

# March 2023 Newsletter

## Singleton Church of England Primary School

"Passion for Learning .....Passion for life"

Christian Value – Endurance

"Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us". Hebrews 12:1

Dear Parents,

As a staff, we reflect constantly on the enrichment that we provide for our children and it is wonderful to see that 'Individual Pathways' are encouraged and nurtured by all our staff. From STEM (Science/Maths/Engineering/Technology), to performing arts, sports, art, forest schools and musical theatre, already in this academic year we have provided a wealth of opportunities for all pupils to shine. As we begin March, Mrs Millward has planned a fabulous MAD week (Music / Art and Drama) This year the theme is Matilda the Musical. Miss Natasha will be providing singing and drama workshops bringing her experiences from her time as a West End performer to our children. We also have a workshop planned by Ian Hooper from Poulton Upbeat Rock Academy. Ian is a talented Musician, who is renowned across the Fylde Coast within the music industry. He will provide a live music session for the children.



### Opening Times

Monday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 – 5:30 pm
Tuesday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 – 5:30 pm
Wednesday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 – 5:30 pm
Thursday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 – 5:30 pm
Friday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 – 5:30 pm

### Booking

All booking information and links are on the school website. Please be aware that fees are subject to change. Acorns offer a 10% discount for siblings. This will automatically be deducted upon booking.

### Important Information:

Staff are trained in pediatric first aid and have regular safeguarding training. We can offer the club sessions on a regular and one-off basis, although sessions will need to be booked in advance. Acorns is owned by Sarah Goldie, a fully qualified teacher of 20 years and managed by Gabrielle McGowen.

### Current Fees

Before School Breakfast Club	7.30 am - 8.45 am	£4.75 per child (includes breakfast)
After School Club – full session	3.00 pm - 5.30 pm	£9.50 per child (includes snack)
After School Club – early session	3.00 pm - 4.15 pm	£4.50 per child (no snack)
After School Club following an extra-curriculum activity	4.15pm - 5.30 pm	£5:00 per child (includes snack)

For any further enquiries, contact details are as follows:

- Sarah Goldie TEL: 07860816175
- EMAIL: [sarahgoldie\\_uk@outlook.com](mailto:sarahgoldie_uk@outlook.com)

Please note that Acorns Activity Club is no longer run by school and all enquiries should be directed to Sarah Goldie the owner of the provision.



## School Office

If you need to contact school for any reason then the office opening hours are as follows:-

Monday	8.00 am - 4.15pm
Tuesday	8.00 am - 4.15 pm
Wednesday	8.00 am - 4.15 pm
Thursday	8.00 am - 4.15 pm
Friday	8.00 am - 12:00 noon

Tel (01253) 882226

Please note that the office is closed for lunch between 12:00 and 1:00pm

The phone will not be answered at this time

### Payments to School

Please note all clubs and dinners must be paid for in advance.

### Dinner Money

You can pay for School dinners through Parent Pay. This does still need to be done in advance a weekly or half-termly basis.

**Dinner money for next term is £68.60 (up to 26<sup>th</sup> May) please pay this via ParentPay.**

If you decide that you no longer want your child to have a school lunch you must give the office a **weeks** notice as all food is ordered a week in advance.

### Absence

If your child is absent, from school please inform the office by 9.20am and leave a message on the answerphone.



## Extra-Curricular Activities

### Information about PE and extracurricular activities

- Please make sure that your child has additional kit for any after school activity, as P.E. Kit **must not** be worn.
- It is important that for sports such as football and hockey your children have the correct kit as these clubs **will always** take place outdoors (e.g. Football boots, shin pads, waterproof etc.)— Please ask Mrs James if you are unsure what your child needs.
- Miss Ashworth will oversee the smooth running of the clubs and ensure that children are passed over to parents/ carers at the end of the session
- All children attending extra-curricular clubs should be collected from Class 3's door.
- Please pick up your child promptly at **4.15pm after clubs**.
- Please make sure that you pay for clubs in advance. If this does not happen then your child will not be booked on the course.
- Please note that as we continue to receive the Sports Grant in the year 2022 /23 we will continue to supplement the cost of the extra-curricular activities once again this year. However due to increases in on costs there has been a slight price increase to £3:00 per session (£4 for tennis)



The overall attendance for February was  
97%

For more information about attendance and holidays in term time, please check out the school website.

If you need support with attendance and punctuality please contact Miss Ashworth, our Family Learning Mentor



Happy Birthday to the following children

### March

1<sup>st</sup> Sienna  
7<sup>th</sup> Amy  
7<sup>th</sup> Ethan  
8<sup>th</sup> Mia V  
10<sup>th</sup> Mimi  
11<sup>th</sup> Arthur  
12<sup>th</sup> James  
14<sup>th</sup> Annabel  
15<sup>th</sup> Alice R  
22<sup>nd</sup> Lilac  
26<sup>th</sup> Evie  
31<sup>st</sup> Tom

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS APRIL - MAY 2023 FROM MONDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL TO THURSDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> MAY2023		
	Lower School (FS /1/2/3)	Upper School (4/5/6)
Monday	Dance Y1/2/3 £12 Science Club F/Y1 (until 4pm) £8	Dance Y1/2/3 £12 Numeracy Booster Y6 (ends 24 <sup>th</sup> April) Rounders Y4/5 £12
Tuesday	Brass Y2/3/4/5/6 £30 Football Y2/3 £18 Mrs Lilley's Woodland Reading Club F/Y1 £12	Brass Y2/3/4/5/6 £30 Athletics Y4/5 £18 Literacy Booster Y6 (ends 2 <sup>nd</sup> May)
Wednesday	Tennis Y2/3 £24	Netball Y4/5/6 £18
Thursday	Athletics Y1/2/3 £18 Singing (Lunchtime) 2/3/4/5/6 £30	Singing (Lunchtime) 2/3/4/5/6 £30 Football Y 4/5/6 £18 LAMDA – Y3/4/5/6 – until 4pm £39

### Payment

Mrs. Reeves will write to parents in advance of the new term to outline the clubs on offer. **Club places are allocated on a first come first serve basis.** Sporting Clubs are provided by third party providers.  
We are a cashless school and all payments should be made via the Parent Pay system.

### Healthy Snacks Policy

As you are all well aware, the Governing body have a policy that **only fruit snacks** are permitted in school for break times.



## Parish and Community links



Time for reflection

### Wisdom

#### **"All wisdom comes from God." Proverbs 2 v 6**

Through this Christian Value, we try to develop within our children a good sense and judgement based on life experience and biblical teaching. Also, an understanding that Wisdom is not about what you know (this is knowledge/information) but about what you do with what you know - the application of your knowledge. Being wise does not necessarily have anything to do with age or intellect. Although it is a gift, it is a virtue that we believe needs to be nurtured.

### Family Communion

Our Family Communion service is held every Sunday at 9.30am. On the first Sunday of the month this is followed by coffee and biscuits served in church.

### Children

Junior Church runs on the second Sunday of every month at 09:30am. (Contact Fiona Small for information; 07913901015)

There is also an All-Age Family service at St. Chad's on the first Sunday of every month at 10:00am (lasts about 45 mins).

Children are both welcomed and encouraged at all our services and especially at our regular Family Communion held each Sunday. There are toys and books at the back of church for children to use during the service.

**Note:** Qualification for application to Saint Aidan's on faith grounds is that parents attend church twice a month - all the services listed above would

## Pupil Progress Meetings 2023

Our Second 'Pupil Progress Meeting' of the year will be held as Face to Face meetings. There are a few changes to the usual format: -

- Rather than splitting the year groups up onto separate nights parents will be able to select an appointment on either evening – we hope that this change will help parents that work in the evening.
- The time slots will be available to book on line and links will be sent out nearer the time. The allocated time is limited to a 5 minutes progress chat with your child's class teacher. Please remember if you have a concern or worry then do not wait until parents evening as we have an open-door policy. The focus of 'Formal Progress Meetings' is for staff to run through progress and next steps within learning.
- If your child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) then you will have already had your meeting with your child's class teacher for this term and so **do not** need to book a slot
- If you co-parent and intend to both attend the same meeting please book only one slot but place a note on the system to indicate that both parents will be attending.
- If you co parent and wish to have a separate appointment then please book individual slots but place a note on the system to indicate this is the intention.
- Some books will be available in the classrooms for parents to look at – so please plan a further 10 minutes into your schedule. Please note that the classrooms will be **closed for cleaning from 6:15pm** onwards – so if you book a later slot please look at books before meeting with the teacher to avoid disappointment.
- **Please note children are not allowed to attend this event.** Acorns will be available should you require short term child care. They are offering a 30-minute slot for your appointment for £2.50, up to 5.30pm when the club will close. Full details and links to book slots will be sent out nearer the time but please note the dates for your diaries:
- **Monday 13th March** - Pupil Progress Consultation Evening **CLASS 2 ONLY** 3:15 – 6:15pm
- **Tuesday 14th March** – Pupil Progress Consultation Evening **3: 15 – 6:15pm**
- **Wednesday 15th March** - Pupil Progress Evening **3: 15 – 6:15pm** (**We are aware that the 15th March is potentially a teacher strike date – we will keep you up to date should changes have to be made to the current dates**)



## Diary Dates and Holidays

### HOLIDAYS 2022 /2023

#### Autumn Term 2022

**Starts on:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Half Term:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October –Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Ends:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### Spring Term 2023

**Starts on:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

**Half Term:** Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February 2023

**Ends:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### Summer Term 2023

**Starts on:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**May day:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

**Coronation King Charles** - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Half Term:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May -Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Ends:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Total number of openings – 195

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**Open:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Half Term:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Closes:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

#### Spring Term 2024

**Open:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Half Term:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Closes:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

#### Summer Term 2024

**Open:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**May Day:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Half Term:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

**Closes:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Total number of openings – 190

#### Inset days

1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

#### Inset days

1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September

22<sup>nd</sup> December

22<sup>nd</sup> July

## Dates for your Diary - (3 months in advance)

### March

2<sup>nd</sup> – World Book Day

3<sup>rd</sup> – **Non-uniform – chocolate**

6<sup>th</sup> - Numeracy Booster 3- 4.15

7<sup>th</sup> - Literacy Booster 3- 4.15

13<sup>th</sup> – Foundation Class Assembly 9.05am

13<sup>th</sup> - Numeracy Booster 3- 4.15

14<sup>th</sup> - **NO Literacy Booster / afterschool clubs**

14<sup>th</sup> - Pupil Progress meetings 3:15 – 6:15pm

15<sup>th</sup> - Pupil Progress Evenings 3:15 – 6:15 pm

15<sup>th</sup> - **NO after school clubs**

20<sup>th</sup> - Numeracy Booster 3- 4.15

21<sup>st</sup> - Literacy Booster 3- 4.15

22<sup>nd</sup> - **Sponsored event**

27<sup>th</sup> – Year 3/4 Assembly 9.05am

27<sup>th</sup> Numeracy Booster 3- 4.15

28<sup>th</sup> – Hinduism Workshops for the whole school

28<sup>th</sup> Literacy Booster 3- 4.15

30<sup>th</sup> Easter Open afternoon 1:10pm

31<sup>st</sup> - **School Closes 1:30pm**

### April

17<sup>th</sup> – School Opens

17<sup>th</sup> – Numeracy Booster 3-4.15

18<sup>th</sup> – Literacy Booster 3-4.15

24<sup>th</sup> – Numeracy Booster 3-4.15

25<sup>th</sup> - Literacy Booster 3-4.15

### May

1<sup>st</sup> – Bank Holiday

8<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday

22<sup>nd</sup> – Foundation Class Assembly 9.05am

26<sup>th</sup> – Non-uniform – bring a bottle for the summer fair

26<sup>th</sup> – School Closes at 3pm

We try to inform you of diary dates/changes to dates well in advance so that you can plan. We will not necessarily send out specific letters for every individual event as dates and times are indicated in the monthly newsletter which gives up to 3 months' notice. The Office will try to send out reminder texts/Facebook notices as an additional support to parents but this may not always happen during busy periods.



## FOSS Updates

### Up and coming events

Event	Date
Non-uniform day	3 <sup>rd</sup> March - Chocolate – Easter raffle

FOSS will also be running the very popular Easter Egg raffle for the children from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets will be £1 each and sold via Parent Pay. Each class will have a range of Chocolate hamper Prizes. More information to follow



All families are automatically a member of FOSS (Friends of Singleton School) The Chair of FOSS is Clare Yates, she, along with her small team of volunteers work incredibly hard behind the scenes organizing events. They are always looking for volunteers and encourage parents to become involved. You don't have to be available to help with every event, they welcome any support even if it's just behind the scenes support. The more money that FOSS raise the more exciting projects we can do for the children. If you can help in any way, please email [friendsofsingleton@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofsingleton@outlook.com)

## Y6 Booster Classes

This year there are changes to the usual SATs timetable due to the Coronation of King Charles and an additional Bank Holiday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from **Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12 May 2023.**

- **Tuesday 9 May:** English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- **Wednesday 10 May:** English reading paper.
- **Thursday 11 May:** mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- **Friday 12 May:** mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

We will be running Booster classes from January in Literacy and numeracy every Monday and Tuesday to ensure given the challenging few years our children have had that we give them the best possible support. We ask that all Y6 children attend these. The children will be given additional specific SATs related homework and there will be an expectation that they also use BBC bitesize. BBC bitesize should be used for 10 - 15 mins a day, it offers a range of videos, quizzes and games for the children to watch and learn from. The children should pick topics that they feel less confident with. Please click the link below: -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrybvk7>



### February 2023

#### Foundation

Arthur, Joshua, Archie

#### Year One

Alice Y, Thomas B

#### Year Two

Harris

#### Year Three

Darcey, Daniel

#### Year Four

Jensen

#### Year Five

Darcey, Rocco

#### Year Six

Zac



### February 2023

#### Foundation

Matilda, Phoebe, Michael, Arthur

#### Class 1

Sophia, Malayka, Huxley, Ralph

#### Class 2

Elliott, Darcey, Alfie, Isla

#### Class 3

Finley, Ruby, Harry, Krystal





## Primary School Applications

The application process has now closed.

Lancashire's online system will go live on the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and will allow online applicants to view their school offer. Please be patient as around 13,000 applicants may be trying to access information.

LCC email school offers to you. They cannot confirm results with you over the phone due to data protection.



### Sponsored Event 2023

Mrs. Rund and the Junior Leadership Team (JLT) will organize this year's sponsored event. For those of you that are new to school every year we task our Junior Leadership Team with the development and organization of a sponsored event. The money raised from the event is used twofold: -

- To update playtime toys and equipment each year
- To support a children's charity

The Junior Leadership Team work with Mrs. Rund to find a children's charity that they feel they would like to support. This is such a valuable opportunity for our older children to develop an understanding of the needs and experiences of other children in our world. Having focused, intentional discussions with children about charity increases the likelihood that they will give or think of others. Charity builds empathy, which is a critical social and emotional skill.

The JLT also then are given a budget and the responsibility of picking equipment and resources to encourage exercise and fitness and creative play at playtimes. Again, this is such a valuable life skill for our older children.

Once the children have made their plans they will send out more information. The sponsored event will be launched in March.

Sponsored Event Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022



### World Book Day / MAD week

Mrs. Millward is once again organizing a Fabulous MAD (Music Art and Drama) week which will encompass the 'World Book Day' celebration for our children. The theme this year is Matilda the Musical

MAD week will take place during the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> Feb.

We have organized for Miss Natasha to deliver singing and drama activities and Ian Hooper from Up Beat Academy to deliver some live music experiences.

World book day is on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. For our new parents:- on World book Day the children can come dressed as one of their favourite book characters and bring the book with them to share with their class.



## X Factor Winners 2023

### X Factor Winners

Well done to all the children that took part. We are very proud of you all. Congratulations to our winners

**Year 1** – Alice Y and Malayka

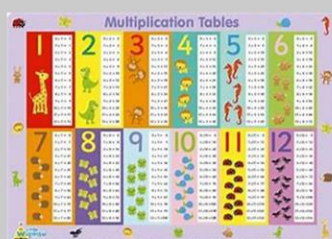
**Year 2** – Arianna

**Year 3** – Aidan

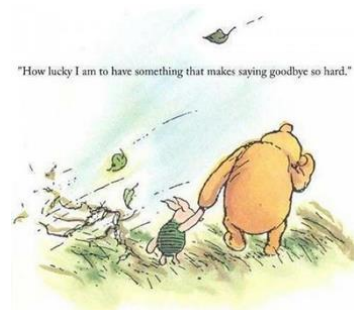
**Year 4** – Finley B

**Year 5** – Betsy

**Year 6** – Tom



## Goodbye and Thank you



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Ashworth at the end of this term. Miss Ashworth has worked at Singleton for just over 2 years and has been a very valued member of our team. She has supported many families through very challenging times and has always gone above and beyond for our children.

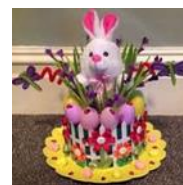
Miss Ashworth has got a new job with Home Start so she will continue to support vulnerable children and their families. She will continue to support school one day a week until we can find a replacement. We wish Miss Ashworth much luck in her new post – she will be very much missed by the Singleton School Family.

## Easter Open Afternoon

### Mrs Millwards EGG- STRAVAGANZA and Easter Bonnet crafting afternoon.

We are holding an Easter Crafts Open Afternoon on Thursday **30th** March –commencing at **1.10 p.m.** Throughout the afternoon, the children will be completing some fun Easter craft activities.

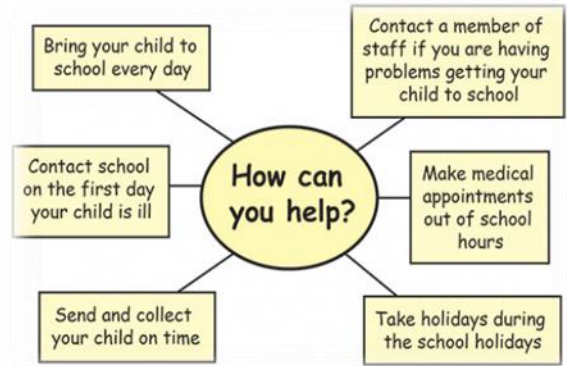
Foundation and Class One will be making Easter Bonnets. Please could you provide your children with all the bits and bobs they need to make them. You will make the bonnets with your children during the open afternoon.



Class Two and Three will be creating (with your help!!!) an 'Eggstravaganza' which is an egg in a box scene. For example – 'The Eggs-terminator', 'Egg-man & Robin', 'Egg White' (Snow White) The EGG Factor etc. It is entirely up to the children; they can be as creative as they like. Their design must have a name with the word EGG in it. More information to follow.



# The Importance of good attendance



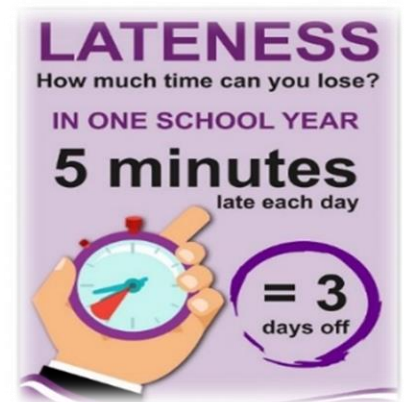
Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which is this is the number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

Your children get 14 weeks holiday a year!

There are **38 weeks** in the year when schools are open, and **14 weeks (175 days)** when families can visit family overseas; go on holiday; travel; pupils can work, take educational trips, attend non urgent medical appointments.....**So is your request for leave exceptional?**

## When a Child Arrives Late:

- It interrupts concentration
- It wastes valuable learning time
- The teacher repeats information / instructions whilst others have to wait
- The late child is at an immediate disadvantage because they may have missed important teaching points, missed discussions where ideas are shared and will be generally unsettled
- Children feel stressed and anxious about having to walk into their lessons late, some children find being late very distressing.



## A polite reminder about drop off and collecting on time before / after school and after clubs.

- Parents will drop off / collect children (or arrange for this to happen) punctually – if parents are late then the children will be placed in Acorns Club and there will be a charge. Please note there is an expectation that you collect promptly at 3:00 (or 4:15pm if your child participates in an extra – curricular activity)
- Late drop off and collection in monitored by Miss Ashworth – Family Learning Mentor





## Safeguarding information for parents

### Singleton Safeguarding team

#### Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)

- **Amanda Clayton** (Head) – Lead DSL
- **Leonie Millward** (SENCO) – DSL
- **Katie Ashworth** (Learning Mentor) – DSL

#### Governors with Responsibility for Safeguarding

- **Alec Davies** – Chair of the Governing Body / safer recruitment
- **Keith Walker** – Chair of the SHE committee / Safer recruitment

#### Safeguarding DBS lead

- **Rachel Reeves** (Office Manager)
  - Rachel keeps and maintains a log of all staff and volunteers who have DBS clearance to work with children and the Governors review, and general safeguarding in school monthly.

#### Prevent Lead

- **Lisa Rund** (FS Teacher)
- **Martin Keighley** (Governor)



### Useful information / Publications for parents

Each month we will provide some links or publications to download that will cover a wide range of current Safeguarding information for parents.

This month we have focused on a 'Grandparents Guide to online safety'. The guide covers the following: -

Five quick tips	Live streaming – What is it all about?
Screen time – How much time are they spending online?	Inappropriate content – Managing what they see
Parental controls – Create a safe place for children to explore	Cyberbullying
Online gaming – Playing safely	Sexting – What you need to know
Managing money online	Peer pressure – Effect on behaviour

Please click on the link below

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/grandparents-guide-to-online-safety/>



## Statutory Assessment information for parents

### Multiplication tables check parent leaflet

If your child is in year 4 they will take the Multiplication Tables check this year.

The DFE have published an [information for parents leaflet](#) schools can use with parents when explaining what the assessment is, how it will be carried out and why it has been introduced. Click on the link to find out more.

### KS2 SATs dates 2023

What dates are SATs 2023?

### **Changes to key stage 2 assessment dates in 2023**

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper.
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

### PowerPoint for Parents – KS2 SATs



KS2 SATs  
Powerpoint for Pare

### **Year 6 SATs REVISION - USEFUL WEBSITES**

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> - BBC Bitesize Revision Activities
- <http://www.emaths.co.uk/> Past papers and extra advice included.
- [http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children\\_sats.htm](http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm)
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/revision/index.html>
- [https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/interactive\\_ks2\\_english](https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/interactive_ks2_english)
- <http://spellingframe.co.uk> great for Y3,4,5 & 6 key frequency words
- <http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage> - great for more able mathematicians and anyone who wants to attack applying and problem solving in maths.
- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk>
- <https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/english/> English Quizzes
- <https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/maths/> Maths Quizzes
- Video link to SATs info video (or google M Tidd 2020 KS2 Tests):-  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2H2D1UI4pjE>

