

Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Y6 Parents/Carers,

The summer term – filled with key milestones in the journey of a Connaught child – is now upon us. Please read on to find out more about this half term and what it has in store.

The SATs are scheduled as follows:

- Monday 11th May:** English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: Questions (45 mins)
English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: Spellings (20 mins)
- Tuesday 12th May:** English reading (60 mins)
- Wednesday 13th May:** Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 mins)
Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning (40 mins)
- Thursday 14th May:** Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning (40 mins)

The children have been working incredibly hard since joining Year 6 and we are delighted with the progress they have all made since September. Thank you for your support with extra SATs revision homework; every little bit of extra practice will help and will go a long way in making your child feel confident. We hope that your children are seeing the value of the extra revision, and we hope that they continue with this as we get closer to SATs.

In the build-up to the assessments, we will be doing revision lessons where we go over previously taught units of work. Our aim is for the children to go into the tests feeling confident and relaxed. As well as revision lessons, we will also be teaching the children test techniques to both maximise their chances in the tests and to cope with any negative feelings and worries that they might have. We will be giving the children plenty of encouragement and support to put them in a good place mentally and emotionally. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you feel that your child is becoming overly worried or anxious either in the build up to the tests or during the week of the tests.

If you want some extra information about the SATs and revision, our school website has the presentation of the SATs information evening and extra revision materials, including explainer videos.

SATs breakfast

A Connaught tradition in recent years has been to offer our Year 6 children a special SATs breakfast on the mornings of their assessments. I am pleased to say that this will be going ahead again this year. I know some of the children see it as a rite of passage and have already been asking about it. More information about the SATs breakfasts will follow in another letter. We encourage all children to participate in this even if they decide not to have any of the breakfast pastries. It is a wonderful chance to talk and relax before each of the tests and is a great start to the day.

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Curriculum

Even with SATs, we are still fully committed to providing your child with a broad and balanced curriculum. Please find our Summer 1 theme overview attached to this letter. As you know, this is designed to give you some information regarding the key themes we will be covering and some more detail on the topic for the term ahead.

Our topic this term is entitled 'The Ancient Mayans' and is a history-based topic. Please read the theme overview carefully, as it will give you a good understanding of the topics being covered with your child over this half term. We encourage you to discuss the questions and key vocabulary with your child both before and during their learning on this topic. This will help them feel well-prepared and more confident for the learning journey ahead.

Uniform

Overall, the children's uniform continues to look very smart, and most children are representing the school well. Thank you for all your efforts in getting the children to school looking this way – we can appreciate that this is sometimes not an easy task! To maintain this high standard, please encourage your child to remember their blazer and wear it into school on non-PE days. If you have any queries or questions about school uniform, please refer to the Uniform Policy on the school website or contact your child's class teacher.

Equipment

It is wonderful to see so many children coming to school organised and ready for each school day. We are also pleased to see more and more children taking responsibility for packing their own equipment in preparation for secondary school. Could I please remind you that all children should come to school each day with their diary, their reading book and a well-stocked pencil case, which should contain a handwriting pen, pencil, whiteboard pen, 30cm ruler, rubber, sharpener, scissors and glue stick.

And finally...

If you have any questions or concerns, then please do get in touch. Please email us directly on our class email addresses and we will respond within 48 hours. Alternatively, you can phone or email the school office. We always aim to foster positive relationships with our parents so if you have a question about anything, approaching us directly is the best way forward to ensure that we can support you effectively.

Kind Regards
Mr Stevens

Miss Parkinson

Mrs Meredith

Miss Ratcliffe