

St Mary's Lewisham CE Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Christine Graham

329 Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 6NX

Telephone: 020 8690 2613 Fax: 020 8690 6008

Email: admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk



"Personal Development at St Mary's is Outstanding" - Ofsted Dec 2021

Our Vision

To be a learning community that promotes the unique gifts, wellbeing and potential of every person. Our work is founded on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, building on His message of equality, peace and justice, guided by His words 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34).

Thursday 4th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

SATs Tests for Year 6 pupils - Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May 2023

Next week, children in Year 6 will be taking their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). Information regarding the SATs Tests has already been shared with you at the meetings with myself and the class teacher, Miss Egunjobi. This letter is in addition to those meetings, to provide you with a final reminder of the arrangements and to invite the children to a free Year 6 **'Breakfast Club'** every day next week.

The tests are in English and Maths which reflect the standards of the National Curriculum. These tests will be both set and marked externally and the results will be used to measure your child's progress and the school's performance. Your child's marks will be used in conjunction with teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment. You will be given your child's score as part of the end of year reports.

Key Stage 2 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) test

The grammar, punctuation and spelling test will consist of two parts, firstly a grammar and punctuation paper requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes. There will then be an aural spelling test of 20 words, lasting around 15 minutes.

Key Stage 2 Reading

The reading test will be a single paper with questions based on three texts. Your child will have one hour to complete the test and there will be a selection of question types, including: multiple choice, inference and retrieval.

Key Stage 2 Maths

Children will sit three papers in maths. Paper 1 is an Arithmetic paper, which will consist of 36 questions, the children are given 30 minutes. These questions are focused on calculations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Papers 2 and 3 are Reasoning papers, with 40 minutes for the children to answer a range of questions.

Key Stage 2 Writing

There is no formal test but your child's writing will be assessed using the descriptors set by the Government. In order to achieve the expected standard your child's writing must contain all or most of the standardised descriptors. The teacher will assess a collection of your child's writing to decide whether they are working towards the expected standard, working at the expected standard or working at greater depth.



Timetable

The tests will run from Tuesday to Friday on the week beginning 8th May 2023. On days where there is more than one test the children will have a break and fresh air before sitting the next test.

Tuesday 9th May 2023

GPS: Paper 1 - Short Answer (45 minutes) / GPS: Paper 2 - Spelling Test (15 minutes)

Wednesday 10th May 2023

Reading (1 hour)

Thursday 11th May 2023

Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes) / Maths Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes)

Friday 12th May 2023

Maths Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes)

Test Administration

During the test period the Local Authority and Department for Education will randomly moderate schools to ensure that the school is administering all SATs papers in line with the Assessment Guidance and National Requirements. At St Mary's, we shall also ensure that an independent moderator conducts an unannounced visit to quality assure that the school is following the correct procedures and no maladministration is occurring at any time.

Access Arrangements

During the tests, some pupils in Year 6 will qualify for additional time (25%) due to additional educational needs. Access arrangements can take the form of additional breaks in tests or a reader (if a child's reading age is below their chronological age). You can read more about the additional support that your child might qualify for using this link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/key-stage-2-tests-how-to-use-access-arrangements>.

Breakfast and Preparation

The children have worked extremely hard this year, not only in Literacy, Maths and Science but across the whole curriculum. In order to ensure that your child is prepared and do their very best in their tests, **it is essential that they go to bed at a reasonable time** as it is important for them to be well rested.

The school will be providing a free '**Breakfast Club**' for all pupils' participating in SATs: between the **9th-12th May from 8:00am**. The children will be able to come into school (via the Main Entrance on Lewisham High Street) and enjoy a breakfast of cereals, toast and juice with their friends, ensuring they start the day in a positive frame of mind. We hope that all the children will take advantage of this special treat – they deserve it!

Please confirm on ParentPay that your child will be attending the Year 6 Breakfast.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Christine Graham
Headteacher