



Dear Parents/Carers

SATS 2026 will soon be with us and we want to reassure you that we will do everything we can to make the process as comfortable as possible for your children.

Please remember, that the SATs tests are not something that you or your child should be worrying about. These statutory tests are one of a suite of tools schools use to assess your child. Throughout their time at Holy Family, our pupils practice summative tests on a termly basis and are exposed to test conditions in a range of subjects continuously.

KS2 SATS (Year 6 Pupils) will be administered throughout the week of Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026. The dates are set by the Standards and Testing Agency and will consist of the following papers:

Monday 11th May 2026 - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Paper 1 - 45 mins

Monday 11th May 2026 - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Paper 2 - 20 mins

Tuesday 12th May 2026 - English Reading - 60 minutes

Wednesday 13th May 2026 - Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) - 30 minutes

Wednesday 13th May 2026 - Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) - 40 minutes

Thursday 14th May 2026 - Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) - 40 minutes

During SATs week, the year 6 team will be providing a breakfast for all year 6 children; please ensure your child arrives at school at 8am each day.

Here are some important tips for helping your child prepare for SATs:

1. Talk about the SATs and tell them not worry about them. The school will also do this, too, but it makes a bigger impact if school and parents do this together. Children perform best when they are relaxed.
2. Reading is a key part of primary education so keep encouraging daily reading whether your child reads on their own or if you read together. Discuss the books, the characters, the storylines and encourage your child to express their own opinions on the book. This is important to their long-term development as well as SATs test.
3. Play mental games when you are on the way home whether you are walking or driving. Playing card games, Uno, Monopoly and dominoes all help with Maths. Whereas games like hangman, Boggle or Scrabble will support with literacy.
4. Read the revision books with your child.
5. Try to keep everything else running normally. So whether it's sport, music lessons or Scouts and Guides; sticking to your normal routine of out of school activities .
6. During the SATs week, whilst keeping to normal timetable, try to avoid late nights, as children will find sitting the tests tiring.
7. Try to make sure your child has some fresh air when they come home from school on test days.
8. Stay positive! Many children enjoy taking the tests as they see it as a challenge and like the importance and the feeling of being special that SATs give year 6.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Kind regards

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