

Year 6 SATs

Dear Parents/carers,

As you are aware, the Year 6 children will be taking their National Curriculum Assessments (also known as SATs) in May. These assessments will be to assess their attainment in Maths and English. In Maths, they will complete 3 papers. Paper 1 is an arithmetic paper, and papers 2 and 3 are reasoning papers where the children will need to solve problems. In English, there is a reading paper and an English grammar, punctuation and spelling test. The assessments are sent off for external marking and results will be communicated to children and parents once they have been received.

This year, SATs week begins on Monday 13th May and there will be assessments on each day of that week excluding Friday. The timetable, which is the same for Year 6 children nationally, is as follows:

Monday 13th May	English, grammar, punctuation and spelling tests
Tuesday 14th May	English reading test
Wednesday 15th May	Mathematics paper 1: arithmetic Mathematics paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 16th May	Mathematics paper 3: reasoning

Please note – these are **statutory** assessments and all pupils must sit the tests. It is very important that the children are in school each day to take the test. If your child is too unwell to attend school, please notify the school office before 8:30am and please email me.

SATs Breakfast

We will be offering breakfast to Year 6 children from Monday-Thursday of SATs week. The aim is for our Year 6 children to have a calm and relaxing start to the day enjoying breakfast with their friends and teachers. We wish to minimise any pressure that the children are feeling on the morning of each test and encourage them to eat and chat with their friends.

We would be grateful if the children could arrive between 8am and 8:30am and come directly to the hall. There is no charge for this SATs breakfast. Usually this breakfast consists of pancakes or bacon/sausage sandwiches (there will be vegetarian substitutes). Please contact your child's class teacher if they have any specific dietary requirements or allergies that we need to take into account when preparing this breakfast.

Special arrangements

If your child has additional provision within class, they may have been eligible for special arrangements to be made during the tests, such as 25% extra time. As a school, we made an application for each child who would be eligible and those who have been approved will receive confirmation of this via a letter sent out this week.

Year 6 pupils have worked really hard to prepare for these tests and everyone at school would like to wish them well for SATs week. We know that the children will do their best and we are proud of all of their efforts. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Mrs T Jones
Head of School