



Year 5 Banding

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• What is banding?

- Year 5 tests are decided upon by the Local Authority & Head teachers each year.
- In previous years the NFER tests have been used to test the pupils.
- The tests are marked internally, analysed and the children put into a ranking list.
- The raw results are used by the LA to band pupils.
- Last year only reading results were used to determine banding. This may be the same this year.

NFER tests determine your child's banding level.

How the bands work...

St Saviour's			
D	C	B	A
25%	25%	25%	25%

- Banding tests help to ensure that secondary schools maintain a balanced admission intake. This should reflect the full range of abilities of all children in the local authority.
 - D is the higher band, then C, then B and finally A.
 - Each school has to take 25% of their pupils from each band. This is to stop academic selection.
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HOW CAN YOU HELP

- Support your child with their homework (they are given one set of maths and a reading comprehension each week)
 - Have routines and make it a habit
 - Daily reading with your child. Remember you can listen to them but also read to them.
 - Discuss unfamiliar words. Use vocab cards!
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Important things that tests can't measure...



creativity self-control
wisdom motivation
intuition affection loyalty
peacefulness perspective rhythm faithfulness
honesty determination kindness
courage patience perseverance spirituality
gentleness joy thoroughness
thoughtfulness generosity helpfulness flexibility
discernment love character
friendliness compassion
sensitivity confidence