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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 6 SATs

With just over one week to go, we would like to confirm details about the SATs week for our students. Below is a reminder of the schedule:

- **Monday 11th May 2026:**

Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar (Grammar/Punctuation Test) – 45 minutes

Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar (Spelling Test) – 20 minutes

- **Tuesday 12th May 2026:**

Reading Paper (English) – 60 minutes

- **Wednesday 13th May 2026:**

Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) – 30 minutes

Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) – 40 minutes

- **Thursday 14th May 2026:**

Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) – 40 minutes

It is important that children arrive promptly on these days. **The classrooms will be open from 8:15am for Year 6 children** to arrive and settle before the tests begin. We will also be providing some breakfast items such as croissants so that all children have eaten enough before the test begins. On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, the children will have two maths tests to sit and we would really appreciate you packing them an **extra snack** on this day so that they have the fuel to keep going!

Please note that the children have already had a run-through of the week twice this year during their mocks and are very familiar with the setup; in fact most of the year group cheer when we talk about the tests! We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child is well-prepared for these assessments. Here are a few tips to help your child perform their best:

- Ensure they get a good night's sleep before each test day.

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- Provide a healthy breakfast to help them stay focused and energised.
- Encourage them to review their notes over the next couple of weeks.

Finally, it is important to note that whilst we appreciate tests can be stressful, we have tried to organise everything as best we can to minimise the children's concerns. We have spent time over the past few months, as we build towards these national tests, preparing the children to undertake the SATs. This will hopefully enable all the children to give their best effort but come what may **we are really proud of all the children** for their learning behaviours throughout the year.

This year, we have organised a surprise for the Friday of SATs week when an ice cream van will appear on the children's playground! This will be followed by a fun afternoon of outdoor activities. I politely ask for a **£2 donation** towards the costs of the afternoon. Please pass cash to the child's class teacher or via the office.

If you have any questions about the SATs week, feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hillier  
Year 6 Lead