



# Golden Valley Primary School

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*'Sharing Kindness,  
Challenging Ourselves and Others,  
Achieving Excellence'*

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Year 6 SATs w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

The year 6 SATs are fast approaching and we wanted to take this opportunity to provide some information for the week. The DfE have also published guidance for parents/carers which you can access here: [KS2 National Curriculum Tests Info for Parents](#)

### **SATs Breakfast**

Children are invited to arrive each day at 8:30am where we will welcome them into the hall. Please can your child bring a named bowl, spoon and cup and we would very much appreciate donations of fruit juice and fruit to go alongside the cereal and milk that the school will provide (please bring in on the morning of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May). We hope that the children will find this a relaxing start to the day so would ask that you encourage them to come along.

The timetable for the week is:

- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS): paper 1 (questions) and paper 2 (spelling)**
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May: English reading paper**
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Mathematics paper 1 (arithmetic) and paper 2 (reasoning)**
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)**

All assessments will be carried out in the morning, shortly after the children have enjoyed their SATs breakfast.

There is no writing 'test' as the Teacher Assessment is carried out over a longer period of time and is externally moderated to ensure consistency. We also use Teacher Assessment for Science to assess whether children are working at the expected standard.

You will receive notification of the outcomes of all assessments with your child's school report in July. Please remember that the SATs are there to indicate what each child has learnt and retained, so that we can pass this information on to secondary schools. They are also a measure of our effectiveness as a school and are used to develop our own teaching. They are definitely not something that the children should be worried about!

Each of the 'test' papers lasts between 15 minutes and 1 hour, although some children have been allocated 'extra time' as part of the permitted access arrangements. Access arrangements are adjustments that can be put in place to support pupils with additional needs, and the teaching staff (in discussion with the school leadership team) have carefully considered which pupils need this in order to take part in the KS2 tests. They are not designed to give any pupil an advantage, but merely to enable all pupils to demonstrate what they know.



Some of these have had to be applied for in advance and parents will be notified if their child will have different arrangements.

Access arrangements may include:

- extra time
- a reader for all or part of the tests (except the reading test)
- a scribe for the entire test
- transcription of words or phrases after the test (e.g. to clarify handwriting)
- a separate space to work
- support to aid concentration
- rest breaks

**All pupils** are encouraged to ask for aspects of the Maths or English GPS tests to be read aloud as this can often really help the children to focus on what is being asked. All access arrangements are designed to replicate usual classroom support and there is clear guidance and training for all staff supporting the children in the tests.

### How can parents help?

- Encouragement to do their best is good, but adding pressure can be very stressful for your child
- Remind children to show their maths workings and calculations on the test paper
- Encourage them to ask their teachers if they are unsure about anything
- Make sure your child is well rested. Sleepovers the weekend before do not generally bode well!
- Y6 SATs Breakfast will be available at school from Monday to Thursday of SATs week. All pupils are encouraged to attend and enjoy relaxing with their friends before a busy day
- Send your child into school with a bottle of fresh water and a healthy snack each day
- Encourage your child to ask if they need words reading to them during each test. We will remind them daily of the kinds of questions they are allowed to ask
- Encourage your child to play, exercise, relax and get plenty of sleep

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

Yours sincerely



R Riordan  
Headteacher