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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we have now moved into the summer term, the Year 6 SATs tests come clearly onto our horizon, and we would like to take an opportunity to explain a little about how the week will work and what our expectations are of the children during this time.

The SATs are the statutory end of Key Stage 2 tests in English and maths which all children take and which many secondary schools use to determine their setting arrangements at the start of Year 7. In many cases, results are also used to set targets for children at GCSE.

The tests will take place in the week beginning Monday 13th May and will follow the timetable set out below:

Monday 13 th May	Tuesday 14 th May	Wednesday 15 th May	Thursday 16 th May	
Grammar Paper	Reading Paper	Maths Paper 1	Maths Paper 3	
Spelling Paper		Maths Paper 2		

During the week, it is vitally important that your child is in school every day and on time. If they arrive late for the start of one of the tests, this could significantly disrupt their preparation and result in them not showcasing their very best in the test. If they do not attend at all, there are some circumstances whereby they are unable to take the test at a later date. Should your child be too unwell to attend school, you must contact us immediately and we will advise next steps.

Some children find the SATs to be a stressful time and while we have done a great deal of work in school to help them manage exam stress and related emotions, we also ask that you are encouraging and positive with children at home whenever the tests are being discussed. To further help calm nerves on the morning of each test, we will be running a special Year 6 SATs breakfast each morning whereby children arrive at school and have breakfast, provided free of charge by the school, in the dinner hall. This is an opportunity for everyone to feel comfortable and calm, ask any questions they may have or talk through any nerves with adults and peers in a relaxed environment before going into their classrooms to take the tests.





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We very much hope to have as many of the children as possible attend the breakfast and really feel that it will be a great way to set a positive tone each day.

I would like to take a moment to share some advice that can help them perform their best. One important aspect is ensuring that your child gets a good night's sleep before the test. It is recommended that children in this age range get 9-11 hours of sleep each night. This helps them to be well-rested and ready to concentrate throughout the day. Creating a bedtime routine that allows for winding down and relaxation can be helpful in promoting a good night's sleep. It is also advisable to limit electronic device usage in the hours leading up to bedtime as the blue light can interfere with sleep.

In addition, we ask that all water bottles brought to the test are completely clear with no text or images, and that any manufacturer labels are removed. This is to ensure that we comply with the test regulations.

We appreciate your support in preparing your child for the SATs, and hope that this advice will be helpful to you.

If you have any questions regarding the SATs or any of the arrangements outlined above, please feel free to contact us at any time via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Lloyd".

Mrs. S Lloyd
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