

Longfields Latest News

9th May 2025

In the primary school setting, children encounter various assessments throughout their academic journey. However, it's worth noting that not all year groups have external tests. Specifically, Year 3 and Year 5 do not participate in statutory external assessments.

Here's a quick overview of the external testing schedule:

- **Reception:** Children undergo the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Profile assessment.
- **Year 1:** Pupils take the Phonics Screening Check to assess their phonics skills.
- **Year 2:** Pupils sit Key Stage 1 SATs, which include assessments in reading, writing, and mathematics.
- **Year 4:** Pupils participate in the Multiplication Tables Check to ensure fluency in multiplication.
- **Year 6:** Pupils take Key Stage 2 SATs, covering English grammar, punctuation, and spelling, reading, and mathematics.

These assessments provide valuable information on pupil progress and areas of development. While Year 3 and Year 5 do not have external tests, they continue to benefit from ongoing teacher assessments to monitor their learning and growth.

As we approach Y6 SATs week, I wanted to take a moment to share some thoughts and encouragement with you all.

Firstly, I want to remind everyone that while SATs are an important part of the school year, they are just one measure of your child's learning journey. It's essential to keep things in perspective and remember that these tests do not define who you are or what you can achieve.

To our Y6 children, I encourage you to do your best. You've worked hard throughout the year, and we are incredibly proud of your efforts and dedication. Remember to stay calm, take deep breaths, and approach each test with confidence. Believe in yourself, and know that you have the support of your teachers and family behind you.

To our parents, thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Please ensure your child gets plenty of rest, eats well, and arrives at school with a positive mindset each day. Don't forget we are offering a free SATs breakfast to all our year 6 children.

Finally, I wish everyone good luck for the SATs. We are confident that you will all shine and showcase your talents and hard work.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.



★ Stars of the week! ★



Dates for your diary:

12.05.2025—SATS week for Year 6

12.05.2025—Year 4 to Everdon

14.05.2025—Otters library visit

20.05.2025—Year 5 Trip to Ashmolean Museum

21.05.2025—Year 2 play performance to parents— Goldfinches Class—14:15

22.05.2025—Year 2 play performance to parents —Robins Class—09:30

23.05.2025—Last day of school before half term

02.06.2025—Inset day (no school)

06.06.2025—Last day to order leaver's t-shirts/hoodies for Year 6

03.06.2025—First day back at school after half term

22.07.2025—Last day of school before the summer holidays

01.09.2025—Inset Day

02.09.2025—Inset Day

03.09.2025—First day back at school after the summer holidays

Please see School Life Calendar/school website for full dates

Chicks!

Foundation Stage have enjoyed watching our little chicks grow over the past week. The children have learned how to be gentle around the chicks, and we have talked about the Lifecycle. They have loved having the chicks and some have been very brave to stroke them. The chicks leave us on Friday to go back to their home at the farm.



Notice Board

AUTHOR TALK & BOOK SIGNING

Dr. Lucia Pérez Diaz

Saturday 10th May
10.30 a.m.

Coles Books, 22 Crown Walk,
Pioneer Square, Bicester OX26 6HY



Join Earth Scientist and author-illustrator Dr Lucia Pérez Diaz at Coles Books on a whistle-stop tour of her new book, *How the Earth Works*. This will be followed by a signing.

The event is ideal for ages 7+ and participants will get to explore Earth's fascinating life story through a hands-on game.



FREE for all to attend, no need to book in advance

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