



26th April 2017

Key Stage 2 SATs Information

Dear Parent/Carer,

Key Stage 2 national assessments (SATs) take place the week beginning **8th May 2017**. To familiarise the children with the way that SATs week will run, we will hold a practice week during the week beginning **2nd May 2017**, following the bank holiday Monday.

The timetable for the 2 weeks is as follows:

Practice Week

Monday 1 st May	Tuesday 2 nd May	Weds 3 rd May	Thursday 4 th May	Friday 5 th May
BANK HOLIDAY	Reading (1 hour)	Grammar, and punctuation (40 minutes) Spelling (Approx. 20 minutes)	Maths Arithmetic (30 minutes) Maths Reasoning (40 minutes)	Maths Reasoning (40 minutes)

SATs Week

Monday 8 th May	Tuesday 9 th May	Weds 10 th May	Thursday 11 th May	Friday 12 th May
Reading (1 hour)	Grammar, and punctuation (40 minutes) Spelling (Approx. 20 minutes)	Maths Arithmetic (30 minutes) Maths Reasoning (40 minutes)	Maths Reasoning (40 minutes)	No tests

Timings

We aim to start the tests at the beginning of the school day so that tests are completed before break. Where there are 2 tests in one day there will be a short break between them.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure your child is in school on time and in school every day during the SATs week. If your child is too ill to sit the tests, please inform the school as early as possible so that arrangements can be made. As these are national tests, they will need to be taken by all children.



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Ways to help your child during KS2 SATs

- Get them to bed at a decent hour - a good night's sleep is just what they need!
- Ensure they have had a good breakfast to set them up for the day. We will be running a Year 6 breakfast during SATs week (not during the practice week). More information to follow.
- Keep them motivated and remind them that we are all in awe of how hard they have worked this year!
- Ensure they keep up with reading at home to build their reading stamina.
- A little revision and a lot of rest. They have earned it!

Access Arrangements

Most children will take their tests in a group either in the classroom or in the main hall. In order to support specific needs, in certain cases the school is able to provide provisions based on individual pupil requirements to help pupils access the tests. These are known as 'Access Arrangements'. These can include:

- Scribes
- Readers
- Additional time
- Transcription
- Promoters

Further information about these access arrangements is available on the DfE website. If you have questions about access arrangements, please speak to the class teacher.

Whilst the reading paper cannot be read to pupils, questions on the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling papers and the Mathematics papers can be read to any pupils (though not explained or re-worded). Encourage your child to put their hand up and ask for questions in these papers to be read to them if they wish – it may help them with their answers.

Children not accessing the test

Children who are working below the age-related expectations for Year 6 will not be assessed using the KS2 SATs, therefore will not sit the test. You will be informed if your child is not sitting some or all of the tests. They will be working on key areas of their learning during these 2 weeks to support them in their transition to secondary school.

Finally, thank you all for the support you are continually providing for your children this year. It goes a long way in ensuring that they are as ready as possible for the next step in their journey to secondary school. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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