enrich and expand physical education and sport throughout the school.

The Importance of Physical Activity

Physical activity is essential in nurturing both the physical health and emotional wellbeing of children. At St John's, we recognise its role in shaping well-rounded, confident, and resilient learners. Benefits include:

- Enhanced self-esteem and emotional wellbeing
- Decreased symptoms of anxiety and depression
- Improved behaviour and academic outcomes
- Increased happiness, social resilience, and positive peer interactions

By embedding regular physical activity into the school day, we are building a vibrant and health-conscious school culture.

School Vision and Objectives

Our vision is to inspire every pupil to enjoy and value physical activity. Our PE and sports programme is underpinned by the following key objectives:

- Guarantee that all pupils engage in daily physical activity
- Broaden participation in sporting opportunities across all age groups
- Support talented pupils in accessing local and regional sporting pathways
- Champion core sporting values such as respect, teamwork, honesty, and determination
- Use physical activity as a tool to improve mental wellbeing and emotional regulation
- Encourage informed lifestyle choices through a focus on movement and nutrition

Sports Premium Funding Overview

We strategically allocate this funding to ensure it drives lasting impact across all areas of school sport and physical education. Key investment areas include:

- Ongoing professional development for teaching staff
- A wide selection of high-quality extra-curricular clubs
- Upgraded and durable sports equipment
- Inclusive access to sport/physical activity for all learners

Curriculum Provision

Our PE curriculum is designed to be inclusive, progressive, and engaging, offering high-quality learning experiences from Reception through to Year 6. The PE Lead collaborates with our Level 5 PESSPA HLTA to plan, deliver, and assess a dynamic curriculum.

Curriculum Content:

- **Reception:** Foundational movement, early ball handling, dance, and gymnastics
- **Years 1–6:** A broad spectrum of activities including football, tag rugby, hockey, ultimate frisbee, quidditch, netball/basketball, rounders/scatterball, athletics, gymnastics, and dance
- **Year 5 :** Swimming lessons delivered in the summer term, with top-up sessions for Year 6
- **Year 6:** Participation in a three-day Bikeability programme through Hampshire Outdoors

Pupil progress is assessed termly using detailed assessment grids, ensuring a structured progression of physical competencies.

‘Get Set 4 PE’

To support high-quality teaching and consistency across all year groups, we implement the ‘Get Set 4 PE’ scheme. This digital platform equips staff with the tools to deliver engaging and structured PE lessons.

Key Features:

- Comprehensive lesson plans and schemes of work
- Curriculum mapping that aligns with the National Curriculum
- Integrated assessment and tracking tools

We also invest in ongoing CPD to:

- Build teacher confidence and deepen subject knowledge
- Ensure pedagogical consistency across phases
- Establish a clear, continuous development of skills from Early Years to Year 6

Extra-Curricular Sport and Enrichment

We are proud to offer a vibrant programme of free extra-curricular sports clubs, available daily throughout the year either before or after school and at lunchtime. These include:

- Hockey
- Pickleball
- Tag Rugby
- Football
- Netball
- Cross Country
- Table Tennis

Competitive Sport

In the 2024–2025 academic year, our pupils took part in over 60 competitive fixtures. These included matches and tournaments in football, rugby, table tennis, netball, basketball, gymnastics, badminton, and athletics. Highlights include:

- Reaching county level in girls' and boys' table tennis, basketball, and hockey
- Ensuring every pupil in Year 6 represents the school in at least one sporting event
- Running inclusive boys' and girls' teams and mixed-gender squads across a variety of disciplines
- Providing extra adult support for pupils with SEND, ensuring full participation

Inclusive Opportunities

In addition to competitive sport, we provide a range of inclusive and non-competitive activities aimed at broadening access to physical activity. These include:

- Hampshire School Games
- Lawn Bowls
- Gymnastics Festivals
- Hampshire Cricket KS1 Festival
- KS1 Multiskills Festival

We also host friendly, non-scoring football and netball matches with nearby schools to encourage pupils to play at their level in a relaxed, supportive environment.

Pupil Leadership: Junior Play Leaders and Team Captains

Our Junior Play Leaders (JPL) and Team Captains are instrumental in embedding a culture of activity and leadership within the school. Trained by our sports coach or the Basingstoke School Games Organiser (SGO), their responsibilities include:

- Leading structured games and activities during lunchtimes
- Assisting staff during sporting events and tournaments
- Developing leadership, teamwork, and communication skills
- Acting as ambassadors to encourage broader pupil participation

Commitment to Quality and Inclusion

At St John's, we are unwavering in our commitment to delivering an inclusive, inspiring, and high-impact PE curriculum. By effectively leveraging our Sports Premium funding, we are building a long-term culture of health, enjoyment, and achievement through physical education.

Platinum School Games Award 2023–24 and 2024–25!

We are proud to share that St John's Primary School has achieved the **Platinum School Games Mark** – the highest accolade available – for both the 2023–24 and 2024–25 academic years. The School Games Mark, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, is a national award that recognises excellence in physical education and sport. Schools are assessed on their:

- **Participation:** Encouraging all pupils to engage in regular physical activity
- **Competition:** Offering a range of inclusive intra- and inter-school events
- **Workforce Development:** Training staff and empowering pupils to lead and support sport
- **Clubs:** Providing diverse and inclusive extracurricular sporting opportunities

Having secured the Gold Award for four consecutive years, this Platinum Award is a significant milestone. Only a select number of schools nationwide receive this honour, making it a reflection of our sustained excellence and commitment to sport.

We are immensely proud of our pupils, staff, and community for their ongoing dedication to sport, activity, and wellbeing.