

What should I do if my child is ill?

- IF your child is unwell on any day during SATs week please contact the school office as normal.
- In some cases it is possible for the children to take the tests at another time.
- The school will contact you to explain any specific arrangement which need to be made.

What can I do to help my child?

- Make sure that they complete any preparation work they are set.
- Ensure that they do not panic! There is an emphasis on each child doing their best but excessive pressure has a negative effect.
- In the run up to and during SATs week ensure that they get a good night's sleep every day.
- A good breakfast will help keep their energy levels up.
- Talk to them about their tests and reassure them.

Breakfast Club

- We will be running a year six breakfast club at school from 8.45am.
- This will be free and the children can join in any day they like.
- The children will have the opportunity to have fruit, cereal and a drink with their friends outside (weather permitting).
- It can be 'second breakfast'.



St Mary's Catholic Primary School
A Guide to Year 6 SATS

Date	Test
11th May 2020	Paper 1 and 2: Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
12th May 2020	English Reading Test
13th May 2020	Maths Arithmetic Paper 1 Maths Reasoning Paper 2
14th May 2020	Maths Reasoning Paper 3
15th May 2020	In-school Science tests



What are the SATs?

- The SATs stand for Statutory Assessment Tests.
- The children are tested in English and Mathematics.
- There are a number of tests which the children sit over the course of the week.

Why do children take the SATs tests?

- These tests are used to assess your child's attainment before they transfer to secondary school.
- They also allow us to assess the progress that they have made since their SATs at the end of KS1.

When will my child take the SATs tests?

- The tests will take place during the week beginning Monday 13th May.
- We are required to follow a timetable for the tests.

Do all the children take the tests?

- All children sit the tests, unless we feel they would be detrimental to the child's mental health..

Will my child get any support with the tests?

- While it is anticipated that the tests will be done independently, some children may be entitled to:
 - An adult to read the questions (not in the reading test).
 - An adult to scribe written answers
 - Additional time
 - Staff will make the necessary arrangements for any children entitled to this support.

Who marks the papers and when will we get the results?

- Test papers are sent to external markers.
- The results arrive back in school in early July. Your child's results and the teacher assessments will be reported on their annual report..

What is teacher assessment?

- Teachers constantly gather evidence about pupil performance.
- This on-going assessment is more reliable than tests which are a 'snapshot' of achievement.
- Teacher assessment helps to create a balance picture.

Do secondary schools use the SATs tests?

- SATs results and teacher assessments may be used, along with other information, to place your child into a set or class.

The Reading Test

- This tests reading comprehension.
- The children are given one hour to read and answer questions on three different passages.
- These passages can be made up of different text types.
- There are a range of questions requiring different answers.

The Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Tests

- There are two tests:
 - Test One (Grammar and Punctuation) - the children are given 45 minutes.
 - There are a range of different questions including multiple-choice and short answer.
 - Test Two (Aural Spelling Test) - the test takes approximately 15 minutes.
 - There 20 words the children have to spell.
 - The words are read to the children in the context of a sentence.
 - The children are given the opportunity to check the spelling of words and make any alterations at the end of the test.

The Mathematics Tests

- There are three tests:
 - Paper 1 Arithmetic—30 minutes long.
 - Paper 2 Reasoning—40 minutes long.
 - Paper 3 Reasoning—40 minutes long.

Pupils will not be allowed to use calculators in any of the maths tests.

