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SATs Tests 2026 – Week commencing the 11th of May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to share some information about the national statutory assessments (SATs) taking place this year and what they mean for our children at Willow Grove Primary School.

SATs are standard assessment tests, used nationally to check children's progress in key areas such as reading, writing and mathematics. They provide a snapshot of attainment and help us to identify where additional support or challenge is needed. These tests take place nationally, the week commencing 11th of May 2026.

As a special school, our approach is individualised for each child. Some children will be accessing, either some, or all of the SATs tests, where the assessments are appropriate to their needs. For other children, SATs will not be appropriate; in these cases, we will continue to use our ongoing teacher assessment, personalised targets and evidence of progress to plan next steps.

Decisions about whether a child will access the SATs are made carefully, with the child's best interests at the centre. You will have had these conversations with Mrs Bolton or your child's class teacher at the beginning of March, and you should already be aware of the tests that they will be accessing.

Attendance for all children, during assessment periods is important, whether accessing the tests or not. Being in school helps children to feel settled, to follow their usual routines and to access the support they need.

Please do everything you can to ensure your child attends on assessment days and during the lead-up, so they benefit from continuity and familiar staff support. If your child is not involved in a particular test, then they will be able to access other learning activities.

During SATs, children will be supported in school. There will be no pressure, and we just ask our children to try their best. Staff will provide reassurance and, where appropriate, additional time and adjustments to help reduce anxiety and allow children to demonstrate what they know whilst feeling safe and well supported. Our priority is to ensure assessments are carried out in a calm, supportive way that respects each child's individual needs.



Throughout the week, all children, regardless of their participation in the tests will be able to access some fun activities, including Bikeability sessions. Miss Smith has sent the consent forms to parents and carers via DoJo.

If you have questions or about the arrangements we will put in place, or would like some clarification on the tests that your child will be accessing, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L. Glover

Headteacher

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Below you can see the national SATs timetable for 2026. Please note, as per the information above, not all pupils will be participating in every test.

Monday 11 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions
Monday 11 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 12 May	English reading
Wednesday 13 May	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
Wednesday 13 May	Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 14 May	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning