



Monday 15th April

Dear Year 6 parents,

I am writing to you about the Year 6 children's upcoming SATs tests. Please find some information below including the test timetable.

What are SATs?

Children in English schools used to sit Standard Assessment Tests 'SATs' twice during their school career. The first time was in Key Stage 1, when they had tests in Year 2. Children across the country were tested in maths and reading. May 2023 was the last year where these tests were compulsory for schools to complete.

The next time children took SATs was at the end of Key Stage 2 in Year 6. These are still compulsory and our Year 6 children will need to sit them this academic year.

This year, SATs week will be 13th – 17th May 2024. These are more formal than the previous Key Stage 1 tests; they consist of written papers (in English and Maths) that are 40 to 60 minutes long and can sometimes be quite daunting for this age group. The papers are sent away for marking and the results are returned to school in July and will be shared with you in a letter home at the end of Term 6.

SATs aren't about passing or failing, but are used to reflect the level your child is working at. We don't see them as a one-off period in the school calendar but as a part of the overall teaching your child receives throughout their whole time at primary school. We aim to ensure your child is as prepared as they can be to minimise any stress they may feel about the assessments.

KS2 Year 6 SATs Dates - May 2024

Date	Test
Monday 13th May 2024	Grammar & Punctuation test - 45 minutes Spelling Test - 20 minutes
Tuesday 14th May 2024	English Reading Test - 60 minutes
Wednesday 15th May 2024	Mathematics Arithmetics (Paper 1) - 30 minutes Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2) - 40 minutes
Thursday 16th May 2024	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3) - 40 minutes

How can you help your child?

The key to making SATs less stressful for your child is not to panic yourself as this will put your child under enormous stress and this makes it very difficult for a child to learn. Children are well-prepared for SATs throughout their school life.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to discuss these with your child's class teacher.

Please know that we are all very proud of all our Year 6 pupils and only ever ask them to try their best. These results do not define them, they are just a snapshot of achievement - children are so much more than test scores.

We wish you all the best Year 6!!

Thank you for your support

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