



SS PHILIP & JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND
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Friday 26 April 2019

Dear parents, carers and pupils,

Reports

On Friday 3rd May (or Monday 6th May for Year 4) you will receive your child's full school report for the 2018/19 academic year. We have listened to feedback from parents and have made this change so that you know where your child is attaining earlier in the year and the targets they need to achieve, in order to be able to support them at home; rather than wait until the end of the academic year.

The report will show your child's attendance so far this year. It will indicate whether your child is currently working below, in line or above the expectation in Reading, Writing and Maths for their year group at this point in the year. It will also show current progress. The reports will state which objectives your child has achieved for each curriculum area and will include their next step target for Reading, Writing and Maths. You will receive a 'snap shot' report in July, indicating where your child is attaining at the end of the academic year.

Pupils in EYFS will receive their full report at the end of the academic year showing their attainment against the Early Learning Goals.

Statutory Assessments

Phonics check

All schools, including Phil and Jim, will administer the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check the week beginning 10th June 2019.

The checks consist of 40 words and non-words that your child will be asked to read one-on-one with a teacher they know. Non-words (or nonsense words, alien words, pseudo words) are a collection of letters that will follow phonics rules your child has been taught, but do not mean anything – your child will need to read these with the correct sounds to show that they understand the phonics rules behind them. Each of the non-words is presented with a picture of a monster / alien, as if the word were their name. The teacher administering the check with your child will give them a few practice words to read first – including some non-words – so they understand more about what they have to do.

Your child will be scored against a national standard, and you will be informed as to whether or not they fall below, within or above this standard. The threshold mark is communicated to schools at the end of June, after the test has been taken, so that teachers can check the mark. If your child's score falls below the standard, they will be given extra phonics help and will re-take the Phonics Screening Check in Year 2.

End of KS1- Year 2

Unlike KS2 SATs, KS1 SATs do not have to be administered according to a nationally-set timetable in a specific week. We are free to manage the timetable and will aim to administer the tests in the classroom in a low-stress, low-key way; often children won't even be aware they have taken them. The children will sit the following test:



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Reading Paper 1 consists of a selection of texts, with questions interspersed. Paper 2 comprises a reading booklet of a selection of passages. Children will write their answers in a separate booklet. Each paper is worth 50 per cent of the marks, and should take around 30 minutes, but children are not strictly timed, as the tests are not intended to assess children's ability to work at speed. The texts in the reading papers cover a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, and get progressively more difficult towards the end of the test.

Maths Paper 1: arithmetic, worth 25 marks and taking around 15 minutes.

Paper 2: mathematical fluency, problem-solving and reasoning, worth 35 marks and taking 35 minutes, with a break if necessary.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (this is an optional test, but we will be using it to further inform our Teacher Assessment for Writing)

Paper 1: a 20-word spelling test taking approximately 15 minutes and worth 20 marks.

Paper 2: a grammar, punctuation and vocabulary test, in two sections of around 10 minutes each (with a break between, if necessary), worth 20 marks. This will involve a mixture of selecting the right answers (e.g. through multiple choice), and writing short answers.

Although the tests are set externally, teachers within the school mark them. Children are given a scaled score; their raw score – the actual number of marks they get – is translated into a scaled score, where a score of 100 means the child is working at the expected standard. A score below 100 indicates that the child needs more support, whereas a score of above 100 suggests the child is working at a higher level than expected for their age. The maximum score possible is 115, and the minimum is 85. Teacher assessments are used to build up a picture of your child's learning and achievements across the year and the test scores are one more piece of evidence towards these. The results will be shared with you at the end of the year.

End of KS2- Year 6

Children in Year 6 will be sitting papers for Reading; Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. These tests are both set and marked externally.

The timetable below lists which tests will take place and when they must be administered by the school:

2019 test timetable

Monday 13 May - English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling

Tuesday 14 May - English Reading

Wednesday 15 May - Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning



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Thursday 16 May Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

KS2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test

Paper 1: questions is a combined question and answer booklet. Pupils will have 45 minutes to answer the questions, which are worth 50 marks in total.

Paper 2: spelling consists of a test transcript to be read by the test administrator and an answer booklet for pupils to write 20 spellings.

KS2 English reading test

The English reading test focuses on the comprehension elements of the national curriculum and includes a mixture of text genres. The test is designed so that the texts increase in their level of difficulty. The test consists of a reading booklet and a separate answer booklet. Pupils will have one hour to read the three texts in the reading booklet and complete the questions, which are worth 50 marks in total.

KS2 mathematics test

The mathematics test comprises two components, presented to pupils as three test papers:

Paper 1: arithmetic assesses mathematical calculations. The questions cover calculations involving all 4 operations, including calculations with fractions, decimals and percentages. They also cover long divisions and long multiplications. Pupils will have 30 minutes to answer the questions, which are worth 40 marks.

Papers 2 and 3 assess mathematical fluency, solving mathematical problems and mathematical reasoning. Pupils will have 40 minutes to answer the questions, which are worth 35 marks per paper.

Most children will sit the tests in the classrooms normally used each day for their learning. Some children will be split into smaller groups in line with normal classroom practice. This is done so that the children are comfortable and familiar with their surroundings and so that they can be spaced out appropriately.

Each child will receive a raw score, which is the total number of marks a pupil receives in a test, based on the number of questions they answer correctly. The pupil's raw score is translated into a scaled score using a conversion table. A scaled score of 100 will always represent the expected standard on the KS2 test.

The range of scaled scores available for each KS2 test is:

· 80 (the lowest scaled score that can be awarded)

· 120 (the highest scaled score)

If a child is awarded a scaled score of 99 or less, they won't have achieved the expected standard in the test.



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As a school we support our children through the SATs as we want them to do the best that they can.

During SATs week, all Year 6 children are invited into school to have breakfast and start the day in a calm way. Each day they can come to reception at 8.15am and staff will meet them and take them to the hall to eat.

Miss Reeder – Assistant Head responsible for Assessment and Standards

Stone Farm residential for Year 4's

On Monday, Year 4 pupils will be going on their residential to Stone Farm, Devon. We hope they have a fantastic time and look forward to hearing all about it when they get back.

Science Evening

Once again, we will be holding a Science Evening in school on Thursday 20th June from 6-8pm. The Year 5 and 6 Science Team are currently working hard to put together a range of workshops and activities and further details about the evening will be available very soon - keep your eyes peeled for the posters! If you would be interested in running a workshop/activity on the night or you know of anyone who would, please contact Miss Banfield or Mrs Rhymes, as we would love to be able to have even more activities on offer than previous years.

The Science Team

Garden Group

As some of you will know, last year we started to put together a school garden. So far we have managed to create a sensory garden, we have brought the raised beds for the vegetable garden and are ready to start planting food. Our aim is to create a garden before we leave the school – in one term. To help us do this, we would greatly appreciate donations of soil or you can donate money on Parentpay to help us buy soil, so we can continue with our project.

Thank you

Malavika and Sasika

The Year 6 School Garden Group

OxClean

Stella aged 10, pictured with the bundles of rubbish collected when she volunteered to help a local *OxClean* litter pick-up session on Port Meadow. *OxClean* takes place twice a year, asking people to help clear up plastic bags, bottles crisp packets and other litter left in our parks. Stella worked with her grandparents on a Saturday afternoon in March, around the railway bridge area. Stella has taken part in *OxClean* sessions every year. Here is also a picture taken three years ago - when she was 7 years old - with her special litter-picker and bundle of rubbish from the woods of Aristotle Lane Park. Great job Stella.





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Weekly Celebration assembly

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with a Silver certificate for being awarded a fantastic 50 house points. **1C: Shepard**

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with a Gold certificate for being awarded a fantastic 100 house points. **2BH: Alexander 1C: Gabriel 1H: Helena**

Summer Term Lunch Menu

Next terms lunch menu is now on our website. Please follow the link below.

<https://philandjim.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Summer-19-3week-menu-A3-002-LACA-logo-SSPJ-1.pdf>

Road Safety

Please could we remind you not drive over Aristotle Bridge (unless by prior agreement) during morning drop off and afternoon pick up. At the moment the bollard isn't working and, although we appreciate the ease driving to school offers, we ask that you don't drive across the bridge between 8.30am-9.15am and 2.45pm-3.30pm, when our children journey to and from school.

ParentPay

I am sure that many of you are aware of the financial pressures on school budgets. We are all working hard to ensure that we use resources wisely and that school obtains best value for money in all that we do.

We have a large number of arrears on ParentPay, this puts a strain on school finance and also takes up a great deal of administration time. Please could we ask you to support us by ensuring that you pay all residential trips, lunch money, after school club and clubs fees as soon as these are due. If payments for the Breakfast Clubs, school lunch and After School Clubs are not credited unfortunately your child/ren will not be able to continue using these facilities next term. We ask for voluntary donations for school trips and visits, and we ask that anyone able to pay does so. We don't exclude anyone due to inability to pay but trips may not be able to go ahead if we can't cover the cost. If you would like to discuss finance, please contact Ms Karen May, Business Manager businessmanager@ss-philip-and-james.oxon.sch.uk



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PTA News

NEARLY NEW SALE Sunday 12th May 1-3pm

Hopefully it hasn't escaped your notice that registration for our 2019 Sale is now open! If you would like to sell good quality children's (0-11) clothes, toys, books, games, bikes, etc, **please ensure you register as a seller online:** <https://forms.gle/Pao7Uc5VCc6th8so9>

If you do not want to sell at the sale, but you have items ready to clear out, you can also **donate** your items. We will accept donations on Thursday 9th May before and after school in the function room.

The sale cannot run without enough **volunteers**. Please get in touch if you can help on the day, or in the run up.

Commit to six hours, and gain entry to the exclusive pre-sale before we open to the general public!

Register as a volunteer at:

<https://volunteersignup.org/H89DT>

And if neither of those are for you this year, can you help us advertise? Sale posters are available to share with friends, colleagues, family - even a copy in your car's window will help spread the word and ensure the sale continues being a successful event for our school community. Posters are available at the school office, so please pick one up if you might be able to help.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Sarah Awuye
Headteacher

Summer Term dates for your diary



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Stone Farm Year 4	Monday 29 April
May Day Bank Holiday – school closed	Monday 6 th May
Mixed Football Year 3 and 4	Friday 10 May
SATS Week	Monday 13 May – Friday 17 th May
Natural History Museum EYFS – details to follow	Wednesday 15 May
Prayer Meeting	Friday 17 May
Book Fair	Monday 20 May
CX Week	Monday 20 May
Art Week Evening	Thursday 23 May
May Half Term	Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May
INSET school closed for children	Monday 3 June
Science Museum Year 5	Monday 10 June
Science Museum Year 5	Wednesday 12 June
Girls Cricket Tournament Year 3 and 4	Tuesday 18 June
Harcourt Adventure Trip EYFS	Thursday 20 June
Science Evening	Thursday 20 June
Year 6 Girls to Chelsea FC – details to follow	Friday 21 June
Healthy Living Week	Monday 24 June
Girls Cricket Year 5 and 6	Wednesday 26 June
Sports Day	Thursday 27 June
Cherwell Transition Day	Friday 5 July
Science and Health Day at Cherwell Year 6	Wednesday 10 July
Mixed Cricket Year 5 and 6	Thursday 11 July
Year 6 End Of Year Performance	Thursday 18 July
Leavers Assembly for Year 6	Tuesday 23 July
BBQ Year 6	Tuesday 23 July
End of Summer Term	Thursday 25 July 2019 1.30pm finish

Autumn Term 2019: dates for your diary

INSET school closed for children	Monday 2 September
INSET school closed for children	Tuesday 3 September
Start of term for Year 1 – Year 6	Wednesday 4 September

Community news

Please find information that might be of interest to members of the school community.



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Free Tickets to see Oxford United!

Oxford United have offered 40 free tickets for their match against Doncaster tomorrow (Saturday 27th April). Kick-off is at 3pm at the Kassam Stadium.

This has been organised through Summer Town Stars. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Griffiths on 07947624354. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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