

SATs parents meeting

Monday 29th April 2024

What are SATs?

If you have a child in year 6, at the end of key stage 2, they will take National Curriculum Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) in:

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- English reading
- Mathematics

The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area.

A pupil who is working at the Expected Standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics is on track when they leave Primary School.

The tests are also used to assess schools' performance and to produce national performance data.

Which subjects will be tested and when?

- **Monday 13th May:** English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- **Tuesday 14th May:** English reading paper
- **Wednesday 15th May:** Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- **Thursday 16th May:** Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling

This is the first test the children will take on the Monday of SATs week. It consists of two papers:

Paper 1

Paper 1 lasts **45 minutes** and is a series of short questions, allowing the children to demonstrate their knowledge of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Paper 2

Paper 2 is a spelling paper which is made up of 20 spellings.

The spellings are read out loud to the children and it typically lasts **15 minutes**.

English Reading

This takes place on the Tuesday of SATs week.

It is one paper that consists of 3 different texts, typically including fiction, non-fiction and sometimes poetry.

The children have **1 hour** to read through the 3 texts and answer a series of questions about these independently.

Maths

This takes place on the Wednesday and Thursday of SATs week.

It consists of 3 papers:

Paper 1: Arithmetic

Paper 1 lasts for **30 minutes**. It covers the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication & division) with numbers, percentages, decimals & fractions.

Paper 2 & 3: Reasoning

Paper 2 and Paper 3 each last **40 minutes**. They require children to demonstrate their mathematical fluency, their ability to solve problems and their mathematical reasoning.

What if my child has additional needs?

Children with additional needs might need specific arrangements (such as additional time, a reader or a scribe) so that they can take part and access the tests. If a child has these arrangements already in school, teachers can make similar arrangements for the test.

This may mean your child completes their tests in a different room.

How are results reported?

After the tests, the papers are sent away to be marked externally. The results are sent to schools in **July** and are reported as **scaled scores**.

Children each get a raw score (the number of marks they achieved in each test). This is then converted to a **scaled score**.

A scaled score of 100 will always represent the Expected Standard on the tests.

A scaled score of 110 represents the Greater Depth Standard.

Each class teacher will consider the work the children have completed across the key stage and form teacher assessment judgements in English writing and science. These will show the standard at which your child is working at the end of Primary School. Test and teacher assessments are tools to help measure pupil progress and attainment.

What results will parents receive?

By the end of the summer term, you will receive your child's school report which will include:

- A combination of your child's scaled score results for the Key Stage 2 tests
- Teacher assessment judgements.
- It will also include details about your child's achievements, their strengths and any areas where they may need further support in the future.

What can I do as a parent to help my child prepare for the SATs?

The Y6 team will make sure the children are prepared for the tests.

- Ensure your child completes their homework (CGP books) on time and to a good standard
- Encourage your child to read everyday
- Complete Mathletics homework weekly (and Timestable Rock Stars if they want to practice their multiplication and division facts)

It is really important that the children stay calm about their SATs tests.

It is really important to remember that, although we want our children to do their very best, the academic progress measured by SATs is just one aspect of their learning and development. We will continue to value and celebrate all the other things that our year 6 children can do, giving them a broad, balanced curriculum and inspiring a life-long love for learning.

What is Mathletics?

- Mathletics is the world's leading online mathematics teaching, learning, and reporting platform, trusted and used by over 120,000 educators.
- It builds students' confidence in mathematics through personalised learning, gaming, and mastery challenges.
- Mathletics approach is to engage, target, diagnose, assess, report and extend. Working at each individual student's level, it ensures students achieve fluency and mastery by providing a complete course from fundamentals through to extension.
- **All Y6 children have a Mathletics account – they are set homework tasks weekly.**

Times Tables Rock Stars

- Times tables is a fundamental skill that all our children need in mathematics.
- TTRS boosts Maths confidence and increases fluency and recall in multiplication and division, delivering better Maths outcomes
- TTRS adapts to each user's unique learning needs and allows you to track their individual progress
- Children love earning virtual coins to personalise their avatars
- TTRS is easy to play, on any device and on the go, with specific settings and features to make sure it is accessible to all learners.

What will the week of KS2 SATs look like?

The week will run from Monday to Thursday.

We encourage all Y6 children to come into school at 8.10am to attend Breakfast Club each day, where they will be provided with a free breakfast of cereal, toast, fruit and juice – this will give them a good start to the day.

Attendance is compulsory during this week, if your child is ill we will make arrangements for them to sit the tests at another time if possible.

If your child is late for school, this will delay the whole year group's tests – please ensure they are on time!

After SATs

- We will focus on Literacy and Science, ahead of the end of June deadline to submit their levels
- We have 60 pupils going to Willen Lake trip on 22nd May, 23rd May, 5th June & 6th June
- High Schools will start to visit Beech Hill to meet their new pupils ahead of the pupils' transition days on the 4th and 5th July, when the pupils visit their new high schools (Denbigh High School transition days are the 2nd and 3rd July)
- We are planning a range of activities including: additional trips, preparing for the end of year performance, leavers disco and much more!

Any questions?