



Statutory Standard Assessment Tests

The month of May is always busy in school, mainly due to the Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) that take place. During the week beginning Monday 6th May our Year 2 pupils will complete their KS1 assessments. From this academic year, KS1 tests have become optional, but we have chosen to use them to help identify where pupils need additional support as they transition into key stage 2 (KS2). These tests are not strictly timed and children are given breaks between papers. KS1 SATS are internally marked, and are taken in much more relaxed conditions. The attached leaflet provides additional [information for parents](#).

If you have a child in year 6, they will take national curriculum assessments in:

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- English reading
- mathematics

The tests help measure the attainment of pupils in relation to the standards set out in the national curriculum, and help teachers and parents identify where pupils may need additional support in a certain subject area. The tests are also used to assess schools' performance, and school-level results data is used to produce national and regional performance statistics.

For the academic year 2023/24, the KS2 tests are scheduled to take place from Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024:

Date	Subject	Test papers
Monday 13 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling	Paper 1: Questions Paper 1: Spelling
Tuesday 14 May	English reading	English reading
Wednesday 15 May	Mathematics	Paper 1: Arithmetic Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 16 May	Mathematics	Paper 3: Reasoning

More [information](#) can be found in the attached leaflet.

Please do everything that you can to make sure your children attend school and are punctual each day. If your child is unwell, please phone the school in the morning as soon as possible after 08.30, and speak to office staff (rather than leaving a message). KS1/2 teacher assessment judgements and/

or test results will be reported to parents by the end of the summer term.

Junior Tri-Golf Festival

On Tuesday 30 children across KS2 participated in the Tri Golf festival held at Ringwood School. The event enabled a lot of the children to take their first golf shots. Our 4 teams took part in 8 activities going around various stations. The aim was to collect points for their team by using a series of different golf shots and target work. The children had a lot of fun, learnt new skills and enjoyed the competitive nature of the afternoon.

I would like to thank Mrs, Salisbury , Mrs Cooper, Mrs Swyer, Mrs Booth, Mrs Burroughs, Mrs Saunders and Mrs Simmons for their help and support on the day. The results for our teams are as follows:

The Sheep: 255 points

The Cows: 279 points

WD4: 240 points

WD3: 213 points





Athlete Visit

Kylie Grimes, a team GB athlete visited our school today. The children competed in a fitness circuit led by our athlete. This was followed by an inspirational assembly and Q&A with Kylie. What a fantastic opportunity!



Fordingbridge Day Centre ‘Making Memories Matter’

Please find an attached leaflet containing information about their fortnightly events for older people.

Book Fair

We would like to invite you to support a second hand book fair on **Thursday 25th April** after school at the infant site where you can enjoy a cake and a book together with your child and find more books to enjoy at home.

We would appreciate it if you could donate any books, for either children or adults, that you are no longer using to either site in the containers provided by Friday 19th April.

News from the Friends of Western Downland

The Friends will run a **second-hand uniform** sale at the end of every half term. We would appreciate donations of uniform at either site office. All proceeds help the school. Contact Caroline Saunders at caroline@alderholt-technology.co.uk if there is any uniform you require.

Quiz & Curry Night—this raised **£250** for the school. Thank you to everyone who came along.

Recycling Shed at Damerham

This is currently closed for maintenance but will be re-opened as soon as possible.





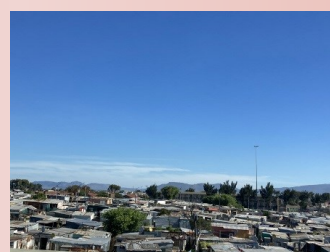
Langa Moravian Educare

Thank you so much for all you donated to Langa Moravian Educare in Cape Town. Your £140 was exchanged for £3,200 Rand and the headteacher of the school will be buying nursery blankets and bedding for the children in the nursery class.

They were delighted with all the resources we sent too and Rowan class they really enjoyed your postcards!

Thank you all for supporting such a wonderful cause,

Mrs. Trewin



Discount code for new school uniform from Wovina—West10% - valid until 30th April

[Western Downland School - Uniform Sales](#)

Attendance

Class	Percentage
Whole School	95.9
Acorn	95.1
Willow	95.9
Maple	96.0
Birch	97.1
Rowan	97.1
Beech	96.0
Oak	94.6

Maple Class took part in the second of their longitudinal study field trips this week to consider human and physical geography in our local environment and seasonal changes.

We also got to spend some time with our community penpals who joined us.

