St Peter's Church of England Primary School Aylesford
P.E. and Sports Premium Funding
2026-27

In 2013, the government introduced additional funding for primary schools for the provision of PE and sport activities. The DfE issue guidelines as to how schools must spend this funding. At a macro level, schools are directed to use it make additional and sustainable improvements to the quality of PE and sport that we offer to pupils, in order to encourage the development of healthy, active lifestyles. The DfE have made it a priority that any improvements we make are sustainable and will benefit pupils joining our schools in the future.

Funding can be used to:

- achieve more active break times
- provide targeted activities or support to involve and encourage the least active children
- help to provide equal access for all pupils to the range of sports and physical activities that the school offers. This can include engaging the expertise of external coaches to offer their pupils a wider variety of sports. But given the drive for sustainability (i.e. that the provision can continue even if the funding is removed), best practice would be for teachers to support external coaches during lessons in order to develop their own expertise. In line with this, the funding shouldn't be used to repeat coach led initiatives annually.

DfE have developed 5 key indicators which we should aim to achieve:

1. Increased confidence, knowledge and confidence of staff in teaching PE and sport
2. Engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity - Chief Medical Officer guidelines recommend that primary school children undertake at least 30 minutes of physical activity a day in school.
3. Raise profile of sport and PE across the school as a tool for whole school improvement
4. Broader range of sports and physical activities offered to all pupils
5. Increased participation in competitive sport.

Schools can also use the PE and sport premium to raise attainment in primary school swimming and water safety by funding top-up swimming sessions for those pupils that do not meet national curriculum requirements after they've completed core swimming lessons – but not for the initial lessons themselves.

PE and Sports Premium Spending Plan
2026-27

Year Group	KI	Action	Cost
Year R, 1, 2 **(KS2)**	4 3 1	• Forest School will be delivered to augment the PE activities within the school. The less structured, and more creative aspect of forest school will develop an enjoyment of outdoor and adventurous activities within our children. A qualified forest school practitioner will deliver forest school lessons to all KS1pupils. • The forest School sessions will be extended to children in KS2 who have a greater need for physical release in order to access class learning to the optimum.	£5520
Year 2	2/4	• Five weeks of 1 hour climbing sessions. Courses are £450 per week. • Mini Bus hire is £60 per week. • Lessons will be scheduled for Thursday in term 3. Course is 1 ½ hours per week.	£2550
Year 3	2/4	• Six weeks of 1 hour climbing sessions. Courses are £15 per session – £450 per week. £2700 total cost. • Lessons will be scheduled for Thursday in term 2. Course is 1 ½ hours per week. • Mini bus to hire.	£3060
Years 4	2/4	• NCIS Level 1 climbing award. All children will be taken to Lower Grange Farm for a six-week block of lessons, to complete their NCIS level 1 climbing award. • Lessons will be scheduled for Thursday in term 1. Course is 1 ½ hours per week. • Mini bus to hire.	£3060
Years R-6	1/2/3	• Next Gen coaches to deliver PE activities across the school as inset for developing the ability of the non-specialist teaching team. • Cost of £280 for 38 weeks.	£10,640

- Budget available: £17,700. Projected total spend estimated at £24,830.

Swimming

The National Curriculum requires that by the time they leave primary school, all pupils should:

- Be able to swim 25metres unaided,
- Use a range of strokes effectively and
- Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Year 6 pupils have swimming lessons in term 1 and 2. It is hoped that these lessons will ensure that all of the children attain the required standard in swimming. We would wish to offer swimming to other year groups, but both the travel and instruction costs fall to the school to pay. Sports funding ***cannot*** be used to fund swimming lessons. Schools may ask parents for voluntary contributions, which some make, but the shortfall, which is considerable, falls to the school. Because of this, it is not possible to offer swimming lessons to other year groups.

In theory, sports funding may be used to pay for additional lessons for those children who do not achieve the required standards by the time they leave primary school. However, this is not feasible unfortunately, as we cannot run off-site catch-up lessons for small numbers of Year 6 pupils in terms 3-6 given the demands on staff time.