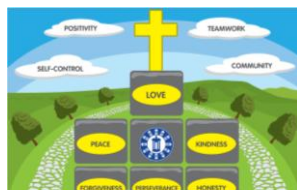


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Date: Thursday 2nd July 2026

Re: Delay in the return of 2025/26 Key Stage 2 test results

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to let you know that today all schools have been contacted by Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, informing us about a delay to this year's Key Stage 2 (KS2) test results, which affects all schools nationally.

It is important to note that the delay is not the fault of schools or school leaders and we can confirm that we have complied with the requirements of the assessment process including the statutory timetables, administration and deadlines for submission of the test papers. This will not impact your child's transition to secondary school and no action is required from parents or pupils.

Schools were due to receive results on 7th July 2026. However, Pearson Education Limited, the provider responsible for administering, marking, and returning Key Stage 2 results to schools, has informed the Department for Education of a delay affecting the national system used to make results available to schools. Results will now be available on 16 July 2026.

The DfE has stated the delay is not related to the quality of the tests or the accuracy of pupils' results. Test papers have been marked in line with usual processes.

Whilst this presents particular operational challenges for us given we are busy hosting the Y6 Leavers' assembly on Thursday 16th and we close at 1:30pm on Friday 17th July, we will aim to share the results with you as quickly as possible after we receive them on Thursday 16th July.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Best wishes
Mrs Helen Shaw
Headteacher