TIMSS Main Study – Northern Ireland – Primary (Year 6)

Seven steps to success

1.Study sign up

This is where it all begins. We confirm your school's details, including how many Year 6 classes you have and who teaches them. We'll also ask for your school's bank details - this is optional, as it can be collected later in the final step if you'd prefer.

2. Letters home

With your school signed up, the next stage is informing parents and carers. We'll provide letters that you can pass on to selected classes, outlining what TIMSS is about and what it involves.

3.Who's in class?

Next, we ask for some details about your pupils, to match pupils to their maths & science teachers (Student Linkage Form). This keeps everything accurate and makes sure the right pupils are connected to the right class teacher throughout the study.

4.Tech check

Before test day arrives, we make sure the tech is ready to go. This covers a compatibility check of school devices and a final confirmation of laptops/devices, so there are no surprises when it matters most.

5.School & teacher insights

This step is all about context. School and Teacher Questionnaires help us understand more about your school's approach to teaching, along with some background information about your school.

6.TIMSS test day

The big one! We'll confirm who your Test Administrator(s) are and their contact details ahead of time, then it's over to you to deliver the test day with their support, this is where everything comes together.

Test Window: 10th May – 18th June

7.Thank you pay & have your say

With testing complete, it's time to say thanks - payments recognise your school's participation (we'll ask for bank details if not already provided). And we'd love to hear your feedback through the School Coordinator Survey. Your insights help us keep improving for next time.

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