

# Pupil premium strategy statement – St Teresa’s RC Primary School 2024-27

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 (**2025-26**) and the outcomes for disadvantaged pupils last academic year (**2024-25**).

## School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	<b>243</b>
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	16% (39/243)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2024-25 <b>2025-26</b> 2026-27
Date this statement was published	<b>September 25</b>
Date on which it will be reviewed	<b>July 26</b>
Statement authorised by	Governing Body
Pupil premium lead	Sandra Burgess
Trustee lead	Sarah Collins – named governor

## Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	<b>£54 855</b>
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
<b>Total budget for this academic year</b> <i>If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year</i>	<b>£54 855</b>

# Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

## Statement of intent

At St Teresa's RC Primary School we pride ourselves on being a happy, caring and welcoming community, where the learning environment and the wide range of opportunities offered, help every child reach their full potential and make the most of the gifts and talents given to them by God.

Our intention is that all pupils, irrespective of their background, or the challenges they face, make good progress and achieve well across all subject areas. Our Mission Statement, Equality policy and Pupil Premium policy underpin our dedication to ensuring that every child gets the best possible start in life and is well supported throughout their school journey. We recognise the challenges faced by vulnerable pupils and we are committed to breaking down barriers and providing a curriculum that is accessible to all. The Government's introduction of the Pupil Premium Grant allows us to further our quest for equal opportunities for every child so that they can develop to their full potential.

High-quality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap and at the same time will benefit the non-disadvantaged pupils in our school. Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for their disadvantaged peers. Evidence suggests that pupil premium spending is most effective when schools use a tiered approach, targeting spending across the areas of teaching, academic support, and also a wider non-academic approach. Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery, notably in its targeted support through the National Tutoring Programme for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including non-disadvantaged pupils. Our approach will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage.

### **Our ultimate objectives are:**

- To narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils.
- For all disadvantaged pupils in school to make or exceed nationally expected progress rates.
- To support our children's health and wellbeing to enable them to access

learning at an appropriate level.

**We aim to do this through:**

- Ensuring that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all the pupils
- Ensuring that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed
- When making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all
- pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged
- We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are
- registered or qualify for free school meals. We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged.
- Pupil premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will
- identify priority classes and individuals

## Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1 Speech and Language	There are an increasing number of children who enter our Nursery with difficulties with <b>Speech and Language</b> . Assessments, observations and discussions with pupils indicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps. Parents have not always been able to access the SALT interventions prior to the children starting school.
2 Reading Writing & Maths Outcomes	There is a small, key group of pupils in receipt of PP not making expected progress in <b>reading writing and maths</b> despite interventions. Our assessments, observations and discussions with pupils suggest that disadvantaged pupils are not given the same support with home learning, the practice of phonics and the over learning of basic skills.
3 Pastoral	Our assessments, observations and discussions with pupils and families, have shown that pupils <b>emotional well-being, social and behavioural needs</b> affect them being in a position to able to make progress and their readiness to learn. We have an increasing number of LAC and Post LAC children who need therapeutic support.
4 SEND	Our assessments and observations have shown that some pupils who qualify for Pupil Premium funding have specific SEND needs and an increasing number of children need SALT intervention and <b>support with early reading</b> .

## 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
<p>1. <b>Improved oral language skills and vocabulary amongst disadvantaged pupils in EYFS.</b></p>	<p>More than 80% of disadvantaged pupils record green or amber on Summer Nursery WELLCOMM assessments.</p> <p>Children in Reception will be assessed using TALC and will make at least three months progress from baseline.</p> <p><b>Starting Point September '24</b></p> <p>Children will complete the TALC assessment with the SLT and will receive targeted intervention where needed. 80% will pass BLANK level 2 by the end of Reception after intervention.</p> <p>Book looks and reading assessment data will show a significant improvement in vocabulary amongst disadvantaged pupils.</p>
<p>2. <b>To continue to ensure the outcomes for pupils in receipt of pupil premium are at least in line with those of peers in school across the curriculum through ensuring high quality teaching is effectively in place, alongside targeted interventions.</b></p> <p><b>To ensure all pupils in receipt of pupil premium, including those with SEND, make expected progress from their starting points.</b></p>	<p>Increase the progress for a key group of pupils in receipt of pupil premium in reading, writing and maths in line with their identified baseline.</p> <p>In school tracking data will show an increase in the number of disadvantaged pupils making expected progress and higher than expected progress.</p>
<p>3. <b>To ensure the well-being needs of all pupils in receipt of pupil premium funding are met to ensure they are ready to learn, feel safe and secure and can regulate their emotions.</b></p>	<p>Children's well-being needs are met and supported to ensure they are able to access high quality teaching and targeted interventions where needed to support them in making progress. Engagement in class lessons, home-work, extra-curricular clubs all monitored.</p> <p>Caritas counsellor will use STAR assessments to show progress in well-being and mental health.</p> <p>Qualitative data from pupil voice, pupil and parent surveys and staff observations.</p>

<b>4. Improve phonics attainment for ALL pupils including disadvantaged pupils.</b>	Pupils will improve in fluency and confidence in decoding, blending and segmenting skills and therefore early reading skills.
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## Activity in this academic year

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

## Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

**Budgeted cost: £27 000**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<b>Develop a high quality teaching, assessment and a curriculum which responds to the needs of pupils:</b> We will follow a mastery approach and we will improve teacher feedback. We will make sure that teachers have good subject knowledge and pedagogical expertise. We will do this through effective CPD and through peer collaboration with a coaching approach. We will be working with The Literacy Company and the North West Maths Hub on specific programmes to support this.	<p>Evidence indicates that high quality teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve pupil attainment, including for disadvantaged pupils. Schools should focus on building teacher knowledge and pedagogical expertise, curriculum development, and the purposeful use of assessment. In some cases, this may include the selection of high-quality curriculum materials, or investment in the use of standardised assessments. Supporting resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The EEF's <a href="#">guidance reports</a> offer practical, evidence-based advice to schools on a range of topics to support high quality teaching, such as improving literacy, maths, science and improving teacher feedback. The <a href="#">EEF Toolkit</a> includes summaries of the best available evidence on approaches.</li> </ul>	2

<p><b>Professional development on evidence-based approaches:</b> We will follow a Mastery Readiness programme with the North West Maths Hub and we will be developing our reading curriculum with The Literacy Company. All staff will have support to develop their professional learning logs following evidence based approaches for their subject leader action plans.</p>	<p>Supporting continuous and sustained professional development (PD) on evidence-based classroom approaches is important to develop the practice of teachers in your setting. The content of PD should be based on the</p> <p>best available evidence. Effective PD is likely to require a balanced approach that includes building knowledge, motivating teachers, developing teacher techniques, and embedding practice. Supporting resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <a href="#">EEF Toolkit</a> and <a href="#">guidance reports</a>.</li> <li>• The EEF's '<a href="#">Effective Professional Development</a>' guidance report offers support in designing and delivering PD and selecting external PD.</li> </ul> <p>The EEF has developed support tools to go alongside the 'Effective Professional Development' guidance, such as '<a href="#">Considering a balanced design</a>', and more <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>2 4</p>
<p><b>Mentoring and coaching:</b> We will continue to work on our coaching ethos in school. We will build on our CollectiveEd: Coaching, Mentoring and Professional Learning Award and follow the next stage of our action plan. All staff will have coaching sessions with peer reviews.</p>	<p>A common form of support for teacher professional development is mentoring and/or coaching, particularly for early career teachers. Schools should carefully consider the mechanisms, for example, whether they are going to be adopting a mentoring or coaching approach. Supporting resources:</p> <p>The EEF guidance on 'Effective Professional Development' is accompanied by a poster to help consider the '<a href="#">Effective Mechanisms of PD</a>' - i.e. what are the essential elements that make mentoring or coaching more likely to be effective.</p>	<p>2 4</p>

## Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support, structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £ 12 355

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<b>Interventions to support language development, literacy and numeracy:</b> We will review all interventions to support language development, literacy, and numeracy. The SENDCo will track progress of all children receiving additional support.	<p>Pupils may require targeted academic support to assist language development, literacy, or numeracy. Interventions should be carefully linked to classroom teaching and matched to specific needs, whilst not inhibiting pupils' access to the curriculum. Supporting resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The EEF's <a href="#">‘Selecting Interventions’</a> tool offers evidence-informed guidance to select an apt programme.</li> </ul> <p>The EEF has dedicated web pages on effective approaches to support <a href="#">literacy</a> and <a href="#">numeracy</a>.</p>	1
<b>Activity and resources to meet the specific needs of disadvantaged pupils with SEND:</b> We will review the SEND provision in EYFS so that the needs of disadvantaged pupils with SEND are planned for at the start of their school experience and approaches and resources are used to offer effective support.	<p>Disadvantaged pupils with SEND have the greatest need for excellent teaching. Specific approaches to support these pupils may include explicit instruction, cognitive and metacognitive strategies, scaffolding, flexible grouping, and the targeted use of technology. Supporting resources:</p> <p>The EEF guidance report on <a href="#">Special Educational Needs in Mainstream Schools</a> includes 5 evidence-based recommendations to support pupils with SEND</p>	4
<b>Teaching assistant deployment and interventions:</b> Teaching assistants will be deployed effectively so that they feel confident delivering targeted interventions. These will include phonics, Speech and Language – WELLCOMM and TALC,	<p>Strategic deployment of TAs is important to ensure priority pupils are supported. This will include ensuring TAs are fully prepared for their role and supplementing rather than replacing high-quality provision from the class teacher, including providing targeted interventions. Supporting resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The EEF guidance report on <a href="#">Making the Best Use of Teaching Assistants</a> includes 6 recommendations, including adopting evidence-based interventions to support small group and one to one</li> </ul>	1



Power of one, MSL, Precision Grids.	instruction.  The EEF Toolkit has a strand on <a href="#">teaching assistant interventions</a> .	
<b>One to one and small group tuition:</b> One to one and small group tuition will be provided by trained Teaching Assistants in Keystage 2. National Tutoring money will be used to support this initiative.	Intensive individual support, either one to one or as a small group, can support pupil learning. This is most likely to be impactful if provided in addition to and explicitly linked with normal lessons. Schools should think carefully about implementation of tuition, including assessment of learning gaps, careful selection of curriculum content, ensuring those delivering tuition are well-prepared, and monitoring impact. Supporting resources:  The EEF Toolkit has a strand on <a href="#">one to one tuition</a> and <a href="#">small group tuition</a> .	1

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

**Budgeted cost: £ 15 500**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
We will support pupils' social, emotional and behavioural needs by offering additional support. We will buy into the SLA for Caritas Counselling.	<p>Social and emotional skills support effective learning and are linked to positive outcomes later in life. Schools may consider whole-class approaches as well as targeted interventions, monitoring the impact of these choices carefully. Supporting resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The EEF guidance report on <a href="#">Improving Social and Emotional Learning in Primary Schools</a> includes 5 core competencies to be taught explicitly.</li> <li>The EEF guidance report on <a href="#">Improving Behaviour in Schools</a> includes 6 recommendations to support evidence-informed decisions about behaviour strategies.</li> </ul> <p>The EEF Toolkit has a strand on <a href="#">social and emotional learning</a> and <a href="#">behaviour interventions</a></p>	3

<p>Extracurricular activities, including sports, outdoor activities, arts, culture and trips will be paid for if costs prevent a pupil accessing these opportunities.</p>	<p>Extracurricular activities are an important part of education in its own right. These approaches may increase engagement in learning, but it is important to consider how increased engagement will be translated into improved teaching and learning. Supporting resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The EEF Toolkit has a strand on <a href="#">arts participation</a>.</li> </ul>	<p>3</p>
<p>Communication with parents will help identify what support families would like to support learning. All subject Leaders will be holding Parent Workshops.</p>	<p>Levels of parental engagement are consistently associated with improved academic outcomes. Practical approaches, such as supporting shared book reading, or tailoring positive communications about learning, can prove actionable for schools. Supporting resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The EEF Toolkit has a strand on <a href="#">parental engagement</a>.</li> <li>• The EEF guidance report on '<a href="#">Working with Parents to Support Children's Learning</a>' offers practical approaches and insights for communicating and supporting parents.</li> </ul>	<p>4</p>

**Total budgeted cost: £ 54 855**

## Part B: Review of the previous academic year (2024-25)

### Pupil premium strategy outcomes (2024-25)

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2021 to 2024 academic year.

#### **Challenge 1:**

**Improved oral language skills and vocabulary amongst disadvantaged pupils in EYFS.**

#### **Starting Point September 2024:**

##### **Nursery**

<b><u>Wellcomm</u></b>	<b>Sep '24</b>	<b>July '25</b>	<b>Sept'25</b>	<b>July'26</b>	<b>Sept '26</b>	<b>July '27</b>
<b><u>YN (All)</u></b>	<b>28/17/55</b>	<b>7/20/73</b>	<b>28/40/32</b>			

##### **Reception:**

<b>TALC</b>	<b>Sep '24</b>	<b>July '25</b>	<b>Sept'25</b>	<b>July'26</b>	<b>Sept '26</b>	<b>July '27</b>
<b>YR (All)</b>	<b>Level 1-100</b>	<b>Level 1-100</b>	<b>Level 1-97</b>	<b>Level 1-</b>	<b>Level 1-</b>	<b>Level 1-</b>
	<b>Level 2 - 55</b>	<b>Level 2 - 86</b>	<b>Level 2 - 41</b>	<b>Level 2 -</b>	<b>Level 2 -</b>	<b>Level 2 -</b>
	<b>Level 3 - 0</b>	<b>Level 3 - 48</b>	<b>Level 3 - 0</b>	<b>Level 3 -</b>	<b>Level 3 -</b>	<b>Level 3 -</b>
	<b>Level 4 - 0</b>	<b>Level 4 - 3</b>	<b>Level 4 - 0</b>	<b>Level 4 -</b>	<b>Level 4 -</b>	<b>Level 4 -</b>

#### **Comment September 2025:**

In Nursery the children are assessed on entry using WELLCOMM. The on entry data shows the potential speech, language and communication difficulties and guides the areas for targeted support. The Speech and Language therapist assesses all children in Reception using the TALC assessment. Children are then put into Blank Level groups and staff at school are supported by the SALT to deliver intervention groups. They are reassessed termly. The improvements throughout the year indicate their impact and their need to continue.

#### **Speech and Language Data Indicators:**

On entry data from WELLCOMM

#### **Challenge 2:**

To continue to ensure the outcomes for pupils in receipt of pupil premium are at least in line with those of peers in school across the curriculum through ensuring high quality teaching is effectively in place, alongside targeted interventions.  
To ensure all pupils in receipt of pupil premium, including those with SEND, make expected progress from their starting points.

	July 2025 Expected	July '26 Expected	July '27 Expected
Reading	57%		
Writing	52%		
Maths	54%		
R/W/M	45%		

**Comment September 2025:**

The smaller number of children in receipt of PP in each class means that some of the data is not significant so the data is for all the children in receipt of PP in the school. This shows that overall the children in receipt of PP are not achieving as well as those who are not in receipt of PP. We will continue to provide and monitor intervention work that helps the pupils make expected progress from their starting points.

**Challenge 3:**

To ensure the well-being needs of all pupils in receipt of pupil premium funding are met to ensure they are ready for learning

% of PP children	Academic Year 2024-25	Academic Year 2025-26	Academic Year 2026-27
Accessing Caritas	20%		
Experience/Trip funding	41%		
Talent support for extra-curricular lessons	16%		

**Comment September 2025:**

Staff have shown increased knowledge and confidence in using relational approaches to promote positive behaviour and in adapting the curriculum to better support learners. However, these practices need to be further embedded and should inform the School Improvement Plan. Ongoing external support from Caritas is contributing positively to the development of internal provision.

**Challenge 4:**

Improve phonics attainment for ALL pupils including disadvantaged pupils.

Percentage meeting the expected standard in phonics	Academic year 2024-25	Academic year 2025-26	Academic year 2026-27
Year 1	83%		
ALL			
Year 1 ALL	80%		

<b>National</b>			
<b>Year 1 D pupils</b>	<b>3/4 75%</b>		
<b>Year 2 ALL</b>	<b>93%</b>		
<b>Year 2 D pupils</b>	<b>8/9 89%</b>		

**Comment September 2025:**  
The attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils in phonics remains a concern. We are looking at ways we can engage parents, include active and outdoor phonics and also track progress carefully using the Heat Maps. This is an area on the school improvement plan.

## Externally provided programmes

*Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you used your pupil premium to fund in the previous academic year.*

Programme	Provider
N/A	
N/A	