

# Whitstable Junior School

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## Year 6 SATS Information 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

As you may be aware, the children's End of Key Stage 2 Tests are in a few weeks, from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025**. Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended the SATs parents' meeting. For those of you unable to make the meeting, we have emailed a copy of the PowerPoint, along with this letter, and made it available on the school website in the 'Parent Information Section/Year 6 SATs and Transition, along with other useful information.

Over the past few weeks, children have been practicing tests that are similar to the ones they will be sitting during the actual SAT week. This is to ensure 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 8.30 am every morning, the children will have access to breathing and relaxation sessions to help calm any nerves, plus an optional light breakfast to set the day off to a good start.

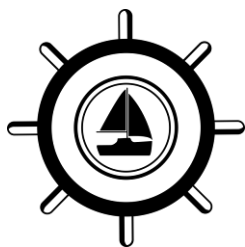
Throughout the week, the children will be given rest breaks and time to relax through PE, Art, and ICT once the tests are completed. You will receive a text before the week to let you know when the children will be required to wear PE kit.

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; therefore on





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their first day back to school, they need to go to the top gate and straight to the office rather than to their classroom.

Should you be running late, also just call the office and we can still ensure your child takes the test that day, once they have arrived, and again, just come straight to the school office.

## **When are each of the tests during the week?**

Day	Test Type	Duration
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	20 minutes for the spelling test 45 minutes for the Grammar and Punctuation test.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	English Reading Paper	60 minutes – 3 different texts to read and answer questions related to the text.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Reasoning Paper3	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, to start each day by about 9.30 am. The majority of the children will complete the tests without any additional support; however, should your child require additional support then you will receive an email explaining what will be provided by the end of the week.

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](mailto:kroy@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk)) or telephone the office.

Kind regards,  
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