



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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Inspiring everyone to **REACH** through
Faith, Hope, and Love

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With St Therese as our guide we do little things with much love to make a big difference for everyone.

10th April 2024

Year 6 National Curriculum Test Week (SATs) Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Tests (SATs) for Year 6 pupils are almost upon us. We thought it would be useful for you to know when the tests were taking place – the timetable below is statutory and will begin on Monday 13th May.

Monday 13 May 2024	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 1 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 2
Tuesday 14 May 2024	English Reading
Wednesday 15 May 2024	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 16 May 2024	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

It's important to us that children are not anxious about the tests. Please be assured that we will be doing all we can to ensure they feel confident, whilst preparing them for SATS week. The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area. Outcomes of the tests are available to secondary schools when children enter Year 7, however, secondary schools do liaise closely with us and take account of our Teacher Assessments as well as your child's performance in the tests.

On each day of the tests (**Monday to Thursday**), we are offering the children a 'Breakfast Club' which will take place from **8:20am** in the **Year 6 classroom** with Mrs Hamlin and myself. It will be an opportunity for the children to get together, enjoy breakfast snacks and juice to prepare them for the day ahead. It would be great if all of our Year 6 children can join us for this. If your child has dietary requirements please let me know as soon as possible. Equally, if your child is unable to join us please let me know by Wednesday 8th May for catering purposes.

There are some very practical things that you can do to help prepare your child:

- ✓ During the SATs week ensure they eat a good breakfast (they may prefer to eat at home or at home and at school), bring a water bottle and arrive at school in plenty of time.
- ✓ Emphasise how important it is to get a good night's sleep.
- ✓ Talk about the tests and ensure that they keep them in perspective.
- ✓ Remind them that in all of the tests, with the exception of the Reading paper, staff are able to read questions aloud to them.
- ✓ Ensure that they continue to take part in their normal range of activities as well as having plenty of time for rest and relaxation.
- ✓ Ensure that they eat well throughout the week.

All that we ask of our children is that they **REACH** and try 'to be the best that they can be'.

Thank you for your continued support and as always, if you have any questions, please do ask.

Kind regards,

Mrs Knight

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