

Pupil premium strategy statement 2025/26

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils.

It outlines our pupil premium strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and the effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	St Laurence Primary
Number of pupils in school	209 (31 Nursery): 240 total
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	14.8%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2026/27
Date this statement was published	16/7/26
Date on which it will be reviewed	30/6/27
Statement authorised by	S.R. Matthews
Pupil premium lead	S.R. Matthews
Governor / Trustee lead	Peter Sell

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 29,260
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 0.00
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£ 0.00
Total budget for this academic year If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£ 29,260

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

The key intention of the St Laurence Pupil Premium Strategy is to improve the educational outcomes of disadvantaged pupils. We aim to achieve this through improving attendance amongst those pupils to ensure they are accessing high quality teaching and not missing learning, improving their mental health and emotional wellbeing, and ensuring that staff are appropriately trained to overcome barriers to learning.

“Leaders demonstrate a clear ambition for pupils to succeed and reach their potential” SIAMS 2026

Good quality teaching for all our pupils is the most effective approach to achieve this but with additional support for those children who need it. Children who need this support, regardless of their circumstances, are quickly identified and appropriate intervention provided.

“The school’s vision means that staff are proficient at meeting pupil’s diverse needs. As a result, all pupils thrive.” SIAMS 2026.

The whole school focus on **oracy** has informed our strategy, so that extensive support has been implemented to improve the speaking and listening skills of children in the early years but also throughout the school. This is augmented by specific programmes such as Philosophy for Children and the Mastery approach to teaching; emphasising good questioning and focused discussion, with the aim of broadening all children’s vocabulary and developing their communication skills; an approach that will clearly benefits all children but especially those who are disadvantaged.

We are committed to all children experiencing rich and varied extra-curricular opportunities (**see Ofsted/NACE reports 2024**) and place an emphasis upon the mental health and wellbeing of all our children but especially those who are vulnerable. Therefore, we fully utilise pupil premium funding to remove these barriers so that all our children at St Laurence’s school receive the quality education they deserve (**see Ofsted/NACE reports 2024**).

Letter from **Bridget Phillipson** (secretary of state for education) recognising the **excellent outcomes for disadvantaged children**. (2025)

Challenges

This details the key challenges to achievement that we have identified among our disadvantaged pupils.

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Mental Health, social and emotional needs for disadvantaged children.
2	Reading attainment and progress for disadvantaged pupils.
3	EAL pupils who are eligible for PP, with poor language skills in years throughout the school, (including Ukrainian refugees)
4	Attendance: specifically persistent absence.

Intended outcomes

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for **by the end of our current strategy plan**, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

Intended outcome	Success criteria
Improved results in Reading to be maintained throughout the school over the next year; Establishment of a culture of reading throughout the school.	To continue to close the gap for progress and attainment, in reading , for disadvantaged pupils in line with national averages, throughout the school.
Support for children with social emotional and mental health needs so that they develop their interpersonal, speaking and listening skills and building their confidence.	Improved levels of engagement in learning and an indirect impact upon comprehension skills and therefore reading results: (see above).

Support for children in throughout the school in developing their communication skills: One member of staff will act as a specialist SALT teacher, who will support children across the school.	The proportion of pupils who reach the expected standard of the Early Learning Goals for Communication skills by the end of the phase is in line or greater than National or Regional Averages.
Ensure that the proportion of disadvantaged children participating in extracurricular sport is as high as possible. So that these children exhibit higher self-esteem; make good progress and having improved attendance.	Increased attendance rates for disadvantaged children, to be In line with whole school target of 95.5% and greater access to extracurricular activities (see PE monitoring report)

Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium (and recovery premium funding) **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £ 2,750

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
CPD for teaching staff, including Lesson Studies and Mentoring. Training of all staff in phonics. Teaching of Reading and Oracy will be a focus for lesson observations.	Improved results in Reading have been observed throughout the school over the last year; EEF research support the Mastery teaching of Reading approach. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reading-comprehension-strategies Consolidation of a culture of reading throughout the school. Data analysis and pupil voice. Performance management cycle. Report to governors (Deputy Head). Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading particularly for disadvantaged children. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/phonics-mastering-the-basics-of-reading	2,3,5
Support for children with social emotional and mental health needs so that they develop their interpersonal skills: Speaking and listening and building confidence. Use INSET days to deliver training. Training and supervision of three Emotional Literacy Support Assistants	Research from SAPERE demonstrates that P4C supports children's cognitive abilities, increases self-esteem and improves their spoken language through practising sentence construction and using a range of vocabulary. https://www.sapere.org.uk/why-sapere-p4c/ Public Health England - Promoting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/	1,2,3,4.

Whole School (including EYFS): Embedding Mastery teaching of Maths, training; from local Math Hub. Quality of teaching is monitored by SLT. Evaluation of programme by Maths Hub facilitators.	Mastery teaching of Maths has been successfully implemented throughout the school through support from the local Maths Hub and through the use of NCTEM resources. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/mastery-learning	3,5
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Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £ 15,620

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Support for children with social emotional and mental health needs so that they become more independent. Emotional Literacy Support Assistants to be deployed effectively.	An ELSA is a teaching assistant who receives training in psychological theory and intervention by qualified psychologists to enable them to support children with social, emotional and mental health needs. Public Health England - Promoting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/	1,4.
Support for children in EYFS in developing their communication skills so that they reach the expected standard of the Early Learning Goals by the end of the phase.	The Nuffield Early Language Intervention programme and the Talk Boost scheme are nationally accredited, funded intervention programmes promoted by the Local Authority. https://www.teachneli.org/	2,3,5.
Providing focused support for disadvantaged children so that they can develop their resilience and independence and make better than expected progress in core subjects.	Learning Mentor: Providing 1:1 support for disadvantaged and vulnerable children, giving focused intervention in specific areas if needed. EEF research https://d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net/documents/guidance-for-teachers/pupil-premium/Pupil_Premium_Guide_Apr_2022_1.0.pdf?v=1650463957	1,4.

Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £ 11,540

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Develop the role of Learning Mentor; Appointment of Mental Health Lead. Learning Mentor: Providing 1:1 support for disadvantaged and vulnerable children, giving focused intervention including nurture in specific areas if needed.	Public Health England - Promoting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/ The Wellbeing Toolkit: Andrew Cowley. (2019 Bloomsbury)	1,4.
Funding for pupils to access after school clubs: Ensure that the proportion of disadvantaged children participating in extracurricular sport is as high as possible.	Pupils' engagement in sport is beneficial to their physical health and mental wellbeing. The Education Endowment Foundation - Provision of a range of initiatives to extend children's experiences: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/thepupil-premiumhow-schools-are-spending-thefunding-successfully	1,4.
Funding for pupils to access residential school trips (London) in Years 5 and 6 to help increase cultural capital.	Ofsted inspection update 2019: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/772056/School_inspection_update_-_January_2019_Special_Edition_180119.pdf	1,4.

Total budgeted cost: £ 29,910

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2023 to 2024 academic year.

Analysis of formal, summative testing (including national tests), indicates that the resources available from our pupil premium, in addition to catch up funding, have been utilised very effectively and have had a significantly positive impact upon the progress and attainment of our disadvantaged pupils:

KS2 SATs **71% of pupils** attained the expected standard in **Reading**; **67.5% of Disadvantaged pupils** attained the expected standard in Reading. (9/32 pupils are disadvantaged in this cohort).

We used pupil premium funding to enable pupils to receive 1:1 arithmetic support through an assertive mentoring programme to enhance attainment across the school. Internal data also highlighted the need to close the gap for progress and attainment, in reading, for more able disadvantaged pupils and national average. CPD for teaching staff, including lesson studies and mentoring, assisted in achieving this.

Furthermore, **only one** disadvantaged pupil did not meet the expected standard in phonics in the national benchmarking test: indeed **87%** of all pupils met the standard. Intervention phonics teaching for identified pupils in year 3 has ensured that areas of difficulty have been identified, with the necessary reading skills firmly embedded, (**see Ofsted 2024**).

Additional focused speech and language support for pupils in Early Years and throughout the school has also proven beneficial with **80%** of Reception children achieving a Good Level of Development in Communication and Language.

The School's Family Support Worker has supported vulnerable children in order to improve their self-esteem, providing focused intervention in specific areas as required. With this provision in place, it has resulted in improved attendance and accelerated academic

progress. Our newly appointed Learning Mentor liaises with class teachers and our SENDCO to provide a bespoke and carefully considered service for our disadvantaged pupils, (**Ofsted 2024**). In addition to this, a qualified educational psychologist trained two Emotional Literacy Support Assistants in how to increase independence and engagement for disadvantaged children with mental health needs.

Furthermore, we have used pupil premium funding to increase the proportion of disadvantaged children participating in extracurricular sport, which in turn, will be beneficial for their mental wellbeing. To compliment this, disadvantaged pupils have received alternative provision, with offsite learning activities enriching their school experience. The proportion of **Disadvantaged** children that attended **extracurricular clubs** was **60%**, which is significantly higher than the proportion of Disadvantaged children on roll.

KS2 SATs:

50.0% of Disadvantaged pupils met the required standard in **Writing**

67.5% of Disadvantaged pupils met the required standard in **GPS**

67.5% of Disadvantaged pupils met the required standard in **Maths**

67.5% of Disadvantaged pupils met the required standard in **Reading**

Externally provided programmes

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you purchased in the previous academic year. This will help the Department for Education identify which ones are popular in England

Programme	Provider
Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme	Bug Club: Collins
Philosophy for Children	SAPERRE
NELI	Nuffield Foundation

Further information (optional)

- Disadvantaged families receive subsidies for trips, extra-curricular activities; music tuition and for school uniform. This ensures that they have the opportunity to be included in school activities which they could not otherwise access.

*Additional tutoring for disadvantaged children, although further PP funding has been directed towards certain cohorts with a high proportion of Disadvantaged pupils, especially year 6.