

SATs FAQs

When is SATs week?

SATs week is from Monday 9th May until Friday 13th May.

Which exams are on which days?

See attached timetable for SATs week.

What can I do to help my child in Numeracy?

Please continue to support your child in completing their homework. A booklet will be sent home at Easter; it is important that pupils complete the work as instructed – a little every day. Please take opportunities for practising mental maths such as in the car, at the supermarket and when cooking or baking.

What can I do to help my child in Literacy?

Please continue to support your child in completing their grammar homework. The writing test this year is not composition. It is a 45 minute grammar and punctuation test followed by a spelling test. Regular reading is also a big help. Parents could ask their children about the book they are reading, the characters and what they think may happen next. Please ask children to give reasons for their thoughts and ideas.

Why are the children doing a Science SAT exam?

The Science Sat is no longer statutory; however we take advantage of the atmosphere and special arrangements during SATs week to formally assess the children.

Is there any extra work my child could be doing?

Children do a lot of revision in class in preparation for SATs. They will also continue to get regular homework. Children should continue to do all the activities they enjoy out of school and get plenty of exercise and sleep.

Can my child get extra time for their tests?

There are stringent rules which have to be followed and specific tests used to demonstrate that a child may benefit from extra time. The school uses these tests and there is usually a small group of children who qualify. You will be informed if this applies to your child.

Some children also qualify to have a reader. Again, you will be informed if this applies to your child.

What shall I do if my child is unwell when there is a test?

If at all possible children should come to school to do the test. It is to the child's advantage to complete the tests in the same conditions and atmosphere as the other children. If your child is unwell please contact school as soon as possible.

How will the results be reported?

This year pupils will not receive levels for the tests. Pupils will receive a raw score from each test plus a standardised score and confirmation of whether or not they have attained the national standard.

When will we receive the results?

The results come into school by 7th July. We check and process them and then issue them to parents with the full end of year report. Pupils may read their reports before they come home, however the results will be sealed and sent home for parents to open.

How are the results used?

The results are used in school to monitor and assess each individual pupil's progress and to set targets for year 7 and 8. The Standards and Testing Agency issues a report to the school analysing pupil progress from the results. This is also used to formulate information for school league tables.

The High School uses tests in year 8 to set targets, not the year 6 data.