

# SAT information for pupils and parents 2024

## What are SATs?

- SATs are national tests which take place twice in Primary school (end of each key stage).
- They are not here to trick children but give an indication of how they are getting on compared to other children of the same age nationally
- At Clee Hill Community Academy, we encourage the children to do their best but also to enjoy SAT week. We take opportunities to make it as fun as possible and many Year 6s actually say it is their favourite week! They have breakfast provided every day, have an unhealthy snack at breaktime, bring in a small teddy as a mascot, have their school dinners/ sandwiches first (and are generally spoilt rotten!).

## When do they take place?

The KS2 SATs are scheduled for **Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May**.

### **Monday**

English GPS Paper 1: questions

English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling

### **Tuesday**

English reading

### **Wednesday**

Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic

Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning

### **Thursday**

Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

## What can I do to support my child?

- Carry on hearing them read and talk about their book. Try and read for 15-20 minutes every day rather than just a page or two - and remember that you can read their book to them too.
- Encourage them if they want to practice or revise - this can help to feel more organised for the tests but make sure this is in moderation.
- Make sure they have lots of rest and bring in fresh water each day.
- Think about how much 'screen time' they have. There is a direct correlation between the amount of time children spend on line gaming and results/ behaviour. Try and encourage relaxing time without a screen instead,
- Do their best and make it clear that the result of the test does not matter.
- Tell them how amazing they are.

## What happens if my child 'fails'?

There are 3 outcomes: not reached expected, reached expected, greater depth. A letter will be sent home in July with your child's results but please do not panic if your child does not reach the expected standard. Teacher assessment will be sent up to secondary school based on evidence we

have collected over years of teaching your child. The exam result only tells part of the story. Year 6 teachers will meet with secondary school to discuss pupils for transition and pupils will have a chance to speak to the secondary school representative about any concerns they may have too.

### What will happen on the day?

- **Pupils will come into school at 8:00am and will have breakfast together.** This is optional but a great chance to settle any nerves and talk to friends. The breakfast menu varies from day to day - but we normally have waffles on 'Waffle Wednesday' and bacon/ sausage on the final day - Thursday. If siblings need to be booked into breakfast club, please contact Miss Evans to do so.
- The children will register and have time to settle and talk through the day with their class teacher. Children will all go to the toilet etc.
- Tables will be set up differently to ensure that no one can copy. Some children may be in the hall or in a quiet space around school to complete their tests.
- Children may have a bottle of water and a small mascot with them during the tests. We ask that they put this on the floor when the test starts to prevent distraction.
- The SATs arrive sealed and are locked away. Mrs Little will bring them into the room and open them.
- After the test: children may bring in a small snack (can be unhealthy) to have and go out for play.