



## Sports Premium Review 2024-25

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At St. Mary's, we understand the important role that sport and physical activity play in supporting our pupils' health, well-being, and personal development. We believe that staying active goes hand in hand with academic success, and we are committed to providing all children with high-quality PE lessons, a wide range of extracurricular opportunities, and access to competitive sport.

This year, we have used our PE and Sport Premium funding to build on our existing provision and make long-lasting improvements. A key focus has been delivering consistent, high-quality PE lessons across the school. Every child now takes part in two PE lessons each week, taught by their class teacher. By moving away from external coaches, we have been able to embed the 'Get Set 4 PE' scheme more fully and ensure that all lessons follow a clear, progressive structure. To support this, staff will also take part in a dedicated INSET training session later this year.

**Swimming** continues to be a core part of our PE curriculum. Year 5 pupils attended lessons earlier this year and made excellent progress, with positive feedback from instructors. By keeping swimming as a priority, we are helping children build confidence in the water and develop an essential life skill.

Beyond timetabled PE, we are working hard to promote daily activity across the school. Lunchtime provision has been improved with a variety of games and group activities, helping children stay active while building teamwork and social skills. **Year 5 and Year 4 pupils have been trained as playground leaders by our ALPs** (Accelerated Leaders), supporting younger children in structured play with new equipment to enhance provision and developing their own leadership skills. We have placed particular focus on supporting pupils who may be less confident or less active, ensuring everyone feels included and able to enjoy being active. In addition, our MDAs provide ongoing structured support for games and activities - deepening the children's experience in games and sport.

Our extracurricular programme continues to grow, with an increased focus on the arts through movement. Through our partnership with **Select School of Dance**, we now offer after-school sessions in **street dance, ballet, and musical theatre**. These activities support creativity, expression, and physical fitness, and have been well received by pupils across all year groups.

We are also pleased to have added **after-school football clubs for both boys and girls**. These new sessions will support the development of **cross-school, competitive football into the next academic year**, helping children build skills, confidence, and a love for team sport.

We have invested in **new sports and playground equipment** too, guided by pupil feedback to make sure we are meeting their interests. All of these improvements have been made with sustainability in mind—by focusing on staff training, structured schemes of work and pupil leadership, we are ensuring that the benefits continue for years to come.

We remain committed to giving our pupils access to a **rich variety of sporting experiences**. Through our curriculum, lunchtime activities, clubs, and competitions, we are creating a school culture where every child can enjoy being active, feel confident, and lead a healthy lifestyle both now and in the future. Looking ahead towards next year, our plans include further broadening childrens' access to sports and accessing competitions in the local area. This ongoing commitment to diverse and robust sports programs, coupled with a high-quality curriculum, extended offerings, active lunchtime sports, and exposure to inspiring professionals, ensures the continued flourishing of sports at St Mary's