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7th May 2026

Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers,

RE: Year 6 SATs Week, w/c 11th May 2026.

As SATs week approaches, we want our Year 6 children and families to know that there is no need for panic or pressure. The children have worked incredibly hard, the staff have supported them every step of the way, and now we simply want them to come into school, stay calm and do their very best. SATs week is important for a few reasons.

Firstly, the tests provide parents and school with an indication of how well children are performing against national expectations for Year 6. They also give a broad comparison with children of the same age across the country.

Secondly, local secondary schools use SATs results to help them understand each child's starting point when they move into Year 7. This may include grouping children for some subjects or identifying where extra support may be needed. Wirral secondary schools are always very complimentary about the children they receive from Bidston Avenue... not only because of their academic results, but also because of their confidence, manners, social skills and positive attitude. We are very proud of this, and we hope you are too.

Thirdly, schools are judged, in part, on these results. As a school, we have ambitious targets set with the Trust and governing body, and we always want our children to achieve as well as they possibly can. The children will complete tests in reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar, and mathematics.

That said, it is important to remember that SATs are only a snapshot of what your child can do on a particular day, in particular subjects. They do not show the full picture of your child or all the wonderful things that make them who they are. They do not show whether your child is a brilliant singer, dancer, artist, gymnast, footballer, friend or comedian! They also do not make any child a failure if they do not achieve the expected standard.

All we ask is that every child comes into school, tries their very best and remembers one of our school mottos: **only their best is good enough.**

Please ensure that your child is not absent during this week, as they will be unable to take the tests.

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All SATs tests are in the morning ONLY and run as follows:

DATE	Before Break	After Break
Mon 11th May 2026	English: Grammar & Punctuation	English: Spelling
Tues 12th May 2026	Reading	
Wed 13th May 2026	Maths: Arithmetic (Paper 1)	Maths: Reasoning (Paper 2)
Thurs 14th May 2026	Maths Reasoning: (Paper 3)	

We do our best to ensure that the children are as calm and prepared as possible. We do not sit the tests in the hall as we think this is too formal, so we keep children in familiar rooms or a quieter space if they need it. We will provide your child with some toast and fruit on each test morning, too.

May I also highlight our school privacy notice. It is important to remember that schools use statutory data in a fair and legal manner. Please see the link below to be assured of how data is used and shared with the Department for Education.

<https://www.bidstonavenue.wirral.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=394&type=pdf>

If your child is ill during SATs week then it is really important that you ring to speak to us as soon as possible on the morning of the illness, and before school. Call 0151 652 1594 and press option 5.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support over the years and we wish your child the best of luck for next week.

Yours sincerely,

S.G. Brady (Headteacher) and the Year 6 Team