

KEY STAGE 2 SATS WEEK

Year 6 pupils will be doing the national SATs in:

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- English reading
- Mathematics



These Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) will take place from Tuesday 9 May to Friday 12 May. Teachers will also be assessing the pupils' writing this term. Parent Hub will have

further details for Year 6 parents.

We will be holding a special breakfast for Year 6 pupils on Tuesday 9 May to Friday 12 May.

This will help children stock up on brain food and have a good chat with friends and teachers to feel calm, confident and ready. Please can you ensure your child is in school from 8AM during the SATs week.



There will be a party to celebrate the achievement of Year 6 pupils on Friday 12 May from 2:30 PM. Kindly check message on Parent Hub for more information as parents are also invited to join.

YEAR 6 SWIMMING

Year 6 girls will start their intensive swimming lessons (1 hour every day) for three weeks from Monday 15 May. Kindly ensure your child has the correct swimming kit as shared in the LIT session. Swim hats are available to buy in house team colours from the school at £2.50. They will be provided with a school packed lunch.



Idiom of
the Week

'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure'

You can prevent a problem with little effort. Fixing it later is harder

BANK HOLIDAY

School will be closed on Monday 1 May for Bank holiday. Teachers in the NEU are taking strike action on Tuesday 2 May so there will be no Bright Minds, Life Skills, Clubs or Learning Minds.

Bright Minds, Life skills, Clubs and Learning Minds will resume from Wednesday 3 May. All pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 are expected to attend Bright Minds which starts at 8:00 AM. Kindly ensure that your child is on time as any late arrivals will not be able to join the sessions.

KEY STAGE 1 SATS

Pupils in Year 2 will take the end-of-key-stage-1 SATs from Tuesday 9 May. It is expected that it will take 2 to 3 weeks to administer the tests for all the pupils.

It is important that pupils are school every day and on time. At home parents can help by:

- ensuring a good routine and bedtime
- eating healthy and taking exercise
- revising English and mathematics that has been taught since Year 1
- Providing encouragement and praise

Please see your child's classteacher if you need further information.



GOOD HYGIENE = GOOD HEALTH

It is important that we continue with the good hygiene that we practised during the Covid.



Viruses of general cold, cough and flu are always around us throughout the year alongside other viruses and infections. We can protect ourselves from much of it by having good hygiene practices at school and at home.

Please help children wash their hand before and after school, and keep a tissue in their pocket. Children need to be taught to put all used tissue in the bin.

RECEPTION HEIGHT AND WEIGHT SCREENING

The School Health and Wellbeing Team will be coming to screen all children in Daffodil and Bluebell next week on Tuesday 3 May and Wednesday 4 May.

Children will have their hearing and visions screened and their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN JOINING THE NURSERY NEXT YEAR

Parents of children joining the Bigland Green Nursery from September 2023 will be invited to a meeting on Thursday 11 May at 9:05 AM. Parents will receive an email with further details.

The meeting, which is expected to be approximately an hour, will provide important information about the school and children's learning. It is expected, that where feasible, both parents attend this meeting.

EXTENDED LEAVE DURING TERM TIME

All leave during term time is unauthorised unless it is for an exceptional reason. Parents are advised to check the policy which is available on the school website before planning any leave. Any request for exceptional leave should be submitted at least 10 days in advance.

Parents are reminded that fixed penalty notices are used for all unauthorised absences.

STRIKE ACTIONS BY TEACHERS

Teachers from the NEU are taking strike action on Tuesday 2 May. The school will be open for the following Classes only:

- Honeysuckle (Year 1)
- Hydrangea (Year 4)
- Violets (Year 5)
- Orchid (Year 6)
- Poppy (Year 6)

We are sorry that all other Classes will be closed and are sorry for the inconveniences caused.

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

9 May	Year 2 and Year 6 SATs begin
9 May	New Nursery 2023 - offer day
11 May	Nursery 2023 - Induction meeting
11 May	Year 1 - Trip to Mudchute Farm
15 May	Parents Online Safety Workshop (Only for Year 5 and 6 parents)
22 May	Parents Workshop with NSPCC
25 May	Fluoride Varnish visit- Reception, Nursey and Year 1
5 June	Staff Training Day - school closed for pupils
28 June	School closed for Eid-ul-Adha
10 July	Staff Training Day - school closed for pupils
13 & 14 July	Parent conferences

ATTENDANCE: 17 APRIL-21 APRIL

Good attendance is 97% and above. Anything below needs improving. How is your child's class doing?

Sunflower	82%
Daffodil	99%
Honeysuckle	98%
Geranium	99%
Tulip	91%
Crocus	96%
Violets	97%
Orchid	99%
	Excellent
	Good

Lavender	90%
Bluebell	97%
Camellia	98%
Rose	99%
Ivy	95%
Hydrangea	93%
Hyacinth	96%
Poppy	96%
	Needs Improving
	Poor

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, then kindly telephone the school office before 9.30AM. Please inform us on the first day of absence **and** every subsequent day thereafter. Thank you to all the parents who are doing this already.

Quote of the Week

'Saying is one thing and doing another'

It is easier to talk about doing a thing than it is to do it. It is easier to give advice than to practice.