

22nd April 2026 – Summer Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy Easter holiday with your families. It is wonderful to have the children back with us. It has been a great start to the term with sunshine this week, lifting spirits and giving everyone a reminder of the warmer days ahead.

The Summer Term is always one of our favourites, even if it is the busiest! There is a wonderful energy in our schools at this time of year, and we are very much looking forward to seeing the children bring their curiosity and creativity to their learning over the coming weeks. Whether that is through exciting projects, outdoor learning opportunities, the arts, or simply asking the big questions that spark great conversations in the classroom, this is another term where children have the chance to shine.

For our Year 6 pupils across the Trust, SATs week will take place during the week commencing 11th May. We want to reassure both children and families that our staff are fully prepared to support every child through this period in a calm, positive, and encouraging way.

SATs are a snapshot of a child's academic ability, and we encourage families to keep things in perspective. Here are a few ways you can help your child feel confident and ready:

- Keep routines consistent with regular bedtimes and a good breakfast on test mornings as this can make a real difference to how children feel and focus.
- Stay positive and relaxed as children pick up on our emotions, so reassuring them that they have prepared well and that you are proud of them goes a long way.
- Avoid last-minute cramming and encourage your child to do a little light reading or revision if they wish, but rest is just as important as revision in the days before the tests.
- Talk to us if your child is feeling anxious or overwhelmed in the lead-up to SATs, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher or teaching assistant. We are here to help.

We are enormously proud of all our Year 6 pupils and the effort they have put in throughout their time with us. SATs week is a chance for them to show what they know. Across all year groups, there will be tasks and tests going on this term for us to evaluate the areas of learning children have grasped, and where we might need to provide more support. All the suggestions for consistent routines outlined above apply to every child, thank you for helping them to be ready for school.

We look forward to welcoming families into school for events, performances, sports days and celebrations as the term progresses. Details of specific dates and activities will come directly from your child's school in due course and will also be available on your child's school website.

Thank you, as always, for the care, support, and partnership you give to your children and to our schools.

Together, we make a real difference. Here's to a brilliant Summer Term!

Best wishes,
Adrian Massey and everyone at Bridge Schools