



30th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent SATs information meeting. Your support plays a vital role in your child's educational journey, and it was wonderful to see so many of you engaging with the preparations ahead.

The Year 6 SATS will begin on Monday, 12th May, and continue until Thursday, **15th May 2025**. We are incredibly proud of how hard the children have been working, and this final stretch is a chance for them to show everything they have achieved. All children must attend each day and continue to give their best effort in school and at home. Keeping up good routines, staying positive, and maintaining focus will make a real difference. We know that with their determination and your support, they will approach SATs week with confidence and pride

Small ways to help at home in the lead up to SATS are:

- **SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar):** Play quick "word games" like finding synonyms, spotting punctuation in adverts, or challenging each other to create sentences with new words.
- **Maths:** Practice real-life problem-solving – measuring ingredients when cooking, estimating shopping costs, or timing activities to improve speed and accuracy.
- **Reading:** To build deeper comprehension skills, ask your child open-ended questions about what they're reading, such as "Why do you think the character did that?" or "What might happen next?"

It is also important to remember, as we approach the assessment period, to:

- Establish a regular homework and study routine.
- Encourage your child to talk about what they have been learning – this will help them retrieve key revision.
- Praise their efforts and resilience, not just their results.

It is not only SATs prep, though! This term, our topic question is 'Can Poems Tell Stories?' This allows us to explore a range of poetry—modern, traditional, nonsense, narrative—and we look forward to enjoying a whole range of different styles as the term progresses.

We will also explore a well-known local poem, *Alfred Noyes's 'The Highwayman*. ' The highwayman was known to visit Hounslow occasionally, so we will examine some of the history of Hounslow Heath.

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Homework has changed this term due to the upcoming SATs. Children will often bring home a revision task based on the day's learning and will be required to bring it in the next day. Tasks will centre around children's daily focus and individual needs. Pupils are still required to read for 20 minutes each day and to continue their usual activities on Reading Eggs and Mathletics.

PE remains on a Thursday and Friday, so please ensure your child is wearing their PE kit on these days and has a full water bottle in the morning. Girls must be able to take their earrings out.

We have two exciting trips this term. On the 19th May, we will visit the Barnes Literature Festival, and on the 23rd May, we will go to Chessington World of Adventures—further details to follow. If you are available on Monday 19th May to assist with the trip to the literature festival, please let me or the office know.

Yours sincerely,

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