



Sports Premium Funding Annual Report

The Government has provided funding to provide new, substantial primary school sport funding. This will see money going directly to primary school Head teachers to spend on improving the quality of sport and PE for all their children.

The sport funding can only be spent on sport and PE provision in schools. OFSTED will play a significant role in ensuring that schools target this funding in areas which will lead to clear outcomes in raising standards and opportunities in PE and school sport for all children throughout the Primary Phase. All schools receive a lump sum of £16,000 plus a premium of £10 per pupil.

We are proud of the PE curriculum and sporting opportunities that we have on offer at St Mary and St Benedict Primary School. We believe that Physical education plays a critical role in educating the whole student. Research supports the importance of movement in educating both mind and body. Physical education contributes directly to development of physical competence and fitness. It also helps the children to make informed choices and understand the value of leading a physically active lifestyle. The benefits of physical education can affect both academic learning and physical activity patterns. The healthy, physically active child is more likely to be academically motivated, alert, and successful. In the preschool and primary years, active play may be positively related to motor abilities and cognitive development. We believe that quality physical education teaching is essential in developing motor skills, physical fitness and understanding of concepts that foster lifelong healthy lifestyles.

We ensure that the children receive the highest quality of teaching during their PE sessions. We employ sports coaches to deliver highly skilled sessions that are differentiated to meet the needs of the whole class. This not only improves children's ability and skills in sport but also has a significant impact on the overall fitness and well-being of the children. The sports coaches work alongside the teachers in order to support with planning for progression in all Physical Education areas. At St Mary and St Benedict we believe in challenging ourselves to always reach for the next goal and beating our personal best. We endeavour to instil this personal challenge in our children.



Curriculum

In the foundation stage we believe that this is a crucial time in a child's development. Children learn so many physical skills in the first five years of life, therefore we need to ensure they are given the opportunity to develop these skills further; the benefits of young children being physically active go way beyond just the physical benefits. Studies support a link between higher levels of physical activity leading to more sustained participation in physical activity in later years. Therefore it is important to establish a high level of activity at the earliest age in order to provide the best start to encourage activity patterns and habits later in childhood that are sufficient to benefit long term good health.

As part of sports funding we have purchased new resources and equipment to develop the skills of the children, and for developing the skills of our staff through a partnership with specialist PE teachers from Bishop Challoner.

Key Stage 1, we focus on the physical development and skills of the children. This includes balance, throwing and catching and a range of other fundamental movements before moving onto team sporting activities. During key stage 1, children are continuously assessed in order to secure the basic skills and are taught how to stay healthy through their own lifestyle.

Key Stage 2, Pupils continue to apply and develop a broader range of skills, learning how to use them in different ways and to link them to make actions and sequences of movement. They enjoy communicating, collaborating and competing with each other. They develop an understanding of how to improve in different physical activities and sports and learn how to evaluate and recognise their own success. They continue to develop their understanding of how to stay healthy.

Professional Development for Staff

Working with our sports coaches and specialist teachers not only allows the children to access quality skilled coaches but also teachers are supported with planning and the delivery of lessons. Teachers spend time observing the delivery of lessons from the sports coaches. Teachers have found this particularly useful with units that require specific skills to be taught. Sports coaches work alongside the PE co coordinator to monitor planning, support assessments and give guidance and support where needed.



Impact

Impact of Sports Premium on After School Clubs

The improvements in our physical education lessons has not only impacted on the fitness levels of children but has also encouraged them to participate more in after school sporting activities;

Extra-curricular School sports based activities we currently offer:

Netball
Hockey
Football - for years 5&6, 3&4 and Years 1& 2
Girls' football
Cricket
Tag Rugby
Martial Arts
Tennis
Dance - Musical Theatre and acro

Children have been encouraged during break times and lunch times to participate in a variety of sporting games supported by sports coaches, particularly those who previously would not have engaged.

Certain pupils have been signposted to external sports clubs due to their talents being recognised eg Godiva Harriers Athletics, Cricket Teams and football clubs.

Competition

At St Mary and St Benedict Catholic Primary school we believe it is important for all children to participate in competitive sports. During the last academic year our pupils were involved in the following:

- We have a school football team that compete against other Catholic schools across the city and the football rally and cup competitions. They came 2nd in the league last season.
- Our girls' football team took part in a tournament.
- Our netball team have also competed in the league, coming 3rd in 2025
- Coventry Catholic Athletics is an athletic competition including track and field events that we participate in during the summer term at Warwick University. In 2025 we took 6th place overall out of 18 schools and a number of children won gold, silver or bronze medals.
- Cricket Tournament
- Dodgeball Tournament.
- Rugby Tournament - working with the Engage programme
- Hockey - winning silver in the Coventry tournament
- Inter - school football and athletics competition, with House teams competing against each other.
- Annual whole school sports day - sprint and obstacle races.

Swimming

98% of Year 6 pupils were able to swim by the end of the year, with only one recently arrived from abroad child not reaching the standard. We provide a programme of swimming for Year 4, with a 45 minute weekly lesson and top up in Year 5 and Year 6 until standard achieved.

Actions for Academic Year 2025-26

- More opportunities for inter school competitions, including for SEND pupils
 - Continue to promote sporting clubs and activities outside of school
 - Continue to develop relationships and sign post children to external clubs such as Coventry Gymnastics, Godiva Harriers, Coventry City Academy, Coventry and North Warks tennis and cricket
 - Top up Swimming for Years 5 & 6 -with the aim to have all Year 6 children being able to swim at least 25metres and a development of competitive swimming
 - Daily mile - development of a track
 - Support dinner staff to be proactive in encouraging lunchtime games - training and development of Play Leaders through the Bishop Challoner programme
 - Coventry West Programme - giving the opportunity for KS1 and KS2 to participate in competition
 - Offer a wider range of sporting activities to engage the least active
 - Introduce other sporting activities and access to inspirational sportspeople eg. Mike Mullen BMX freestyler
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