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Details on we chose sample size were not included in the submission, but will be included in the “Quantification and Statisical Analysis” subsection of the “Materials and Methods” section of the manuscript when revisions are made following reviewer comments.  
  
No formal power analysis was made as we had no *a priori* expectation for effect sizes.

Replicate size was a minimum of three separate mice for each experimental condition. When fewer replicates occurred due to experimental constraints (see lines 241, 242, page 11), these data were excluded from formal analyses and are presented as Figure S4 so the reader has access to them.

For all experiments, we strived to maintain equal numbers across conditions.

In experiments comparing PV, FS Sst, and nFS Sst neurons, this was not always possible as we found more FS Sst compared to nFS Sst neurons in our recordings. However, Sst neuron identity was not determined until cluster analyses were run after all data had been collected. As a result for these experiments, we strove to include twice as many Sst neurons as PV neurons to best equalize the number of neurons in each group. For example, Table S1 shows the physiological properties of these three neuronal subtypes. We recorded 52 PV neurons and 105 total Sst neurons (60 were classified as FS and 45 as nFS).

**Replicates**

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For our experiments, our biological replicates were the mice from which we recorded neurons for each experimental condition. Our technical replicates were the number of neurons recorded within each experimental condition.

The number of technical and biological replicates are reported for each experimental condition in both the text of the “Results” section as well as in the figure legends. The replicates are reported as n = x, y where x is the number of technical replicates (neurons) and y is the number of biological replicates (mice). The details of this reporting is already included in the “Methods and Materials” section of the manuscript on lines 1099, 1100 on page 56.

Data were only discarded if (1) access resistance exceeded 25 MΩ or varied by more than 20% (“Materials and Methods” section, lines 812-814, page 44) or (2) if the eEPSC amplitude did not achieve a stable level following plasticity induction during plasticity experiments – this was done to ensure that changes in eEPSC amplitude were related to plasticity induction and were not a confound of other phenomena (details on how stability was determined are included in the “Materials and Methods” section, lines 898-902, page 47).

All other data were included, including potential outliers, as to best capture the variability that occurred within the biological system we studied.

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All statistical analyses and justifications for them are described in the “Quantification and Statistical Analysis” subsection of the “Materials and Methods” section of the manuscript on pages 56-59.

Figure legends report the statistical test used, *p* values, and n, as well as describing how summary statistics and measures of dispersion are displayed within the figure. The above and additional details on statistical parameters and tests used are reported in the “Results” section for each experiment we conducted.

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