

The Pupil Premium

The Government believes that the Pupil Premium, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and those not by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

Outlined below is an account of the total pupil premium grant we receive and a breakdown of how we intend to spend the money during this academic year.

Pupil Premium Grant Expenditure

2014-2015

Overview of the school

Number of pupils and pupil premium grant received			
Total number of pupils on roll	653		
Total number of pupils eligible for PPG	113		
Amount of PPG received per pupil	£1300		
Total amount of PPG received including Ever6	£146,900		

Record of PPG spending					
Item/Project	Cost	Objective	Outcome		
Small group tuition plus breakfast 7 teachers x 2 sessions a week	£9,000	Targeted teaching for those children to accelerate progress in maths, reading and writing	All children targeted achieved at least 2 sub- levels of progress		
Support Teachers in KS1 and KS2	£58,360	As above	As above		
Extra support staff in all KS2 classes and Early Years	£48,000	Targeted support for children in all classes to accelerate progress in maths, reading and writing	All children targeted achieved at least 2 sub- levels of progress		
Residential trips	£2,400	To ensure children enjoy learning outside the classroom and do not miss out on opportunities	Children can access learning outside the classroom supporting the curriculum. Children enjoy their learning and develop independence.		
School trips	£2,260	As above	As above		
Breakfast Club	£6,000 staffing £500 food	To ensure children's attendance and punctuality improves as well as their readiness for learning.	Children are better prepared emotionally, mentally and physically for the start of school.		
ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)	£2,000	To support children's emotional needs.	Children are better able to access their learning.		
Nurture Group and resources	£5,000	To support children's emotional needs.	Children are better able to access their learning.		
Teaching assistant training	£1,200	To up-skill teaching assistants in the delivery of support programs for pupils.	Teaching assistants have the knowledge, skills and experience to deliver key interventions.		
After school clubs	£5,100	To increase access to after school activities for disadvantaged groups of pupils.	Children feel included and it supports the child's sense of well being and belonging.		
Play therapy	£5,400	To ensure vulnerable children have opportunities	Children are better prepared emotionally and mentally in order		

		to share and explore their feelings in a safe and trusted environment.	to be ready to access their learning. Children develop relationships with their peers and staff.
Uniforms/PE kit	£200		
Family Support Services	£1,300	Family support to ensure children are on time and attend school.	Children are better prepared emotionally and mentally in order to be ready to access class.

We feel all of these interventions help to narrow the gap between groups of pupils. If we consider the results of the 2014 KS2 SATs - 83% of PP children in St Thomas of Canterbury achieved Level 4+ in reading and writing and in 78% achieved Level 4+ in mathematics.

If your child does not have free school meals, but you think that they may be eligible because of your family's income level, please contact the school office and ask to speak to Ms Morris in confidence. Even if you do not take up free school meals, but are eligible for them, your child will be able to benefit from pupil premium support.

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