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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, the Year 6 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) will take place during the week beginning Monday 11th May. These national assessments measure the progress children have made in reading, mathematics and grammar, punctuation and spelling. Thank you to those parents who attended the SATs information meeting in September. We hope you found it useful in understanding the assessments and how best to support your child at home.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience and dedication the children have shown in preparing for these assessments. Our priority is to ensure that SATs week feels as calm and positive as possible, and we will be supporting the children every step of the way.

Here is the timetable for the week:

Monday 11 th May	Tuesday 12 th May	Wednesday 13 th May	Thursday 14 th May	Friday 15 th May
GPS (Grammar, Punctuation, and Spelling) Paper 1	Reading Paper	Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic	Maths Paper 3: Reasoning	No Tests
GPS (Grammar, Punctuation, and Spelling) Paper 2: Spelling		Maths Paper 2: Reasoning		

To help every child to do their very best, it is important that they feel relaxed, confident and well-prepared each day. Having supported many children through SATs over the years, we have found the following steps can really help:

- Encourage early bedtimes in the days leading up to and during SATs week so your child feels well-rested and ready for each day.
- Keep evenings calm and relaxed. We are not setting any formal home learning over the weekend, allowing the children to take a well-earned break from revision.
- Ensure your child has a good breakfast each morning to help with concentration and energy levels.
- Please send your child in with a named water bottle so they can stay hydrated throughout the day.
- Aim to arrive at school for 8:40am to allow plenty of time for the children to settle before the tests begin.
- Most importantly, keep things positive and pressure-free. The children are well-prepared, and a calm, confident mindset will help them perform at their best.



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Above all, we want the children to feel proud of everything they have achieved so far. They have worked exceptionally hard, and we have every confidence in them. SATs are only one part of their journey, and we will be cheering them on throughout the week.

Teachers will have spoken to parents of children who have adaptations to their tests next week but if you have any concerns which you have not discussed, please get in touch.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support — it truly does make a huge difference.

Best wishes,

Mrs Barker and The Year 6 Team