



7th May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will already be aware, your child will be taking the end of Key Stage Assessments next week. This year, all of the testing will take place during the week beginning the **11th of May 2026**.

Date	Test
Monday 11th May 2026	Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (Paper 1 and 2)
Tuesday 12th May 2026	Reading
Wednesday 13th May 2026	Mathematics (Paper 1: Arithmetic, Paper 2: Reasoning)
Thursday 14th May 2026	Mathematics (Paper 3: Reasoning)

The children have been working really hard in school to prepare for these assessments and they already view this as an opportunity to show all that they have learnt since Year 2. We aim to ensure that the children do not become anxious or upset about the tests, they are well prepared for the papers and the test should just be seen as an extension of their everyday work in class.

We appreciate all the help and support you are already giving your children. Your support ensures that the children feel confident and motivated as they reach the end of Year 6. In addition to this, we have been asked by several parents what they can do in preparation for the assessments.

- Attendance - ensure your child is in school as much as possible. Holidays are not permitted during term time but it is particularly important that your child is in school for SATs week. Regular and appropriate bedtimes. Let the school know as early as possible if your child is ill during test week and if any special arrangements need to be made. We will do all we can to help your child complete the tests as comfortably as possible.
- Communication - if there is anything at home that may affect the pupil's access/performance in the test, please let us know so we can support in the best way possible.

- Promote the tests as positive – a chance to show off the hard work they have done in KS2. We want the children to be as stress free as possible and you can help us to make this happen.

SATs Breakfast

As part of the SATs, the Year 6 children are all invited to SATs breakfast on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (this will be a celebration breakfast). The breakfast will start at 8:00. If the children are attending the breakfast, they are to enter the school via the normal Year 5/6 entrance.

On Friday (15th May), we will have a SATs celebration breakfast for the children to celebrate their hard work. This will be a cooked breakfast for all children. We will use the dietary requirements that we have on Arbor but if you have any further requirements, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher.

Clothing

Since we do not have uniforms at Park Grove, we need to ensure that the children do not wear anything that could impact their assessments. This is a standard requirement for formal assessments to ensure that no pupil has access to unintended 'word prompts' or aids during the spelling and grammar papers. Please can you ensure that the children come to school in clothing that does not include words. If your child does not have plain clothing, a plain jumper or hoodie is a great alternative.

If you, or your child, has any questions about the upcoming assessments, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Year 6 team.

Thank you for your continued support,

Year 6 Team

Mr Rogers

b.rogers@ebor.academy

Miss Drake

l.drake@ebor.academy

Mrs Steel

h.steel1@ebor.academy

