

Sports Premium Report May 2025

St Mark's CofE Primary School

Sports Premium funding this year is £21,320. This has been spent in 2 ways to develop physical activity for pupils.

Forest School Development

The vast majority of this amount has been allocated to the provision of Forest School, which is an embedded part of our Sports Curriculum. Please read our [Forest School Handbook](#) for further information regarding the vision and purpose of our Forest School provision.

This year, we have committed to greater access for all to Forest School.

All children have 2 blocks of 5-6 weeks of Forest School sessions across the year, although in Year R, this is 1 block due to their continuous provision.

In addition to this, children with SEND have additional access to Forest School sessions.

Funds have been spent on staffing costs including training, as well as practical resources to enable Forest School to happen. Documentation and planning has been strengthened, including the progression of skills and experiences.

Forest School is a well developed and much loved aspect of the school. Children are flourishing because of it, and very much looking forward to their sessions. It directly contributes to the development of our school values and learning behaviours.

Sports Teams Development

In addition to Forest School, we have committed to improving engagement with sports clubs and teams this year. A girls football and netball team for Years 5/6 is in place, with a coach running weekly sessions, funded by Sports Premium fund. A new Year 3/4 boys football team has also been started, again supported by Sports Premium Funding. All of these teams have played games and tournaments against other schools. Resources including goals, balls, line paint and kit have been purchased. We look forward to further developing this next year.

In addition to sports teams, a range of sporting after school clubs have been run, which have been supported by Sports Premium funding. The school continues to encourage those from disadvantaged backgrounds to apply.

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