PE and Sport Premium Report 2025/26

St Thomas Catholic Voluntary Academy, Ilkeston

Overview

The PE and Sport Premium is used to make additional and sustainable improvements to the quality of PE, physical activity and sport provided by the school.

During 2025/26, St Thomas Catholic Voluntary Academy used the funding to develop the quality of PE teaching, increase opportunities for pupils to participate in physical activity and sport, broaden the range of activities available and increase participation in competitive sport.

Our spending was planned around the five key areas identified by the Department for Education:

- Increasing staff confidence, knowledge and skills in teaching PE and sport.
- Increasing pupils' engagement in regular physical activity and sport.
- Raising the profile of PE and sport across the school.
- Providing a broader and more equal range of sports and physical activities for all pupils.
- Increasing participation in competitive sport.

Funding

Total PE and Sport Premium received: £18,160

Total expenditure: £18,160

Funding remaining: £0

Breakdown of Expenditure

Area of expenditure	Amount	Purpose and impact
Erewash School Sport	£3,330	Access to specialist support, sporting opportunities and events, strengthening the quality and range of PE and sport.
PE equipment and resources	£4,500	Enhanced PE, sport and physical activity provision, with suitable resources to support full participation in a broad range of activities.
PE CPD and staff development	£4,500	Improved staff confidence, knowledge and skills in teaching high-quality PE and physical activity, supporting sustainable improvement.
External competitions	£1,000	Increased opportunities for pupils to represent the school and participate in competitive sport against other schools.
Extra-curricular sporting opportunities	£2,000	Broadened physical activity beyond curriculum PE and encouraged regular participation in sport and physical activity.
PE and sport subscriptions and memberships	£2,000	Access to additional PE and sporting resources, opportunities, training and support.
Transport to competitions	£830	Enabled pupils to access competitive sporting events and represent the school at external competitions.
Total	**£18,160**	

Impact of the PE and Sport Premium

1. Increasing staff confidence, knowledge and skills

Investment: £4,500 CPD and staff development, alongside support through Erewash School Sport and relevant subscriptions.

Staff had access to professional development and specialist support to develop their confidence, subject knowledge and ability to deliver high-quality PE.

The investment in staff development supported greater confidence in planning and delivering PE and helped ensure that improvements were sustainable beyond the period of funding.

Sustainability: Knowledge and skills developed through CPD remain within the school and can continue to influence the quality of PE teaching in future years.

2. Increasing engagement in regular physical activity and sport

Investment in additional equipment and resources and extra-curricular sporting opportunities enabled pupils to access a wider range of physical activities.

The school continued to encourage pupils to be physically active beyond their curriculum PE lessons, including through extra-curricular opportunities.

Additional resources supported greater participation and enabled activities to be appropriately adapted to meet the needs of different pupils.

Sustainability: Equipment and staff expertise will continue to support physical activity opportunities across the school.

3. Raising the profile of PE and sport

Participation in sporting events and competitions provided opportunities for pupils to represent St Thomas and celebrate sporting achievement.

PE and sport continued to form an important part of school life, with pupils encouraged to participate, develop confidence and recognise the importance of physical activity and healthy lifestyles.

Membership of local sporting networks also enabled the school to remain connected with wider sporting opportunities.

4. Providing a broader and more equal range of sporting opportunities

Investment: £4,500 equipment and resources and £2,000 extra-curricular provision, alongside Erewash School Sport provision.

The funding enabled the school to broaden the range of activities available to pupils and provide additional opportunities outside normal curriculum provision.

The school sought to ensure that sporting opportunities were accessible to pupils with different abilities and levels of confidence, including pupils who may be less likely to participate in competitive sport.

A broader range of resources also enabled staff to provide varied and engaging physical activities.

Sustainability: Resources purchased will continue to support a broad range of sporting and physical activities in future years.

5. Increasing participation in competitive sport

Investment: £1,000 external competitions, £830 competition transport and support through Erewash School Sport.

Pupils were provided with opportunities to participate in competitive sport and represent the school at external events.

Funding for transport helped remove a practical barrier to participation and enabled pupils to access sporting events away from the school site.

Participation in competition supported pupils in developing teamwork, resilience, confidence and sportsmanship.

The school will continue to seek opportunities for pupils of different ages and abilities to participate in appropriate competitive sport.

Sustainability

A key consideration in our use of the PE and Sport Premium is ensuring that improvements continue to benefit pupils beyond the year in which funding is received.

We have sought to achieve this through:

- investing in staff knowledge, confidence and skills through CPD;
- developing sustainable links with local PE and sporting organisations;
- investing in appropriate resources to support a broad range of activities;
- developing opportunities for pupils to participate in sport beyond curriculum PE;
- continuing to develop a culture in which physical activity, sport and healthy lifestyles are valued.

The school will continue to evaluate participation in PE, sport and physical activity and use this information to inform future provision.

Swimming and Water Safety

At the end of Year 6:

National Curriculum swimming and water safety requirement	Percentage of Year 6 pupils
Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres	90%
Use a range of strokes effectively, for example front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke	94%
Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations	82%

Review and Accountability

School leaders and governors monitor the use of the PE and Sport Premium and consider the impact of expenditure on pupils' participation, physical activity and sporting opportunities.

The school will use its evaluation of the 2025/26 provision to inform future priorities for PE, sport and physical activity.