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courageous.....for the
Lord your God is with you*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 National Test and Revision Information

As you are aware, the Year 6 children will be sitting the end of KS2 National Tests in May. Please find a summary of the key information about the KS2 National Tests and how we will be preparing the children in school.

Dates

KS2 National Tests week: Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May 2025

Please ensure that you do not book holiday for this week. If your child is ill, it is possible for them to take the tests up to 5 working days later, however both the school and home have to sign a declaration to say that their child has had no internet access and no text contact with their friends. Unless they are really poorly, our advice is to send them in (and collect after the test if this would help).

Year 6 Tests

Schools are required to administer the following tests to all pupils in Year 6:

- English – Reading
- English – Grammar, punctuation and spelling – Paper 1 – Grammar & Punctuation
- English – Grammar, punctuation and spelling – Paper 2 – Spelling
- Mathematics – Paper 1 – Arithmetic
- Mathematics – Paper 2 – Reasoning
- Mathematics – Paper 3 – Reasoning

English ~ Reading

This test consists of a reading answer booklet and a separate reading booklet.

- Pupils will have a total of 1 hour to read the 3 texts in the reading booklet and complete the questions at their own pace.
- They can approach the test as they choose: e.g. working through one text and answering the questions before moving on to the next.
- The least-demanding text will come first, with the following texts increasing in level of difficulty.
- There are a total of 35 to 40 questions with a total of 50 marks.
- All questions are worth 1, 2 or 3 marks. There are different question types:
 - Shorter, closed responses (multiple choice and matching questions)
 - Shorter, open responses
 - Longer, open response items that require children to explain and comment on the texts in order to demonstrate a full understanding



English ~ Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Paper 1 - Pupils will have 45 minutes to complete the test, answering the questions in the test paper:

- Selected response items (multiple choice)
- Short, open response items in which children may have to write a word, a few words or a sentence

Paper 2 is a spelling test with 20 questions ~ approximately 20 minutes.

Mathematics

Papers 1 ~ Arithmetic – A range of questions designed to test the children’s ability with calculations with a total of 40 marks ~ 30 minutes

Paper 2 and 3 ~ Reasoning – A range of problem-solving based questions with 35 marks per paper, 70 in total ~ 40 minutes per paper

Timetable KS2 National Tests

Day	Test
Monday 12th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling – Paper 1 English grammar, punctuation and spelling – Paper 2
Tuesday 13th May	English – Reading test
Wednesday 14th May	Mathematics Paper 1 – Arithmetic test Mathematics Paper 2 – Reasoning test
Thursday 15th May	Mathematics Paper 3 – Reasoning test

Teacher Assessment

Writing

There will not be an English writing test as it has been replaced by the English grammar, punctuation and spelling test. Writing composition will be assessed by the school. A portfolio of the children’s work will be put together and assessed to determine the standard they are working at. This is moderated by Bucks County Council to ensure judgements are consistent.

Reading, Maths and Science

Teachers provide details of their teacher assessment as well as the test data in Reading and Maths. These results are based on the children’s work in all lessons and using past assessment data.

Results and Reporting

- Test Results – You will receive the following:
 - A raw score (the number of marks awarded in each test paper)
 - A scaled score (a score of 100 will represent ‘at the expected standard’)
 - Confirmation of whether or not they attained the expected standard
- Teacher Assessment
 - This will be shown in the school reports and information on this will be given out with the school reports

Why are there tests as well as Teacher Assessments?

- Tests and teacher assessment measure your child’s achievement in different ways.
- The tests measure what all children can do when they are set the same questions. They help teachers identify strengths and weaknesses in children’s understanding.
- Teacher assessment judges your child’s performance across the whole subject over time.
- Tests and teacher assessment are equally important.



- The results of the tests and the teacher assessment may be different. For example, a teacher may feel that your child is doing better (or not so well) in a subject as a whole rather than in the parts of the subject covered in the tests.

How are the test results used?

- The results will show whether your child made the expected rates of progress.
- The results will show whether or not your child has reached the expected National Curriculum standard for KS2.
- The school results will be compared to the National SATs results for your child's age group to determine levels of progress for the school as a whole.
- The results are used to set the new targets for the school for the following academic year. This is done in the Autumn term following your child's SATs.
- SATs results will be sent home with your child's annual report in the summer term.

Year 6 Booster Groups

In preparation for the SATs, we will be starting our booster groups and revision sessions on the week commencing 24th March 2025. We will be revising the KS2 curriculum for Maths and English. These sessions run for 5 weeks. During our English revision lessons, there will be a focus on the Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation test.

Homework

There will be changes to the homework during this period and the homework will be as follows:

Homework	Day Set	Day Due In	Time Allocation
Maths.co.uk (online)	Monday	Monday the following week	40 mins approx.
Times Tables Rockstars – 10 games in soundcheck (online)	Monday	Monday the following week	20 mins approx.
Punctuation & Grammar Questions (paper based)	Friday	Wednesday	45 mins approx.
Maths Questions (paper based)	Friday	Wednesday	40 mins approx.

Year 6 Parent's Drop-in Meeting

On **Thursday 24th April**, we will be running a 'Parent's Drop-In' Meeting between 3:15 and 4:00. This is to provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions you have about the KS2 National Tests, as well as view past papers and the types of questions on the tests.

If you have any questions, please do come and ask me.

With best wishes,



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