



# Whitstable Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Year 6 Practice and Preparation for SATs

We are writing to let you know that the Year 6 children will be completing a full round of practice SATs papers next week (week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024). We want to make sure that the children are as prepared for the real tests in May as possible. This will also allow the teachers to observe the children to gain a better understanding of any barriers related to test anxiety, resilience, and confidence; therefore allowing these strategies to be put in place for future practices and tests.

We will be applying the same Special Arrangements for those who required them for previous tests and ensuring that any other support such as a prompter, reader, or rest breaks that may be required based on need, are provided for all other children. Any child with a Dyslexia diagnosis will receive 25% additional time. You will receive an email by this Friday to clarify these special arrangements.

The timetable for the week will mirror what the children will experience in May (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – information can be found on the website). The plan is as follows:

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Paper (20 minutes for spelling and 45 minutes for Grammar and Punctuation)**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Reading Paper (60 minutes)**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Maths Arithmetic Paper (30 minutes) and Reasoning Paper (40 minutes)**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Maths Reasoning Paper (40 minutes)**

Each paper is approximately an hour long (with those with special arrangements having 25% additional time as per previous tests).

All tests will be completed within the normal school day, with no impact on break or lunchtimes, in either their classroom or smaller rooms such as the BCR or studio.

For your information, the children will be sitting the 2023 SATs papers.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or myself.

Kind regards

Kate Roy  
Assistant Headteacher

