



## SATs Guidance for Parents

The SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) are administered in Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3. They are used to show your child's progress in comparison with other children of the same age.

In **Key Stage 2 the SATs** take place in **May** and cover **English and Maths**. These standard assessment tests provide information about the levels pupils have achieved at the end of Key Stage 2. Papers are sent away to be independently marked and results are available before your child leaves St Ambrose Barlow. Results are passed onto the secondary school that your child will be attending and the SATs results, together with my teacher assessment are used to stream your child at secondary school so it is **imperative that they are taken seriously**.

### How can I help my child?

- ✓ Get your child to create a study timetable so that all topics get covered and your child will not end up studying at the last minute.
- ✓ Help your child to tackle problem areas one at a time. It is easy for your child to become overwhelmed with the amount of work covered.
- ✓ Agree a homework routine with your child early on and it will be much easier for them to focus when it comes to the SATs.
- ✓ Encourage your child to benchmark him/herself against their own past performance, not the performance of others.
- ✓ Help your child to feel a sense of achievement for working hard and for making progress.
- ✓ Help your child to build into their study routine, time for leisure. Exercise and getting outside for some fresh air is important and is great for combating stress.
- ✓ Your child will need a quiet, comfortable place to study, free from distractions such as younger or older siblings, television and the telephone. They should use the same place everyday.
- ✓ Provide your child with healthy, balanced meals with plenty of fruit and vegetables.
- ✓ Visit our school website where there are some revision sites that they can use as part of their revision homework.

Key Stage 2 SATs are important and the appropriate time should be set aside for studying. Provide your child with as much support and guidance as possible and make sure that your child is well prepared for the exams. Help your child to be positive about the work they have done and what they have achieved.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr G. Doherty



## Key Stage 2 SATs timetable 2018

<b>Date</b>	<b>Test</b>
Monday 14th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling tests Paper 1: Grammar & Punctuation Paper 2: Spelling
Tuesday 15th May	English Reading Test
Wednesday 16th May	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 17th May	Paper 3: Reasoning

As a reward for their effort and hard work during the week we have traditionally had a party on the Friday. I still intend to do this. The children plan this themselves and organise who brings what into school. No matter what they say Mr Doherty will never say 'Just bring sweets in, we don't need any savoury!'