



Tuesday, 19th May 2026

Dear Parents,

English Speaking Board Exam

The Year 3 children will be taking their English Speaking Board exams on **Friday 26th June**. The cost of the exam is £34 which will be added to your end of term invoice.

The exam is an excellent opportunity for the children to gain confidence in speaking, reading aloud and reciting poetry in front of a small group of their peers. The exam itself is divided into four sections; presenting (show and explain), speaking by heart (poetry), reading aloud, and listening and responding. In the lead up to the exam, we will be working with the children in class to help them develop the skills needed. Below is a summary of the syllabus. We will of course go through this with the children so they will know exactly what is expected of them!

Your child will need to prepare a presentation board that they can use during the show and explain section of the exam. This should consist of a few pictures and sub-headings, to prompt their talking. Some children prefer to bring in an artefact to talk about. This section is not intended to be a 'robotic' presentation; the examiners are looking for natural communication. Please help your child to choose a topic they have a genuine interest in, and which means something to them. Past examples have included such things as family holidays, favourite football teams and the solar system. Overleaf are examples of boards used in previous exams to give you an idea of possible style and layout.

The exam has always been a great success; the children really enjoy working towards it and achieving creditable results. The exam is held in an informal setting; the children give their talks in front of groups of about six of their peers and the atmosphere is kept very relaxed.

Please could all presentation boards and/or artefacts, plus choices of poems and readings, be finished and in school no later than **Monday 8th June** to give us plenty of time to prepare. We also ask that you hear your children recite their poems and read aloud the passage from their book every night to develop fluency and confidence.

If you have any questions about the exam, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours faithfully,

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PROVIDING CONSENT:

We require your consent, if you would like your child to take part in the English Speaking Board exam on Friday 26th June.

Please can you give your consent through the Parent Portal by Friday 4th June. The cost of £34.00 will then be added to your end of term invoice.

A guide on how to provide consent is attached to this letter.

The consent is called "Y3 only ESB Exam June '26"

All tasks take place in a participating group context of at least 6 children . All tasks are mandatory and solo				
Junior 1 10 Minutes	Section 1: Talk Show and Explain 2 Minutes Talk about an object, model or game and explain how it works or is used	Section 2: Speaking by Heart (not self-composition) Own choice 1 Minute Speak by heart a poem you enjoy. Say the title and the poet's name first and why you like it	Section 3: Reading Aloud 2 Minutes Read a prepared passage of about 100-150 words. Introduce it saying why you have enjoyed it	Section 4: Listening and Responding Answer questions from the assessor and the group after the talk

