

Empowering Potential, Embracing Diversity:
Learning Without Limits



PE and Sport Premium
Report 2025–26

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1. About the PE and Sport Premium

The PE and Sport Premium is government funding for primary schools. It must be used to make additional and sustainable improvements to the quality of PE, sport and physical activity, so that every child can enjoy being active, build healthy habits for life and experience a wide range of sports.

At Woodchurch Road Academy, being active is part of Learning Without Limits. We want every child to find something they love, whether that is dance, gymnastics, swimming, team games or simply playing well together at lunchtime, and to grow in confidence, teamwork and resilience along the way.

2. Our funding for 2025–26

Total PE and Sport Premium received	£17,850
Amount spent	£17,850 (the full allocation)
Unspent grant carried forward	None

3. How we spent the funding

What we spent it on	Amount
Equipment and resources: new gymnastics equipment	£6,000
Extra-curricular opportunities, including a play leader at break and lunchtime	£6,350
External coaching: specialist dance coach, 24 weeks	£2,880
Swimming: top-up lessons and water safety	£1,200
Staff training (CPD)	£500
Entering external sports competitions	£500
Memberships and subscriptions	£420
Total	£17,850

4. What difference it made

We judge that our spending this year has had a positive impact across all five of the government's key indicators.

Staff confidence, knowledge and skills

A specialist dance coach worked with every year group each week for 24 weeks. As well as giving children high-quality dance lessons, the coach modelled teaching for our staff, so teachers grew in confidence and expertise in teaching dance themselves. Further training strengthened the quality of PE teaching across school.



More children active, more often

Our play leader brings structured games and activities to break and lunchtimes, so more children are active every day and playtimes are happier and more inclusive. Funding for extra-curricular clubs has broadened what children can try after school.

A broader range of sports and activities

New gymnastics equipment means teachers can now offer a much richer gymnastics curriculum, with more children able to work on apparatus safely and with challenge. Together with dance and our clubs, children experience a wider range of activities than ever before.

Raising the profile of PE and sport

Children represented the school in external sports competitions, and specialist coaching made PE and sport highly visible in school life.

Competitive sport

Entry to external competitions gave children the chance to test their skills against other schools and to experience the pride of representing Woodchurch Road.

5. Swimming and water safety

Swimming is part of the national curriculum, and being safe in and around water is a vital life skill, especially for children growing up on the Wirral. We spent £1,200 on top-up swimming lessons in 2025–26. The table shows the percentage of our Year 6 pupils meeting each national curriculum requirement.

Year 6 swimming	2023–24	2025–26
Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over at least 25 metres	49%	84%
Use a range of strokes effectively, such as front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke	57%	76%
Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations	49%	60%

All three measures have improved strongly, and the proportion of children able to swim 25 metres has risen by 35 percentage points. Self-rescue remains an area we want to keep building on.

6. Supporting every child to take part

We targeted some of our spending to make sure disadvantaged pupils can take part fully in sport and physical activity, so that cost is never a barrier to joining a club, a competition or a sporting experience.

7. Making it last

The funding must lead to improvements that last beyond the year it is spent. Much of this year's spending was chosen with that in mind:

- the gymnastics equipment will be used in PE lessons for many years to come



- staff training and working alongside the dance coach have built our own expertise, so we rely less on outside providers
- the play leader role has made structured physical activity a normal part of every school day
- swimming results reflect several years of sustained investment, and we will keep building on them
- memberships give us continuing access to networks and resources for our PE curriculum

8. Looking ahead

2025–26 was the final year of the PE and Sport Premium in its current form. The government is replacing it with a new national PE and School Sport Partnerships Network, with a one-off transition payment for schools during 2026–27 while the network is set up.

We have told the Department for Education that extra-curricular opportunities, equipment and resources, and external coaching and specialist support are where the new network could help us most. We will continue to make PE, sport and physical activity a joyful and important part of every child's time at Woodchurch Road.