

Local Project Support Programme Grants 2015 – 2016 <http://www.jpff.org.uk/language/funding.php>

In 2015-2016 the Japan Foundation London received a total of 67 applications and rewarded 62 grants. The grants have been spread all over the UK, from Plymouth to Orkney. You can see the Geographical location of the Grantees on the map below.



Primary projects:

Bathford Primary School

Title: Bathford gambare!

This primary school plans to introduce Japanese classes both within the main school curriculum and as a club. The Headteacher previously spent some time in Japan on the [Japan Exchange and Teaching programme](#), so he was keen to introduce Japanese into his school. The school is located near Bath, where there are several other primary schools that teach Japanese, so there is a growing amount of support for Japanese in this area.

Bethnal Green After School Club

Title: Let's learn Japan and its culture

This project will start a Japanese club for local primary schools in Bethnal Green. The club is located in the Globe Primary School but it will be open to up to 35 children from local schools, including Bonner Primary School and Banghabandu Primary School.

Bilton Grange Preparatory School

Title: BG Ichi, Ni, San NihonGO!

This primary school introduced Japanese into their curriculum last year as part of a carousel of languages. This year they plan to continue the carousel of languages for Year 4, and continue classes for students that elect to study Japanese in Year 5 and Year 6. Students can choose between Chinese, Japanese and Arabic.

Carden Primary School

Title: Introduction of Japanese at Carden Primary School
The Headteacher from this school joined the Japan Foundation's [Group Tour Programme](#), so visited Japan in November 2015. Since then, the school has decided to introduce Japanese as their main language and to start a Japanese club. They plan to kick off the Japanese with a Japan day in January 2015. 220 children across KS2 will be involved.

Children's Montessori

Title: Nursery Japanese Culture and Language Lessons

This nursery decided to introduce Japanese when the Headteacher found out that two families already started to teach Japanese to their children. They found a local teacher of Japanese to teach the basics to all of their pupils.

Columbia Primary School

Title: Japanese Club

This primary school already teaches Spanish within the curriculum, and has French and Spanish clubs, but this will be the first non-European language. They would like to start a Japanese club at lunchtimes. There are several secondary schools in the area that already teach Japanese so hopefully their children will be able to continue Japanese after primary school.

Dobcroft Infant School

Title: Japanese language and culture lunchtime club

This school currently teaches French and Spanish and have decided to start a Japanese club. They would also like to set up a link to a school in Japan. They plan to teach 20 pupils to begin with, but if the class is popular they will have two classes (so up to 40 pupils.) In addition to this they would like to hold a Japan day for all 300 pupils in the school.

Fleckney C of E Primary School

Title: Primary Nihon-go

This school has won an international school award, and is in the process of becoming a "global learning hub." they would like to

add Japanese to their primary curriculum within a multilingual approach (rather than as the main language) and hold language days for surrounding school pupils to come and try learning some Japanese.

Grimley and Holt CE Primary School

Title: Japanese Class

This is one of the schools with a headteacher that joined us on the [Group Tour Programme](#) to Japan in November 2014. They have been teaching Japanese as a club activity for a year, and now they would like to expand this into the main curriculum. They plan to teach Japanese as the main language for Key Stage 1 and as the second language for Key Stage 2. A total of 74 children will be involved.

Gunton Community Primary School

Title: Japanese at GUNTON primary school

This primary school plans to introduce Japanese into the main curriculum for the first time. One of their teachers attended a Japan Foundation [primary teachers event](#) to learn about the new resources for primary [JFL Japanese Scheme of Work](#) last summer, then started to teach a little Japanese. The majority of the funds will be used to buy Japanese resources for a "Japanese corner" for the pupils. The Headteacher also joined the Japan Foundation's [Group Tour Programme](#) and visited Japan in November 2015.

Holbrook Primary School

Title: Japanese at Key Stage One and Key Stage Two

This school won the bronze award for the [Japan Webpage Contest for Schools](#), and then wowed everyone with their fantastic performance during the contest's award ceremony, and then again during the Nihongo Cup. They originally planned to have a year of Japanese, but it has gone so well that they now plan to give students a second year learning Japanese. 250 pupils will learn Japanese within the curriculum along with 31 members of staff. You can visit their fantastic webpage [here](#).

Hunton CEP Primary School

Title: Japanese Taster Course for KS2

This is a small rural primary school with 100 children on roll. The Headteacher is keen to trial Japanese with a view to continuing it if successful. They will have an international day in January and then teach a mixed class of Year 3 – Year 4 of 30 students. Initially they will teach 10 lessons using [Ready Stead Nihongo!](#) until mid-March to see how it goes. They are lucky to have a parent who took part in [Japan Exchange and Teaching programme](#), who is also has Qualified Teacher Status.

King Ina C of E Academy, Somerton

Title: Japanese after school club

This is a small rural primary school in the South West of the UK. The school would like to introduce a new Japanese language club using part of the [JFL Japanese Scheme of Work](#) for Key Stage 2. They plan to teach basic Japanese to 15 pupils for half a term each, so in total they will reach 90 pupils. The club will be run by the Modern Foreign Languages coordinator in her own time, so they do not need any staff costs.

Kingsthorpe Grove Primary School

Title: Teaching Japanese in the Primary School

This primary school received a Local Project Support Programme grant last year, and started a successful Japanese class within the curriculum. This year they would like to maintain their Japanese classes. Japanese is the main Modern Foreign Language at this school. All Key Stage 2 children have a 45min lesson each week. Japanese is taught as a team with the MFL leader and a Japanese teacher who plan the lessons together. This year they have also found a partner school and Year 6 students have started to write to pupils in Japan.

Langslide Primary School

Title: Japanese Club

Langslide Primary school teaches a multilingual approach to language learning by introducing 1 language every term for all classes Year 1 - 7. In addition the school teaches French within the curriculum and also has some language clubs. This grant will be used to start a weekly Japanese club, initially for 20 pupils. They will teach a little language and also focus on a different aspect of Japanese culture in each session.

Layston Church of England First School

Title: Introduction of Japanese in Years 3 and 4

This Project is to introduce Japanese classes to all Year 3 and Year 4 pupils within the curriculum, reaching 60 pupils. They will also start a Japan club at the same time. The School feeds into Edwinstree Middle School, which is already teaching Japanese, so their students will have a chance to continue learning Japanese as they move up to the next level of education.

Madley Primary School

Title: Embedding Japanese at KS2

This school started teaching Japanese within the curriculum as their main language in September 2014. They started with two classes taught in the curriculum (for 60 children) as well as a popular Japanese club. From September 2015 they plan to increase

the provision of Japanese to cover Years 3, 4 and 5 (90 children.) They plan to do this by training a second teacher to teach the first part of the SoW, while the current teacher will teach the older students. They will hire a native Japanese speaker to help both classes, and to provide a more authentic Japanese experience in the classes.

Network for Languages

Title: Primary Japanese upskilling course

This project is to set up a Japanese class for PGCE students that will become primary teachers. The course will last for 1 day (on a Saturday) and be open for up to 20 trainee teachers and current teachers with no prior knowledge of Japanese. You can sign up for the course [here](#).

Prince Rock Primary School

Title: Japanese Language Club

This primary school introduced Japanese for the first time last year and they are using this grant to continue their Japanese club for another year. The Headteacher from the school joined the Japan Foundation's first [Group Tour Programme](#), so visited Japan in November 2014. The school then entered their website into the [Japan Webpage Contest for Schools](#), and won the Primary School Public Vote Award. You can see their fantastic website [here](#).

St Andrew's Church of England VA Primary School

Title: Japanese Language Teaching

This school introduced Japanese into the curriculum for all students from September 2014. This is their second year teaching Japanese and will continue to teach Japanese to Year 3 – 6. This year they also plan to do more cross curricular activities in Geography, History etc. The Year 4 pupils even won a [Primary School Art Competition](#) organised by the Museum of East Asian Art, with a ram that they made to celebrate the lunar New Year. The Headteacher from the school joined the Japan Foundation's first [Group Tour Programme](#), so visited Japan in November 2014.

St Edmund Campion Catholic Primary School

Title: Introducing Japanese to the Primary Curriculum (2nd Year)

This school applied for a grant to introduce Japanese as the main language, as part of a multilingual approach in Key Stage 2 since 2014. This grant will help cover their second year teaching Japanese within the curriculum to 60 pupils. The pupils have been doing really well, and the project leader, Catherine Rodrigues, won an award for [Primary MFL Teacher of the Year](#) from the Association of Language Learning at [Language World](#) 2015. Catherine also joined the Japan Foundation's [Group Tour Programme](#) and visited Japan in November 2015.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Thame

Title: Japanese language and culture lessons at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

This primary school introduced Japanese onto the curriculum for the first time in 2014, so this is their second round of funding for Japanese. Since the school introduced Japanese they have taught it to 106 children in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. They have also set up a link school with Kyowa Elementary school in Japan.

St Mary's School for Girls

Title: Japanese in the Lower School

This school plans to introduce Japanese within the curriculum in the lower school, including cultural activities such as a [sushi masterclass](#) for Year 5s. They also continued to teach Japanese as a [club activity](#) for students further up the school. The Headteacher from the school joined the Japan Foundation's first [Group Tour Programme](#) in 2014 (you can see more about her visit [here](#).)

Tivetshall Community Primary School

Title: Moshi Moshi

The Head Teacher from Tivetshall used to teach in a Japanese school in Abu Dhabi, so has been a fan of Japan and Japanese culture ever since. The school plans to introduce Japanese into the main curriculum for 2 classes. They started their project with a visit from a Japan Taster for school's volunteer. You can read more about their taster [here](#).

Tollgate Primary School

Title: Japanese Classes

The Headteacher from this school joined the Japan Foundation's first [Group Tour Programme](#) in 2014. Since then, they hired a local teacher, who also teaches Japanese at their local Secondary school. This will be the second year the school has included Japanese on their curriculum. Children in Year 3 and Year 4 will receive an hours tuition every two weeks. You can read more about their first year teaching Japanese [here](#), and you can see some information about their Japan day [here](#).

West Thornton Primary Academy

Title: West Thornton Primary Project for Japanese Immersion

This primary school started a Japanese club last year, that has been very popular and oversubscribed. This year they plan to bring Japanese onto the main curriculum. The Year 3 teacher has taught Japanese before and intends to introduce Japanese

language along with lots of cross curricular activities and learning about Japanese culture. They also plan to build up a mini library with manga to get the children even more interested in Japan and Japanese.

Yealmpstone Farm Primary School

Title: Japanese Jewels

This project is for a primary school in Plymouth to introduce Japanese for Key Stage 2 children using [Ready Steady NihonGO!](#) They also plan to make a Japanese display so that all 120 KS2 children will be able to learn the basics of Japanese. The Headteacher joined the Japan Foundation's [Group Tour Programme](#) and visited Japan in November 2015. You can see some of her fantastic photos of the tour [here](#).

Middle School projects:

Gosforth East Middle School

Title: GEMS Japanese Club

This middle school plans to set up a Japanese club using the [Success 4 All](#) Charity that previously set up a Japanese club at Walker Technology College. They plan to use volunteers from Newcastle University to teach at a club for 25 pupils from Year 5-Year 8 (so it spans both primary and secondary education.) They also plan to set up a link with a Japanese school and with a local *hoshuukou* (a school for native speakers of Japanese) so the children will have lots of chances to interact with Japanese children.

Edwinstree Church of England Middle School

Title: Japanese lessons and club

Edwinstree Middle School's headteacher joined the Japan Foundation's first [Group Tour Programme](#) in 2014. They received a grant in 2014 to introduce a Japanese club and teach Japanese in the main curriculum. This year they plan to continue offering Japanese as part of the curriculum for Year 5s. Four classes, so approximately 120 students, will learn Japanese once a week for 1 hour. In addition to this the school plans to maintain their Japanese club for other students that are not in Year 5.

Secondary projects:

Alleyn's School

Title: Japanese Language Club

This project is to introduce a Japanese language club for this school in South London that has never taught a non-European language before. They plan to start a weekly Japanese club for up to 30 students in Y9 -12. The school already has links with Kobe University Secondary School, and hosted a visit from them in 2015. You can see more about their school link [here](#) and [here](#).

Aylward Academy

Title: Japanese at Aylward Academy

This school introduced Japanese lessons for two Year 7 classes last year, and then were visited by the Embassy of Japan. Now they would like to expand their Japanese provision to Years 7, 8 and start a GCSE cohort with Year 9 students. The school has two teachers that have lived in Japan for over 5 years who plan to run the programme.

Ballakermeen High School

Title: Japanese classes

Ballakermeen High School is a state funded school in Douglas on the Isle of Man. They have taught Japanese as a club for two years, and now would like to bring Japanese onto the main timetable so that pupils who have studied Japanese as a club will be able to study within the curriculum. They plan to have two lessons per week for 10 students in KS3 and KS4. At the end of the school year they hope to take the written exam of the [GCSE short course](#) in Japanese.

Beverley School

Title: Japanese for Fun

This school has lots of students in phase 3 (Year 11 – Year 14) that are Anime fans, so they plan to use their enthusiasm to start a Japanese club. They plan to buy an online learning system that includes language learning resources and movies. They have staff that are willing to learn alongside the pupils to kick start the club.

Bexley Grammar School

Title: Nihon go motto Ganbare!

The Japan Foundation has funded this school in the past to start a Japanese club. They would now like to further expand Japanese in their school to almost double the number of students (from 40 to 70.) The school already employs a Japanese teacher, but she is not able to take on this much extra work, so they plan to hire a Japanese language assistant to help. In November 2015 Sixth form students took part in the Japan Society's [Sixth Form Japan Day](#) you can read about it [here](#). The school then entered their website into the [Japan Webpage Contest for Schools](#), and you can see their website [here](#).

Campion School and Language College

Title: Japanese in Key Stage 5

This school started teaching Japanese as a club 10 years ago, and then 6 years ago, introduced Japanese onto the main school

timetable. Students that started Japanese in that first year are now ready to move into the last year of Key Stage 5 and some of them would like to take [A-level Japanese](#). This grant is to help fund that course.

Highbury Fields School for Girls

Title: Basic Japanese Language Skills Course

This project is to introduce a new, extracurricular Japanese class for this Secondary School in North East London. The idea started after a volunteer visit from the [Japan Taster for Schools](#) programme, which the girls enjoyed so much that they considered starting Japanese. The school already teaches Arabic, Bengali and Turkish as community languages, but Japanese will be open to all non-native learners, so will be slightly different to those other classes.

Hockerill Anglo-European College

Title: Video Tutorials to support the GCSE Japanese course, Unit 3

This project is to continue to generate the excellent flipped learning resources that Anne Rajakumar has previously created. This phase is for the development of the Unit 3 workbook. The full website for the flipped learning resources is available [here](#) and the videos are also posted [here](#).

Holmewood School

Title: Bring Japanese to THSL

The Holmewood School is a school for international and local children with high functioning autism, asperger's syndrome, language communication and other specific learning disabilities. The school plans to trial a small Japanese class with 3-4 students in each class, for 2-3 hours a week. If this goes well they plan to introduce Japanese to the whole school.

Hove Park School

Title: Japanese after School club

This school already teaches 5 languages from Year 7 up to A-level and they would like to add Japanese. Initially they will introduce Japanese as a club, from 3:30-5:00pm after school, once a week. They already have 60 students who study Chinese, so they hope this will enhance their language learning experience. You can see more about their club [here](#).

Hungerhill School

Title: An introduction to Japanese language learning

This is the second year that this school will teach Japanese within the curriculum. The introduced Japanese after a [Japan Taster for Schools](#) volunteer visited the school last year. The classes went really well, so now they would like to continue the project. This time they are expanding the project into Key Stage 4 for a group of 25 students learning Japanese for 12 weeks (then repeated each term so that a total of 75 pupils will get to learn some Japanese).

Invicta Grammar School

Title: Japanese Class

This school started a Japanese club in September 2013 and then expanded in 2014. This year they plan to bring their Japanese class onto the main school time table during their "Personal Opportunity Programme"(POP) classes which take place every Wednesday afternoon. They plan to teach practical Japanese skills so that students will be able to achieve the [WJEC Japanese](#) qualification by the end of the year.

Kirkwall Grammar School

Title: Japanese Language and Culture Short Course

Last year a secondary school in Orkney, Stromness Academy, applied for a grant to introduce Japanese due to their relationship with Kamaishi High school in Japan. Kirkwall Grammar School shares the link with Japan, and has decided to also introduce Japanese. Kirkwall already has a manga club run by their science teacher, so they are sure that they will drum up support for Japanese. The school plans to use the Scheme of work about science created by Mary Grace-Browning from County Upper School with Japan Foundation funding two years ago. You can see the school's blog [here](#).

London Academy of Excellence

Title: Japanese Language Education

This secondary school already teaches a lot of languages and plans to introduce Japanese into the curriculum for 15 sixth form students. They plan to teach an intensive class to reach an examination within one year. They also plan to visit their local primary schools to share their student's new Japanese knowledge.

Maria Fidelis Catholic School

Title: Introducing Japanese at KS3

This school plans to start an extra-curricular Japanese language club for 25 pupils aged 11-14. In addition to this they have planned some Japan related trips around London. If the club goes well the school will consider introducing more formal Japanese lessons within the main school timetable next year.

Network for Languages South West

Title: Secondary Languages Up- Skilling Course

This is a similar project to Network for Languages' other application for a primary up-skilling course, but this application is to run a three day up-skilling course for secondary language teachers that would like to acquire Japanese as a third or fourth language. This course will take into account that the teachers already have advance language learning skills, so will be able to fast track their learning. It is designed for teachers with no knowledge of Japanese. You can see more about the course [here](#).

Notre Dame High School

Title: Japanese into the Curriculum at ND

This school has been teaching Japanese as a club activity up to GCSE level and has managed to get fantastic results. They will use this grant to introduce Japanese onto the main timetable, and hope that the increased awareness for Japanese will allow them to gather enough students to keep it on the timetable after that. You can see more about their classes [here](#).

Presdales School

Title: Y9 Japanese Twilight Classes and continuing Japanese language for 6th form

Presdales school already teaches Japanese at GCSE level for Year 10 students as an optional subject. However as the number of students has slowly been decreasing, the school plans to introduce a twilight Japanese course for Year 9s to help increase interest in the GCSE option. They would plan to provide some Japanese language learning opportunities for continuing Japanese in the sixth form. You can see more about Japanese at Presdales [here](#) and [here](#).

Romsey School

Title: Japanese comes to Romsey

This school has a teacher who is a fully qualified Japanese teacher (from Australia) who took part in the [Japan Exchange and Teaching programme](#) from 2005-2008. She started a Japanese club with 2 lunch time sessions to allow her students to learn Japanese, but as 98% of her pupils would like to take their learning further, they have decided to introduce a 1.5hour session of Japanese after school. Many of the students go on to study Japanese at Barton Peveril College, so they will be able to continue to learn Japanese.

Royal Grammar School

Title: Extra Curricular Japanese lessons

The Royal Grammar School is a Independent day school for boys in Kent. They would like expand their Japanese club to allow students to study up to GCSE and maybe AS level. The teacher's costs are covered by the parents of the students who take this option. This grant will cover the cost of teaching materials.

Southend High School for Girls

Title: Japanese Twilight Club

Southend High school for Girls had an extracurricular Japanese class since 2010, and taught up to GCSE level for the first time in 2013, but then had to close the club in July 2015 as they ran out of funding. However as they have had such good exam results, they are keen to re-start the class, by asking parents to make a financial contribution. They are applying to this grant to ensure the classes will run this year, and hope to build it up so they have enough attendees to keep it going with parental fees next year.

St Dominic's Brewood

Title: Years 6&7 Extended Day Japanese Club

This project aims to introduce a new extended day Japanese club for Year 6 and Year 7s at St Dominic's (although it will be open to other years as well.) The school plans to introduce Japanese onto the main timetable from 2017, so the books that the purchased for this club will be used for the longer term project of introducing Japanese into the curriculum in the future.

Thomas Hardy School

Title: Creating, Collating, Curating...

This school has applied for funding previously to introduce a Japan club. Before this, they had participated in the [UK Japan Young Scientists workshops](#) in Kyoto and Cambridge, and one of their teachers used to live in Japan on the [Japan Exchange and Teaching programme](#). From September 2015 the school plans to offer a one year GCSE course for Year 12 students. This means Japanese will be brought onto the main school timetable for the first time.

Tomlinscote School and Sixth Form College

Title: Post GCSE Japanese club

This school already teaches Japanese on the curriculum up to GCSE. It is taught as a two year course which pupils start in Year 8 or Year 9, then take the GCSE in Year 9 or Year 10. The school was hoping to start an A-level course as there are some students that would like to continue Japanese beyond GCSE level, however the possible withdrawal of the Japanese A-level has made them rethink this idea. Now they would like to start a Japan club for post GCSE students. They plan to aim for JLPT level N5 to keep students aiming higher and keep their Japanese going into the Sixth Form.

Tonbridge Grammar School

Title: The introduction of Japanese "ab initio" language learning course for Sixth Form IB Diploma students and expansion of the Japan Club. This project is to introduce Japanese as an *ab initio* course for the IB students in the Sixth Form. IB students will have 5x 1 hour

lessons each fortnight. In addition to this, the school also plans to expand their Japanese club (from 5 students to 20.) The club is run by a member of staff who is an ex-[Japan Exchange and Teaching programme](#) participant, so they just need some resources.

Wavell School

Title: Japanese Club Spoken Language Course

This school has been teaching Japanese as a club activity since 2008. The students have always been very enthusiastic. They were shortlisted in the [Japan Webpage Contest for Schools](#) in 2011-12 and 2014-15 (you can see their website [here](#)) and have visited [Club Taishikan](#) at the Embassy of Japan. This project is to formalise their club to include a formal qualification at the end of the school year. This grant is for some textbooks to help them in their first year taking the [WJEC Japanese](#) qualification.

Westminster Academy

Title: Japanese Club

This project is to introduce Japanese as a club activity for the first time at this school. They aim to have a class of 15- 25 students study Japanese within the main timetable as an enrichment activity. If it is popular, they are also considering having two Japanese classes, rather than just one.

Whitefield School

Title: Basic Japanese Language Skills Course

This project will introduce a new Japanese club to Whitefield School for 10-15 students from a range of ages in KS3 and KS4. This is the first time the school has offered Japanese, and the club will be open to both mainstream pupils, as well as those with special educational needs.

Wyndham High Academy Trust

Title: Afterschool Japan Club

This project will introduce a new Japanese club to this secondary school. The school has already found a teacher, so they are ready to get started. They are also interested in introducing a non-European language onto the curriculum, so might choose to take Japanese further if this club goes well.

University projects:

University of Edinburgh

Title: Outreach Project

This project is to set up an outreach programme to send Japanese speaking volunteers to teach Japanese classes in Scottish Primary schools. The programme is a little bit like the Japan Foundation's [Japan Taster for Schools](#) programme, but will involve multiple classes, rather than one off tasters.

Newcastle University

Title: Promote Japanese Language in the North East

Following the success of their previous project to expand the resources for Japanese language education, Newcastle University would like to host seminars to promote Japanese language education in the North East. For this project, they would like to invite Mr Oikawa, who is a popular and charismatic Japanese language teacher in China. He is already visiting Europe to give seminars, so they plan to extend his stay in the UK so that he can speak at Newcastle University, without too much extra cost.