



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher: Mrs J Foley



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Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach an important time of the year for the Year 6 class, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the arrangements for SATs. Closer to the time, I will speak to the children about what we will do in the hope it will alleviate any worries or concerns that they may have. I know Miss Brennan provides constant reassurances.

The children have been working incredibly hard across the year and we are so proud of their continued efforts in class and at home and I thank the staff for their commitment to providing the best possible support for your child.

The SATs are statutory assessments, and the papers will be similar to those the children have worked on in school, as homework tasks and during booster sessions. These tests are scheduled to take place during the week of 11th May, the timetable is below.

Date	Activity
Monday 11th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 & 2
Tuesday 12th May	English reading
Wednesday 13th May	Mathematics Papers 1 & 2
Thursday 14th May	Mathematics Paper 3

A [Parent booklet](#) is available on the school's website, for further information – at the bottom of the Curriculum page.

Each morning of the tests, we will come together in prayer, open the papers and children will then be spread out across rooms that they are familiar working in e.g. Yr6 classroom, Yr6 annex, Library and the Rainbow room. It has become a tradition to buy bunches of bananas and the children eat one on the morning of each test, whilst I share some fun banana facts with them! This also helps children feel relaxed and less anxious. We hope the banana will bring about some extra brain power during the tests too! Here are some of the aspects I will share with the children about this 'super fruit':

- The scientific name for banana is *musa sapientum*, which means "fruit of the wise men."
- Bananas could help you to feel happier, as they contain tryptophan, a type of protein that the body converts into serotonin, known to promote relaxation and improve mood!
- Bananas have high nutritional value and are a healthy snack.

We aim to start the tests no later than 9:30am, so that all papers are completed in time for morning break. Some children are entitled to rest breaks or additional time during the assessments – these adjustments are made in strict guidance with the Standards Testing Agency and are evidenced to ensure no maladministration is taking place. All children can ask for questions to be read to them, apart from during the Reading paper. We encourage all children to ask any staff member within the room to read out the questions to them. A minimum of two staff will be in each room during the administration of the test papers.

The results for the tests will come directly to school in the middle of July – we will share the data with you on the end of Year Reports.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to make contact.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Foley

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