



Dear Year 6 children and parents

The End of Key Stage 2 SATs are around the corner, so this letter contains a little bit of information about them and some last minute tips.

They start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and continue until Thursday.

Here is the timetable for the week, it is important that everyone arrives promptly – the earlier the better as we like to give everyone some brain food upon arrival!

<b>Day</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Duration</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Punctuation and Grammar	45mins
<b>Monday</b>	Spelling	15mins
<b>Tuesday</b>	Reading	1 hour
<b>Wednesday</b>	Arithmetic	30mins
<b>Wednesday</b>	Maths Reasoning 1	40mins
<b>Thursday</b>	Maths Reasoning 2	40mins

The SATs are important, but the most important thing for us is that everyone has that sense of pride and achievement, knowing that regardless of their results, they have given it their all and tried their best.

It is natural for children to feel pressure; however, everyone is well prepared and has worked hard over the past few weeks in preparation for the SATs.

What is important from our point of view is that we don't want to put on any unnecessary pressure, so while realising that their assessments are important – it is also important to remember that they are not the be all and end all.

We are blessed with children who are great singers, actors and actresses, artists, athletes and above all – ones with great characters and qualities; so while realising that the SATs carry importance, it is more important to remember that they do not define a child's time at St Buryan Academy or their learning. Importantly, what a year 6 child should come away with from their time here are the positive memories they have made from the opportunities on offer, the friendships they form, the growing they've done as a person and the type of person they want to become.

We recommend that over the next week children have a week's worth of good night's sleep to help them focus and ensure that they are ready for the next day. A good breakfast is important, we will provide a morning snack, eating well will set them up for the day.

After each day ask them how their paper went, it's a good chance for them to reflect and for you to find out what the papers are about. Make your child feel relaxed, it can be quite a nerve-wracking week, so it is important that we all ensure everyone is happy and positive.

Don't go overboard on revision over the weekend or over the next week, however 10-15 minutes recapping on what test is next is a good idea (I'm sure 10 or 15 minutes less on the Xbox won't hurt).

Most of all, enjoy your weekend, relax...and when next week comes – as long as you close the last page of each paper with the knowledge that you have given it your all and have tried your best then that is all we can ask for.

If you have any queries or questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me on [head@stbryanacademy.org](mailto:head@stbryanacademy.org)

Thank you

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