

Dear Year 6 Parents,

SATs are compulsory national tests that children take twice during their primary school life. Firstly, at the end of Key Stage 1 (KS1) in Year 2, and then secondly, at the end of Key Stage 2 (KS2) in Year 6. These standardised tests are actually known as End of Key Stage Tests and Assessments, but most people know them as **SATs**.

These tests are both set and marked externally, and the results are used to measure a school's performance (for example, through reporting to Ofsted and published league tables). Your child's marks will be used in conjunction with teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment.

In September 2017 your child began the Year 6 curriculum for all subjects, including English and Maths, which is what the SATs tests focus on. We have not finished teaching the Year 6 curriculum which is what these tests focus on. We would like to reassure you that your child will be fully prepared for these tests when they take them and does not require any additional support at home in preparing for these. The children have undertaken practice of these papers once a half term so that they are familiar with the layout of each paper and have all made progress each time. We ask that you only support us by continuing to support your child with their home learning, as this supports the consolidation of new learning/concepts and forms part of transition to secondary school.

The table below outlines the total marks possible within each of the sets of papers and the number of marks needed to meet the Expected and High Standard. When children have practiced papers we have celebrated the progress they have made each time. Should it arise, please support us in explaining to your child that they do not need to get full marks on any test they complete.

Paper	Total marks possible	Mark required to meet Expected Standard in 2017*	Mark required to meet High Standard in 2017*
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG)	70 marks across 2 papers	36 marks	56 marks
Reading	50 marks in one paper	26 marks	39 marks
Mathematics	110 marks across 3 papers	57 marks	95 marks

*The total number of marks may fluctuate year-on-year.

Your child will be taking their SATs during the week commencing 14 May 2018. The timetable will be:

Monday 14 May 2018	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions	This paper requires short answers and lasts 45 minutes.
	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling	This paper is an aural spelling test of 20 words, lasting around 15 minutes.
Tuesday 15 May 2018	English reading	A single paper with questions based on three passages of text. Your child will have one hour, including reading time, to complete the test.
Wednesday 16 May 2018	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic	This paper consists of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including long multiplication and division. 30 minutes.
	Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning	This paper involves a number of

		question types and lasts 40 minutes.
Thursday 17 May 2018	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning	This paper involves a number of question types and lasts 40 minutes.

The timetable has not changed throughout the year and is balanced with the other curriculum areas. We have been incorporating relaxing and calm exercises within the timetable in order to support children and identified groups of children have also participated in meditation exercises.

Our Headteacher, Adrian Hall, will give the children a letter from him regarding their SATs closer to the week they will be taking them which will celebrate their hard work and remind them that SATs are not the only measure of success. He will remind them that their talents, skills and learning go much further than English and Mathematics. Please speak to your child's class teacher, English teacher, Maths teacher or Deputy Headteacher (Maria Panayiotou) if your child is worried at all about their learning or SATs, or if you would like to discuss anything further.

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The Year 6 team.