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Re: Year 6 SATs

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now coming towards the end of the Spring term of Year 6 and SATs are not too far away. The children are working hard in class to prepare for this important week, which gives them all a chance to showcase the knowledge and skills they have learned in KS2.

What are SATs?

SATs stands for "Standardised Assessment Tests". They are national tests that children in state schools across the country, sit at the same time. At KS2, children are assessed in English and mathematics.

The English SATs assess pupils on their knowledge of the rules of punctuation, grammar and the accuracy of their spelling, whereas the reading tests assess their reading comprehension skills and their vocabulary.

The mathematics SATs test the pupils on their knowledge of mathematical operations, their mathematical fluency, their ability to solve problems and their reasoning.

KS2 SATs dates

The key stage 2 tests will be taken on set dates; it is very important that your child is in school during this week. The tests will take place during normal school hours, under exam conditions, in the Year 6 classrooms.

Below, are the dates for Year 6 SATs week for 2024.

Monday 13th May 2024	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 (45 minutes) Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2 Spelling Test (15 minutes)
Tuesday 14 th May 2024	English Reading (1 hour)
Wednesday 15th May 2024	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) (30 minutes) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) (40 minutes)
Thursday 16th May 2024	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) (40 minutes)

* Writing is assessed using evidence collected by your child's teacher over the course Year 6, so there is no Year 6 SATs writing test. Year 6 teachers will moderate their writing assessments with other professionals, to ensure there is a consistent standard across the country. Final judgements for writing will be reported to parents at the same time as the other assessment results.



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'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' **Philippians 4:13**

How will Key Stage 2 SATs be marked?

All of the test papers are sent away to be marked externally. Children will be given standardised scores for Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Maths.

In order to achieve the expected standard at the end of Key Stage 2, your child will need to achieve a standardised score of 100. Results will be shared with parents towards the end of Year 6.

How to support your child

We want the children to feel confident and able to give their best during this important week and not to feel any undue pressure. They will continue to be given all that they need to help prepare for these tests in class, including practice papers and coaching in techniques for reading, understanding and answering questions. These skills will also be useful in secondary school.

You can help your child by encouraging them to revise regularly; little and often is more successful than hours at a time now and again. Help your child to have the best possible attendance they can at school. It is essential that your child attends school every day during the SATs week.

Explain that SATs are a way of showing what they know and that they just need to try their very best. They should not be worried or stressed about them. Eating breakfast and lots of sleep will help them to be focused during the day (toast will be provided on each morning of SATs, so that we have a nice relaxed start to the day). The weekend before the tests, please support your child to relax. Make sure that they have an early night and feel fully rested for the week ahead.

The SATs are a snapshot of what your child has learnt in primary school and the results depend on how well they perform on the day. But as the teachers that work with your children, we can honestly say that each and every child has made fantastic progress this academic year.

We are proud of the hard work and resilience they have shown in preparing for the tests.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher(s) or Mrs. E. Prentki (Deputy Headteacher and Phase Leader of Year 5/6).

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. E. Prentki

Deputy Headteacher