Heathland School

Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Year 6,

Next week you will sit your SATS tests in reading, maths, spelling, punctuation and grammar. We know how hard you have worked but there is something you should all know.

These SATS tests do not assess all of what matters and makes each of you special and unique. The people who create the tests and mark them do not know each of you in the way that we do and certainly not in the way that your families do.

They do not know that some of you speak two or more languages or that you are brilliant scientists, artists and musicians. They do not know about your talent for dance, playing an instrument, football or cooking. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them or that your sense of humour can brighten their day. They do not know how many clubs you have joined or the sports you have participated in or that you are always helping out your family at home. They do not know that you are kind, thoughtful, caring and come to school everyday and do the very best you can to be an excellent role model and learner.

The scores that you get from these tests will tell you something but will not tell you everything. There are many ways to be brilliant. So, while you are preparing for the tests continue to do your best but remember there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing things that make you the awesome person you are.

Believe in yourself and be the best that you can be!

Good Luck!

All the teachers and staff at Heathland School