



Year 6 pupils at St Edward's Catholic School allow themselves a celebratory air punch as they mark their good news. Left to right: Teacher Megan Underhill Year 6, Nicole Lewis, teaching assistant, Sara Wakefield, head teacher and Bryn the school dog

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Pupils get congratulatory message on exams

Teachers and children at an Island school have been congratulated for exam results which were above the national average.

St Edward's Catholic Primary School, New Road, Sheerness, had a 78% pass rate for year six pupils who completed a combined reading, writing and

maths test. The national result stands at 64%.

In a letter to the school's head teacher, Sara Wakefield, staff were praised for the marks.

Director of school improvement at the Kent Catholic Schools Partnership, Heather Leatt, said: "Such a result is testimony to all the hard work undertaken by

you, your staff, helpers, clergy, governors, parents and carers and, of course, your pupils who will be very well prepared to make a successful start to their secondary education."

Mrs Wakefield said: "I'm very proud. These results will set up our children to go on and begin their next stage of learning.

"We had good quality teaching and high expectations. We also gave children lots of examples of what being a really good reader and explainer looks like.

"We also offered individual help before school and we brought in another year six teacher."

Last year there were 28 pupils in year six.