

Pupil premium strategy statement



This statement details our school's use of pupil premium and recovery premium funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils, for the 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 academic years.

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	Crabtree Farm Primary
Number of pupils in school	366 - Oct 2024 348 - Oct 2025
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	64% - Oct 2024 67% - Oct 2025
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024-2027
Date this statement was published	V1 October 2024 V2 October 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	V2 October 2026
Statement authorised by	L Haskey
Pupil premium lead	J Round
Governor / Trustee lead	E Pagliacci

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year (including Early Years Pupil Premium)	£314,050 - 2024/25 £320,480 - 2025/26
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0 - Oct 2024 £0 - Oct 2025
Total budget for this academic year	£314,050 for 2024/25 £320,480 for 2025/26

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

We are proud to serve the Crabtree Farm community. Our intention is that all pupils, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make good progress and achieve high attainment across all subject areas. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve this. We also consider the challenges faced by other vulnerable pupils, such as those who have a social worker and young carers. The action we have outlined in this statement is also intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

The Pupil Premium spending also focuses on whole school strategies that impact all pupils, strategies that target underperforming pupils, and specific strategies targeting pupil premium pupils. We have a clear, strategic approach to the use of Pupil Premium funding, and plans are integrated into wider school support and improvement systems. These are monitored and evaluated regularly and termly data analysis, alongside pupil progress meetings, ensures that the correct support and strategies are identified to maximize progress for all pupils and close the disadvantage gap in attainment.

This includes:

- high-quality, first class teaching
- quality support through use of additional adults
- specific group/individual interventions
- access to trips and residentials
- counselling and nurture provision
- breakfast club and after school clubs (including sports)
- music lessons and creative arts

The challenges our disadvantaged pupils face varies across the school and our role as practitioners is to become an expert in these children. Interventions are led by pupil need, rather than label and we ensure that all staff are involved in the analysis of data and identification of pupils, so that they are fully aware of strengths and weaknesses within their phase.

The Covid-19 outbreak has inevitably had an effect on all children's learning. We are aware that there may be detrimental effects on our Pupil Premium children's learning and wellbeing, so our key aim is to identify gaps and support pupils and parents, putting measures in place to match individual needs.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Social, emotional and mental health issues for a group of pupils across the school has hindered their access to the full curriculum, it impacts on their progress and that of others.
2	Pastoral issues for a number of PP families, including behaviour of pupils, financial and parental mental health issues are having detrimental effect on their academic progress and that of their peers.
3	Attendance, including lateness, of some PP families is poor and requires continuous support and challenge.
4	Attainment of pupils eligible for PP is lower than that of their peers in some year groups in reading, maths and writing, and progress rates are slower for this group than for their non-disadvantaged peers (including impact of Covid-19). Lower attaining PP pupils require additional support to ensure that they attain and retain as well as their peers and make expected progress, they are vulnerable learners.
5	Children have poor spoken language skills, this impacts on their ability to communicate effectively, support their literacy skills and limits their ability to articulate themselves effectively for the future.
6	Children are not exposed to a wide variety of life experiences that allow them to experience in context, the vocabulary required to access all aspects of the curriculum.
7	Multiple and profound challenges for some of our PP children including LAC, SEND (including the newly introduced enhanced provision), term of birth, EAL / new to English.

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	
Improve the PP attainment in reading, writing and maths (emphasis on reading) so that as a group they are closer to the national figure. All PP pupils in reading, writing and maths make expected progress.	An increased percentage of PP children are attaining age related levels in reading, writing and maths at end of Key Stage data points. All PP children make at least expected progress.	
Attendance 2023-2024 was 91.25%, to improve this year on year. Persistent absentees 2023-24 was 32.34%, to improve this year on year.	Attendance is:	Persistent Absentees:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 94% in 2025 ➤ 95% in 2026 ➤ 96% in 2027 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 18% in 2025 ➤ 15% in 2026 ➤ 12% in 2027
Improved oracy skills lead to children's increased ability to effectively communicate verbally and in a range of written representations.	A greater percentage of PP children attaining in line with national benchmarks.	

All pupils are given access to a full range of enrichment and out of school activities and a wider range of life experiences.	No pupils eligible for PP are disadvantaged in relation to out of school and enrichment opportunities.
Social, emotional and mental health support is available throughout the school week. This is both proactive and reactive to respond to the individual needs of all children.	All PP children have the opportunity to benefit from support for their social, emotional and mental health issues, which hinder their access to the full curriculum.

Pupil Premium Targets 2025/26

The percentage of PP children achieving age related expectations at the end of the academic year are:

	% of PP in cohort	Reading EYFS- Word reading		Writing		Maths EYFS - Number		EYFS GLD	
		PP Cohort	All Cohort	PP Cohort	All Cohort	PP Cohort	All Cohort	PP Cohort	All Cohort
F1	42%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
F2	45%	60%	65%	60%	65%	60%	65%	60%	65%
Y1	65%	60%	60%	55%	55%	60%	60%		
Y2	65%	60%	60%	60%	60%	70%	70%		
Y3	71%	70%	65%	65%	60%	70%	65%		
Y4	74%	70%	60%	70%	55%	70%	60%		
Y5	79%	80%	70%	70%	55%	80%	70%		
Y6	72%	75%	70%	80%	75%	80%	75%		

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 2024-25: £41,295

Budgeted cost 2025-26: £50,404

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>A SLT to raise awareness of pupil premium children across each phase and ensure teaching is appropriately adapted in order to reach their potential. Support through pupil progress meetings, data analysis, non-contact time to collate data and information, non-contact time to release staff to fulfil their responsibilities and deliver interventions. Pupil premium lead to evaluate and monitor the impact of PP provision across school, liaising with assessment lead.</p> <p>£34736</p>	<p>EEF Guide to the Pupil Premium</p> <p>Small groups (+4 months): Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p> <p>Standardised tests can provide reliable insights into the specific strengths and weaknesses of each pupil to help ensure they receive the correct additional support through interventions or teacher instruction.</p> <p>School Development Plan</p>	<p>1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7</p>
<p>B Teacher CPD programme e.g. Little Wandle, reading, subject leader development, SEND</p> <p>£14,673</p>	<p>According the EEF's Guide to The Pupil Premium</p> <p><i>'Good teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. Using the Pupil Premium to improve teaching quality benefits all students and has a particularly positive effect on children eligible for Pupil Premium'</i></p>	<p>1, 4, 5, 6, 7</p>
<p>C Resources and subscription (proportionate), to support the DfE validated systematic synthetic phonics programme (Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised) to secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupils.</p> <p>£995</p>	<p>Phonics (+5 months): Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p> <p>Small groups (+4 months): Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	<p>4, 5, 7</p>

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

Budgeted cost 2024-25: £178,939

Budgeted cost 2025-26: £175,010

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>D Improve the PP attainment in reading, writing and maths through use of individual class TAs, so that as an identified group of vulnerable learners they attain closer to the national figure - see individual targets. <i>Proportion of education support staff budget £130,010</i></p>	<p>TA interventions (+4 months): Teaching Assistant Interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Grouping within the class and using TA (+2 months): Within class attainment grouping EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Differentiation/individualised instruction within the class and using TA (+4 months): Individualised Instruction EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	4, 7
<p>E Vulnerable children with speech, language and communication difficulties, supported through speech and language therapy and communication interventions. <i>Proportion of education support staff budget £130,010</i></p>	<p>Oral language interventions (+6 months): Oral language interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	2, 4, 5, 7
<p>F Learning resources materials and subscriptions to support in class learning, interventions and homework e.g. TT Rock Stars, Reading Eggs, ipads, Spelling Frame, White Rose, Artsmark, Green Flag <i>£45,000</i></p>	<p>Resources used to support in class, in various interventions and learning beyond the school day:</p> <p>Homework (+5 months): Homework Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p> <p>Reading Eggs scientific research base</p> <p>Study into Times Tables Rockstars</p> <p>Resources in schools: https://www.pearson.com/en-gb/schools/insights-and-events/schools-blog/2017/09/improving-learner-outcomes.html</p>	2, 4, 7

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

Budgeted cost 2024-25: £93,816

Budgeted cost 2025-26: £95,066

	Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
G	To provide counselling sessions weekly for vulnerable children to help them overcome unique barriers to learning. £21,155 (2 day service)	<p>Social and emotional learning (+4 months): Social and emotional learning Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p> <p>Behaviour interventions (+4 months): Behaviour interventions Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p> <p>Annual counselling service report</p> <p>NHS survey: Mental Health of Children and Young People in England 2021</p> <p>DfE publication: The Relationship between Children's Wellbeing and their Educational Outcomes</p>	1
H	To fund music tuition - all PP children to have the opportunity to be taught music by a music specialist and in key stage 2 have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Access to attend Area Band after school, music camp and additional tutoring/music qualifications. £23,635	<p>Arts participation (+3 months): Arts participation Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p> <p>The British Journal of Music Education (BJME) research article on the impact that learning a musical instrument has on core academic progress and attainment: https://www.musicmark.org.uk/resources/the-impact-of-instrumental-learning-on-attainment/</p>	6
I	Specialist gardening facilitator to work with all children across school, planting, upkeep, harvesting and eating healthy produce as part of the Food for Life curriculum. £2500	https://www.foodforlife.org.uk/our-impact/evaluation-reports/	2, 6
J	To offer all PP children a variety of experiences, visits, visitors, speakers, residentials to inspire them and support them in their development e.g. GREAT project and school council. £16,576	<p>Arts participation (+3 months): Arts participation Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p> <p>Collaborative learning approaches (+5 months): Collaborative learning approaches Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	6

		Physical activity (+1 months): Physical activity Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF GREAT Project https://equation.org.uk/the-great-project/	
K	To subsidise the DfE Early Adopters Breakfast Club scheme, which support PP pupils with attendance/ safeguarding needs. <i>£4641 (food costs and proportion of staff salary running breakfast club)</i>	Extending school time (+3 months): Extending school time Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF Family Action article: The impact of breakfast on learning in children	2, 3, 7
L	To offer milk to above 5 year olds in EYFS and Key Stage 1. <i>£6000</i>	Milk as part of a balanced diet: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/food-types/milk-and-dairy-nutrition/	2
M	To improve PP attendance overall and in regard to specific families. <i>£16,309 (proportionate salary)</i>	Inclusive Attendance website demonstrates the importance of attendance: https://inclusive-attendance.co.uk/ Raising the attendance of disadvantaged pupils – from Education Conference Parental engagement (+4 months): Parental engagement Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	3
N	To provide resources in order to create a positive environment for children with SEND in the enhanced provision, in order to support learning and communication and language. <i>£2000</i>	Oral language interventions (+6 months): Oral language interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/send Resources in schools: https://www.pearson.com/en-gb/schools/insights-and-events/schools-blog/2017/09/improving-learner-outcomes.html	1, 5, 7
O	To provide a book bag for every child when they first start school and offer pre-loved uniform as needed (cost of cleaning). <i>£500</i>	Article about supporting uniform costs: https://cpag.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-10/School-Uniforms-Guide.pdf	2
P	To provide rewards at various points in the years to promote positive attitudes and academic success e.g. end of year trophies, badges, super stars books, certificates, lanyards etc <i>£1750</i>	Article about the impact of rewards on children	3, 4

Total budgeted cost: £320,480

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.

Impact of Pupil Premium 2023-2024

In 2023-24 the school continued to support pupil premium children to close the increased gap, with the lasting impact on disadvantaged pupils from the Covid-19 pandemic. The pupil premium strategy's design was to support children in specific intended outcomes, evidence towards the success criteria in 2023-24 can be seen below.

Strategies in place had a positive impact in data across all pupil premium children in the school; however, the greatest impact was on the Year 6 pupils, who made rapid progress in response to the interventions in place and made considerable improvements on the KS2 data from the previous year.

Across school pupils at statutory points scored in line or above national pupil premium data depending on the area/subject. Data showed that maths and writing was an area for development across the school for all pupils, which can be seen in the School Development Plan for 2024-25.

Most pupil premium pupils made expected progress, appropriate to them, during 2023-24. The attainment for pupil premium pupils achieving the expected standard at statutory assessment points at the end of the academic year 2023-24 was:

	Reading EYFS- Word reading		Writing		Maths EYFS - Number		EYFS GLD	
	School PP	National PP	School PP	National PP	School PP	National PP	School PP	National PP
EYFS	67%	62%	67%	56%	67%	66%	67%	52%
KS1	52%	N/A	39%	N/A	58%	N/A		
KS2	71%	63%	59%	59%	56%	59%		

Pupil premium funding continued to support access to Times Tables Rock Stars and Reading Eggs Platforms with all KS2 children accessing these. In EYFS 36 children had support from Talk Boost and NELI programmes, which supported their speech, language and communication; having a positive impact upon their development, which saw progress in their data.

Although attendance targets were not reached in 2023-24, this was a national issue due to the legacy of the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly around persistent absentees. Our attendance for 2023-24 was 91.25%, which was broadly in line with the national picture of 92.8% and nothing to report within the IDSR. Attendance remains a high priority of the school and is included in the School Development Plan for 2024-25, with a focus on persistent absentees. The school has also signed up to support for attendance through the DfE Priority Education Investment Area. Given the high priority to attendance, the Pupil Premium Strategy will continue to support this area.

All children across school were given equal opportunity to attend enrichment experiences in school, day and residential trips, after school clubs and additional tutoring, where appropriate. Pupil premium funding was used, where possible, to provide opportunities at no cost or a reduced the cost to families; allowing children to have experiences they wouldn't otherwise have or develop their skills and talents.

Enrichment experiences included:

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| ✓ Greens Windmill | ✓ Lakeside Arts | ✓ Jeffery Jumper |
| ✓ Clip 'n' climb | ✓ Partake | ✓ Rand Farm |
| ✓ Twycross Zoo | ✓ Ice skating | ✓ Bulwell Forest Gardens |

85% of the Year 6 cohort attended after school boosters to further support their learning, which has had an impact on end of KS2 data.

After school club data for 2023-24 showed that of the clubs attended, more pupil premium children attended than non-pupil premium; however, this was in line with the number of pupil premium children in the school.

Social, emotional and mental health support was continued to be provided to pupils across the school to address any identified support, or to respond to newly presented needs of the individual children. This included strategies such as:

- counselling (28 children were in full service, of which 94% were PP, with others accessing the drop-in service)
- breakfast club (over 100 children used the provision over the year, with all PP paid places being full at all times)
- forest schools (8 identified children each half term attended)
- music interventions (over 100 children attending interventions, with six children achieving gradings in guitar)
- gardening opportunities (all classes on a rota)

Access to these interventions and planned opportunities allowed the children to develop their skills, address any concerns and access the school day and curriculum in a more appropriate manner.

Impact of Pupil Premium 2024-2025

In 2024-25 the school continued to support pupil premium children to close the increased gap, with the lasting impact on disadvantaged pupils from the Covid-19 pandemic. The pupil premium strategy's design was to support children in specific intended outcomes, evidence towards the success criteria in 2024-25 can be seen below.

Strategies in place had a positive impact in data across all pupil premium children in the school; however, the greatest impact was on the Year 6 pupils, who made rapid progress in response to the interventions in place and made considerable improvements on the KS2 data in writing and maths from the previous year.

In EYFS pupils scored below national pupil premium data, however at KS2 children scored above. Data across school showed that maths and writing had improved, however reading was an area for development across the school for all pupils, which can be seen in the School Development Plan for 2025-26.

Most pupil premium pupils made expected progress, appropriate to them, during 2024-25. The attainment for pupil premium pupils achieving the expected standard at statutory assessment points at the end of the academic year 2024-25 was:

	Reading EYFS- Word reading		Writing		Maths EYFS - Number		EYFS GLD	
	School PP	National PP	School PP	National PP	School PP	National PP	School PP	National PP
EYFS	44%	60.6%	40%	55%	48%	65%	40%	51%
KS1	48%	N/A	38%	N/A	55%	N/A		
KS2	70%	63%	73%	59%	67%	60%		

Pupil premium funding continued to support access to Times Tables Rock Stars, Reading Eggs, Spelling Frame and Mathletics platforms with all KS2 children accessing these; and Numbots platform with all KS1 children accessing this.

Although attendance targets were not reached in 2024-25, this continued to be a national issue, particularly around persistent absentees. Our attendance for 2024-25 was 92.3% which was an increase from 2023-24. This was below the national picture of 94.8% and noted within the IDSR, that school had made relative improvement. Attendance remains a high priority of the school and is included in the School Development Plan for 2025-26, with a focus on persistent absentees and lates. The school had support for attendance through the DfE Priority Education Investment Area, which funded support from Inclusive Attendance. In 2025-26 the school will continue this work, with the target to achieve the Inclusive Attendance kitemark. Given the high priority to attendance, the Pupil Premium Strategy will continue to support this area.

All children across school were given equal opportunity to attend enrichment experiences in school, day and residential trips, after school clubs and additional tutoring, where appropriate. Pupil premium funding was used, where possible, to provide opportunities at no cost or a reduced the cost to families; allowing children to have experiences they wouldn't otherwise have or develop their skills and talents.

Enrichment experiences included:

- ✓ NFFC Reading stars
- ✓ Ice skating
- ✓ NFFC mental health
- ✓ NFFC World book day
- ✓ Yorkshire wildlife park
- ✓ Tennis centre
- ✓ Partake Ancient Egyptians
- ✓ NTU Clifton
- ✓ The Mill Base adventure
- ✓ Partake Mayans
- ✓ Rand Farm residential
- ✓ Rand Farm Day trip
- ✓ Walesby residential
- ✓ Ilam Hall music camp
- ✓ Primary parliament

91% of the Year 6 cohort attended after school boosters to further support their learning, which has had an impact on end of KS2 data.

After school club data for 2024-25 showed that of the clubs attended, more pupil premium children attended than non-pupil premium; however, this was in line with the number of pupil premium children in the school.

Social, emotional and mental health support was continued to be provided to pupils across the school to address any identified support, or to respond to newly presented needs of the individual children. This included strategies such as:

- counselling (26 children were in full service, of which 86% were PP, with others accessing the drop-in service)

- breakfast club (over 150 children used the provision over the year)
- music interventions (85 children attended interventions, with seven children achieving gradings in acoustic guitar)
- gardening opportunities (all classes on a rota)

Access to these interventions and planned opportunities allowed the children to develop their skills, address any concerns and access the school day and curriculum in a more appropriate manner.

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
Reading Eggs	3P Learning
Times Table Rock Stars	Maths Circle Ltd
GREAT project	Equation
DAaRT project	Life Skills Education
Mathletics	3P Learning
Numbots	Maths Circle Ltd
Fischer Family Trust	Fischer Family Trust