



The Berkeley Academy

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Head Teacher: Louise Gohr



Year 6 Revision and SATs support

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to you to inform you of some of the activities we are going to be doing with the Year 6 children in order to ensure that they are confident and comfortable with the assessments in May 2025.

After the recent assessments we are pleased that the children are working so hard and are striving to do their best at all times. There are key areas which we have identified to prioritise with the children and would ask for your support with some of these.

Reading

Firstly, it is tremendously beneficial for children to have the opportunity to read to an adult each day even if they are competent readers. This need only be a short five minute read, but it helps build confidence, further develop fluency and allows them to learn to read aloud. Children should be encouraged to make a short comment in their reading diary at least three times per week so that they are actively thinking about what they have read. We would also welcome parents and grandparents into school at the start and end of the day to listen to readers – please do reach out and let us know if you could spare a little time to do this.

Sumdog

As a school, we have invested in Sumdog this year to support the children with their Maths learning. As well as reading each day, it is really important that a short amount of time is spent each day on practising Maths skills. Research has shown that even 10 minutes a day on Sumdog has a significant impact on Maths attainment so please encourage your child to do this regularly. All children have a login and password but if you need further support to access this, please let us know.

Start of school day

As we know that every minute counts in school, we have decided to open the Year 6 mobile from 8.30am rather than 8.45am so that children arriving to school during this time, can come into the classroom and start their learning earlier. This will begin from week commencing 2nd December. We feel this will be very beneficial for the children so please encourage your child to come in slightly earlier if it is practical to do so. Any siblings in other year groups will go into school at their normal time but can be on the school grounds from 8.30am when the gates open.



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CGP revision books

Could we also ask that any child who has the CGP resource books bring them into school by **Friday 6th December** so that we can discuss some top tips for how they can use these at home. We hope this will be useful, as whilst we realise that the forthcoming holiday is just that, we will also set the children some tasks to complete to help keep them focused.

Revision Club 2025

As part of the school's commitment in supporting the Year 6 with their extra-curricular learning in the lead up to SATs, we shall be offering a revision club on a Monday night. The club will run from **3:20pm until 4:15pm** each week up until the SATs commence in May. The children will need to be collected at the end of the club from the year 6 mobile. The focus of work each week will support pupils in preparing for the questions they are likely to face in the tests.

The club will commence on **Monday 13th January** and run through until SATs in May. This means that the final session will be on **Tuesday 6th May**, as the Monday is May Day.

Our experience shows us that the revision sessions have previously been extremely beneficial to the children and allow them the opportunity to focus on specific areas that they wish to revise. Therefore, we would like all children to attend. We appreciate your child may have other commitments on this day, so please let us know and we will try to provide further support.

We would appreciate it if you could please indicate if you wish for your child to attend by completing the consent form via the link below by **Friday 10th January 2025**. Please indicate how your child will be going home, i.e. collected by parent/carer from the playground or going to Boost Club.

Please provide your consent online at <https://theberkeley.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Many thanks for all of the support that you give to your children, it is really appreciated.

Kind regards,

Mr Birchenough and Mr Wagg



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