

## Year 6 SATs Information

### **What are SATs?**

End of Key Stage 2 National Curriculum tests (more commonly referred to as SATs) are a series of tests sat by Year 6 children across the country to assess their educational progress throughout Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6). They are one of the measures that the government uses to check the quality of education in primary schools.

### **Which subjects are assessed?**

SATs are used to assess Year 6 pupils' knowledge and skills in the following areas:

**Reading** – Pupils take one hour-long paper where they read three texts and answer questions on each one. There will be a mixture of fiction texts, non-fiction texts and poetry. The test assesses different reading skills, such as retrieval (finding information in the text), inference (reading between the lines to deduce what is happening), prediction and summarising.

The total marks available for this paper is 50.

**Maths** – Maths is assessed across three test papers: two 40-minute long reasoning papers and one 30-minute arithmetic paper. The reasoning papers consist of questions where maths is used in different contexts and will require pupils to use their reasoning skills. The arithmetic paper is made up of calculations that don't require the children to do any reasoning.

The total marks available for maths is 110 (35 marks for each reasoning paper and 40 marks for the arithmetic paper).

**Spelling, punctuation and grammar** – These tests are often referred to as SPaG or GPS. Pupils take one 45-minute test which assesses their grammar, punctuation and spelling skills. They will also take a spelling test, made up of 20 spelling words. These are taken from the spelling rules and words that are taught throughout Key Stage 2. There is no specific time limit given for the spelling tests as it is read to the pupils from a script.

The total marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar is 70 (50 from the SPaG paper and 20 from the spelling test).

There is no written test for writing as this is done through teacher assessment.

## When do SATs take place?

# KS2 Year 6 SATs Dates - May 2026

Date	Test
Monday 11th May 2026	Grammar & Punctuation test - 45 minutes Spelling Test - 20 minutes
Tuesday 12th May 2026	English Reading Test - 60 minutes
Wednesday 13th May 2026	Mathematics Arithmetics (Paper 1) - 30 minutes Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2) - 40 minutes
Thursday 14th May 2026	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3) - 40 minutes

## What can you do to help your child to prepare?

We will be doing lots of preparation work in school and in our booster sessions; however, if you would like to help your child at home, there are many resources available.

Lots of websites offer past papers and practice questions:

[What Are SATs And All Your Other Questions Answered: Everything You Need To Know About The KS1 And KS2 SATs \(UK\)](#)

[Free KS2 SATS Online 10-Minute Tests | CGP Books](#)

[Free interactive KS1 and KS2 SATs revision resources - BBC Bitesize](#)

## What happens after the tests?

The tests are sent away to be marked externally. Once the papers have been marked, each pupils' raw score (the number of marks they have received) is converted into a scaled score. This is to allow consistency in reporting across the

country and year on year. The children will get a scaled score between 80 and 120 for each subject, with a scaled score of 100 indicating that the child has met the expected standard for the end of Year 6.

The following websites explain scaled scores in more detail:

[Understanding scaled scores at key stage 2 - GOV.UK](#)