

Rothesay Nursery School

Early Year Pupil Premium Strategy

This statement details our school's use of early years pupil premium funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils.

It outlines our early years pupil premium strategy and the outcomes for disadvantaged pupils last academic year. It includes how we intend to spend the funding this academic year.

Statement of Intent

At Rothesay Nursery School our aim is that all children, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, have a great start, make strong progress and achieve well in all areas of learning. The focus of our early years pupil premium strategy is to support all children at risk of disadvantage to achieve that goal, including progress for those who are already high attaining.

When allocating the funding, we will assess the context from which the child is working within, we take a holistic approach to providing support and look at potential challenges in both academic attainment, family support and enrichment. We allocate funding and carefully provide support irrespective of the children's starting points.

High quality provision is proven to be the key driver for raising attainment for all children including those at risk of disadvantage. At Rothesay Nursery School our commitment is to ensure that the nursery is a place 'where every child can grow and learn.' The allocation of funding is carefully planned to ensure that all children benefit from raised standards of provision.

Our strategy is to identify the key actions for individual children and families that will make the difference. School leaders are familiar with current research and use this research to inform decisions. Every child's achievement and potential barriers are assessed, discussed and reviewed. Our approach results in regular reviews and careful monitoring of impact to ensure that the allocation of funds is effective in making a difference.

School Overview 2024-2025

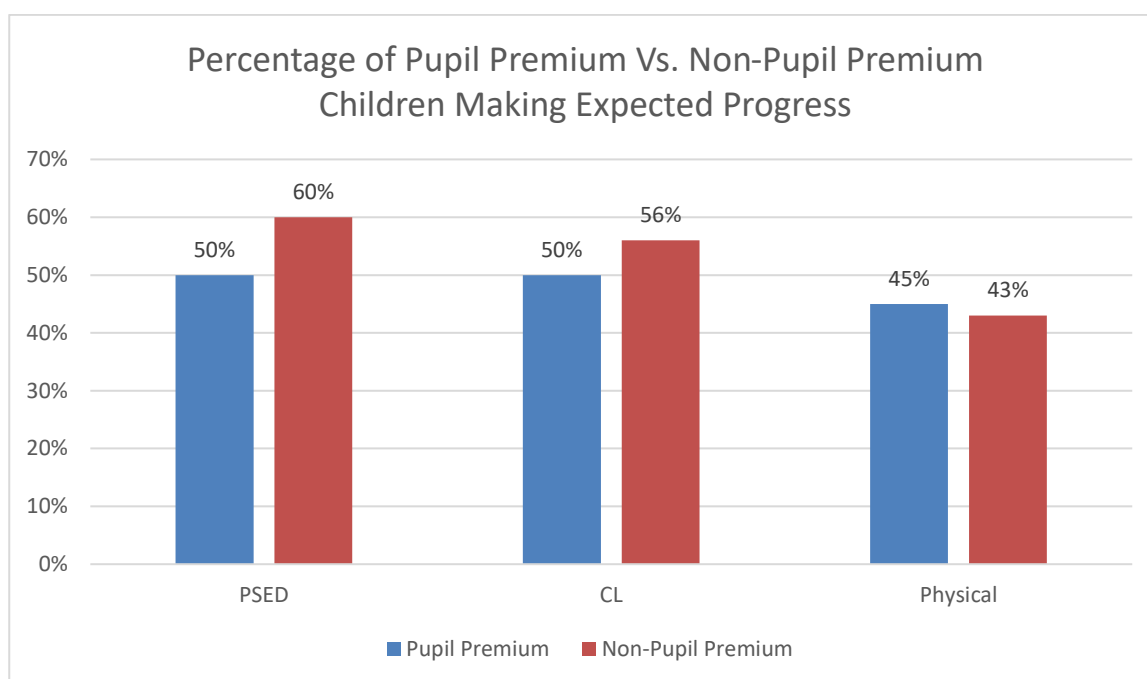
Detail		
Autumn 2024	Number of pupils in school	87
	Number eligible for pupil premium	32
Spring 2025	Number of pupils in school	110
	Number eligible for pupil premium	44
Summer 2025	Number of pupils in school	120
	Number eligible for pupil premium	42

Intended Outcomes 2024-2025

This explains the outcomes we aimed for **by the end of our 2024-2025 strategy plan**.

Intended outcome	Success criteria	
Improved communication and language skills and vocabulary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will make strong progress from their starting point. Children will achieve the curriculum intent. Children will be well prepared for the next stage in their education. 	Please see Progress Overview 2024-2025 below.
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all children, particularly those at risk of disadvantage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance data will evidence consistent attendance. Clear systems for monitoring attendance and offering support will be in place 	Please see Attendance Overview 2024-2025 below.
A hot lunch is provided for children each day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot meals are available each school day. Children experience a variety of healthy foods. Increased independence skills when feeding themselves. Supports school readiness 	A hot lunch was provided until March of 2025, however in April of 2025 Rothesay moved to packed lunches due to changes related to the statutory guidance for the early years.

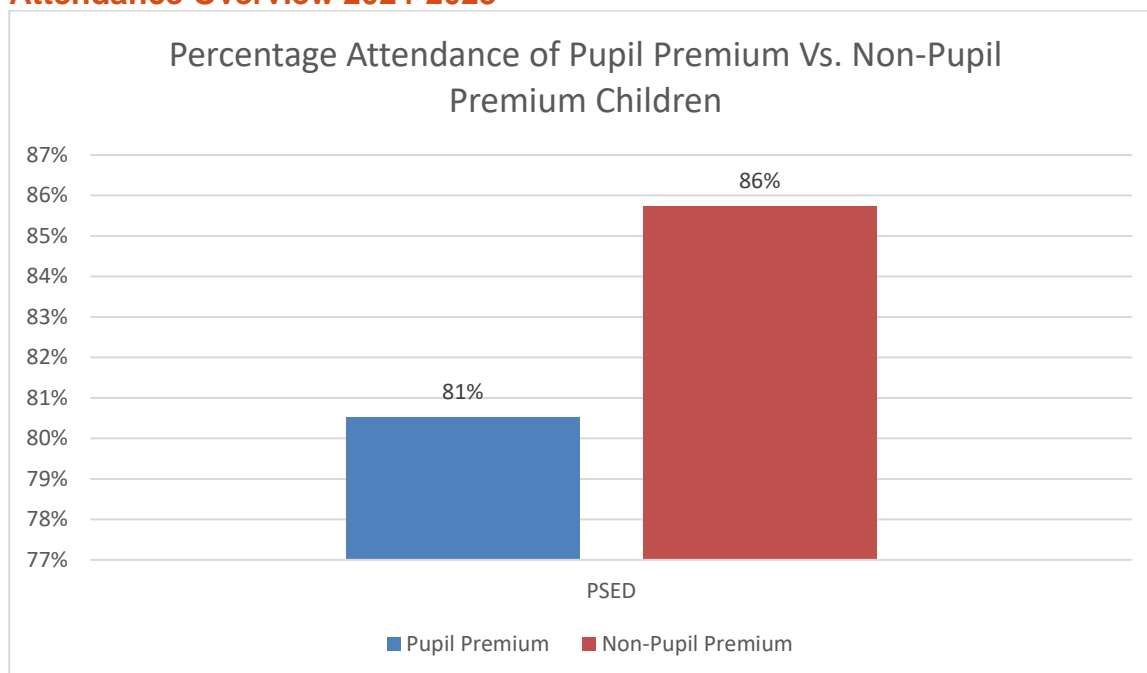
Progress Overview 2024- 2025



This data is based on the N2 cohort of children and covers the prime areas of learning. Pupil Premium children achieved well in physical development, however in both

Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Communication and Language the proportion of Pupil Premium children making expected progress was slightly lower.

Attendance Overview 2024-2025



Attendance for pupil premium children was 5% lower than Pupil Premium children over the course of the year, however this does not show the significant improvement in attendance through the course of the year for several of the Pupil Premium Children.

Budget Overview 2024-2025

Income	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation Autumn 2024	£2427.60
Pupil premium funding allocation Spring 2025	£7364.00
Pupil premium funding allocation Summer 2025	£7605.00
Total budget for this academic year	£17 396.60

Expenses	Amount
Providing hot lunches	£2477.60
Furniture	£1536.00
Free uniform for pupil premium children	£1327.98
Teaching and learning resources	£3754.00
Thrive	£990
Staff training	£740
Total budget for this academic year	£10825.58

As the pupil premium budget for the summer term was only released at the end of June, part of this has been carried forward into the Autumn Term.

Early Years Pupil Premium Strategy Plan 2025-2026

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Assessment and observation information indicate that most children, including those at risk of disadvantage, have starting points in C&L which are lower than those expected of their chronological age.
2	Our attendance data indicates that some pupils at risk of disadvantage have attendance levels that are below that expected to achieve strong progress.
3	A large number of our children have limited exposure to the wider learning experiences that exist. We will aim to provide a range of learning opportunities both inside and outside of Nursery.
4	In the last academic year there was a higher level of detrimental and dangerous behaviour displayed by pupil premium children.
5	Many of the pupil premium children live in flats and experience overcrowding with limited outdoor space.

Intended outcome	Success criteria
To develop communication and language skills in order to narrow the gap.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will make strong progress from their starting point. Children will be well prepared for the next stage in their education.
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all children, particularly those at risk of disadvantage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance data will evidence consistent attendance. Clear systems for monitoring attendance and offering support will be in place.
To develop a vocabulary to talk about feelings and to begin to develop strategies to support regulation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's vocabulary to express their feelings will develop and grow from starting points. Exposure to different equipment and strategies to co-regulate will support in more independent regulation of feelings and emotions over time.
To experience the outdoor environment in all weathers and to develop and refine gross motor skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will be able to put on wet weather gear independently. Children will be able to climb up, over, around and through a range of climbing equipment, setting themselves physical challenges and persevering to master skills.

Predicted School Overview 2025-2026

Detail		
Autumn 2025	Number of pupils in school	98
	Number eligible for pupil premium	33
Spring 2026	Predicted number of pupils in school	110
	Predicted number eligible for pupil premium	40
Summer 2026	Predicted number of pupils in school	120
	Predicted number eligible for pupil premium	45

Predicted Budget 2025-2026

Income	Amount
Predicted pupil premium funding Autumn 2025	£2500
Predicted pupil premium funding allocation Spring 2026	£7300
Predicted pupil premium funding allocation Summer 2026	£7500
Predicted budget for this academic year	£17 300

Planned Activity in this Academic Year

Expenses	Amount
Magic Words Speech and Language Therapy	£11000
Early Years Therapeutic Thinking Training	£900
Free uniform for pupil premium children	£2100
Outdoor resources	£3300
Total budget for this academic year	£17300

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