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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Year 2 Key Stage 1 Tests**

Throughout the summer term in England Infant school pupils in Year 2 take part in Key Stage 1 tests. The government states that these tests are optional. All schools that are part of The University of Chichester Academy Trust, including Court Lane Infant Academy will be administering these tests for pupils in Year 2 during May 2026.

The purpose of these tests is to highlight your child's strengths and to identify where they may need additional support as they transition into Key Stage 2. At Court Lane Infant Academy the tests are only one part of the end of Key Stage Assessments which also includes teachers' assessments based on what the child normally achieves in everyday lessons. We try to keep the tests as low stakes as possible, and more like independent tasks. The tests are not strictly timed and will be administered in your child's classroom with their teacher.

You can find more information about the individual assessments using this link - [Optional key stage 1 national curriculum tests: information for parents](#)

Where pupils are not yet accessing the Key Stage 1 curriculum, they may be disapplied from these tests. If this applies to your child, the class teacher will discuss this with you.

### **Phonics Screening Check**

Any pupils in Year 2 who have not yet passed the phonics screening check will be required to take part in this check during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

The purpose of the phonics screening check is to confirm that all children have learned phonic decoding to an age appropriate standard.

The phonics screening check contains 40 words divided into 2 sections of 20 words. Both sections contain a mixture of real words and pseudo-words. Pseudo-words are words that are phonically decodable but are not actual words with an associated meaning. They are included in the check specifically to assess whether your child can decode a word using their phonics skills.

Here is a link to a leaflet for parents about the Phonics Screening Check - [Phonics screening check: information for parents](#)

Parents and carers will be informed of the results of the assessments in school reports at the end of the academic year. There will also be a parent teacher drop-in opportunity following the reports during the Summer term.

Kind regards

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