



Petersfield Church of England (Aided) School Finance Report for the Financial Year 2024-2025

As in previous years, there have been many challenges which have financial implications for the school. These include historic underfunding, the cost-of-living crisis, increasing staffing costs and ever-increasing additional responsibilities being placed on schools at a time where other services such as the Local Authority, health and social care have additional pressures and therefore less capacity and longer waiting times. Despite this, we set a balanced budget for 2024-2025 focused on our underpinning vision to ensure all members of our school community 'Live Life to the Full'.

We remain very grateful for all the voluntary donations of time, resources and money which continue to support our school. These continue to be spent directly on resources, the learning environment and opportunities for the children.

We continue to appreciate the positive work of everyone on the FOPS committee to raise vital funds for our pupils. The Swap Shop also continues to be well used, saving parents money and being environmentally friendly. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Swap Shop or supported the FOPS events through the financial year. You can find out more about FOPS or make a donation [here](#).

Following the impact of Covid on the Puffins provision, we continue to recouped the costs from 2020-2022 whilst also looking to build capacity in the increasingly used provision.

This year, we were delighted to receive a Living Sport grant to purchase resources and equipment for our pupils. The table tennis table is a particular favourite at break times. The [Sports Premium](#) has again been used to purchase resources and to fund our Commando Joe provision for all pupils. As a result of all of this, we have been awarded the Gold Sports Award for the third year running. This is a significant achievement for a small school. We are very proud of this achievement and our thanks to Miss Whitehead for championing our Sports Provision in conjunction with our sports coaches and staff.

In line with EEF recommendations to raise attainment for our most disadvantaged pupils, we continued to spend our [Pupil Premium](#) money to support the three strands of high-quality teaching and learning, targeted support and interventions and wider strategies. During the financial year, all our teaching staff embarked on a National Professional Qualification to support leading literacy. In addition, the English Hub have continued to support our Phonics teaching and we have continued to focus on English and Maths teaching with targeted support from County to further improve the high-quality teaching and learning. Together with other local schools, we continue to fund the YMCA play therapists to work in school. You can read more about how we have spent the designated Pupil Premium funding on our website by clicking [here](#). The threshold for Pupil Premium recently changed so you may be eligible if you are entitled to Universal Credit. Please do apply by clicking [here](#) or contact us via office@petersfield.cambs.sch.uk for more information.

The Headteachers have continued to cover key roles, such as caretaking, Puffins and administration, and have therefore reduced spending. As a result of all the careful planning and spending, we ended the year on track with a carry forward of around £57k. This includes the ring fenced carry forward of the Sports Premium and Living Sport Grant which is allocated to be spent on the permitted criteria in the 2025-2026 financial year (April 25 – March 26). It also includes funding for the 2025-2026 class structure.

More information about our finances can be found here: <https://financial-benchmarking-and-insights-tool.education.gov.uk/school/110836>

We have set a balanced budget for 2025-2026.