

Whitstable Junior School

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Year 6 SATS Information 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

As you may be aware the children's End of Key Stage 2 Tests are next week, commencing **Tuesday 9th May until Friday 12th May**. Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended the SATs parents meeting at the start of term. For those of you that were unable to make the meeting, we did email out a copy of the powerpoint for your perusal as well as making it available on the school website.

I am now writing to you to ensure that you know how you can support your child at home before and during the tests and how the week will look for the children. Further information is available on our website in the 'School Information' section under SATs 2023. Over the past few weeks children have been practicing tests that are similar to the ones they will be sitting during the actual SAT's week, this is to ensure any that the children feel comfortable and familiar with the process and know what to expect during the week.

How you can support your child:

- Reassure them that they just have to try their best on the day.
- Encouraging them to spend 10-20 minutes a day reading a challenging book, practicing their spelling and timetables.
- Keeping an early and **regular bedtime routine** in the days leading up to and including the test week.
- Ensure your child has breakfast every day.

During the SATs week:

The children can arrive as normal but from 8.30am every morning the children will have access to breathing and relaxation sessions to help calm any nerves, plus a light breakfast to set the day off to a good start.

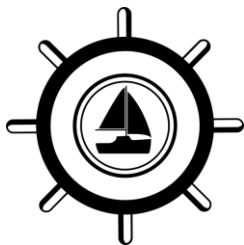
Throughout the week the children will be given rest breaks and time to relax through PE, Art and ICT once the tests are completed.

Please could you make sure that your child has a **water bottle, plenty of food to snack on** (avoiding noisy packets) **as well as their normal lunch and their reading glasses**, should they require them. They can also bring in a small cuddly toy or fiddle toy (that does not make any noise) which may help reassure them.

What should you do if your child is unwell or late during the week?

Should your child become unwell during the week, please don't feel that they should come in, just call the office and we can make alternative arrangements for the tests to be taken at another time, once they are feeling better. However, we would appreciate it if you could avoid them having contact with their classmates who have already taken the missed test(s) due to testing regulations. Should you be running late, just call the office and we can still ensure your child takes the test that day, once they have arrived.





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When are each of the tests during the week?

Day	Test Type	Duration
Tuesday 9 th May	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	20 minutes for the spelling test 45 minutes for the Grammar and Punctuation test.
Wednesday 10 th	English Reading Paper	60 minutes – 3 different texts to read and answer questions related to the text.
Thursday 11 th May	Arithmetic Paper 1	30 minutes for the arithmetic test – covering the 4 operations, fractions, decimals, % and BIDMAS
	Reasoning Paper 2	40 minutes for the reasoning test – involving real life problems related to the all of the KS2 concepts.
Friday 12 th May	Reasoning Paper 3	40 minutes for the reasoning test – involving real life problems related to the all of the KS2 concepts.

Organisation during the day

The tests take place in the year 6 area, either in the children's classrooms, or the studio or the BCR room; all areas that the children feel comfortable spending time in.

All of the tests will be completed during the morning, with a view to starting each day by about 9.30am. The majority of the children will complete the tests without any additional support; however, should your child require additional support then you will receive a letter explaining what will be provided.

Our sole aim is to support the children through this process; to ensure they always feel as happy and as confident as possible and remove any anxiety or pressure that they may feel. Every endeavour has been taken to consider all the children's needs, worries and requirements so that they can all achieve their best. As is common practice, our WBT team will be available throughout the week for the children to talk to should they require any reassurance or calming strategies.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email (kroy@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk) or telephone the office.

Kind regards,
Kate Roy
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