

# SATs 2023 Parent Information



## What are the SATs?

National Tests (or SATs) are tests taken by children at the end of KS2 in Year 6.

They are tests in English Reading, Maths, English Spelling, punctuation and grammar. (*Teacher assessment is used for writing.*) These tests will be both set and marked externally.

## What are the SATs used for?

- To record your child's attainment and progress - if a pupil is working below, at age related expectations or at greater depth.
- To measure the school's performance
- By secondary schools to group children and offer further support if needed.

## When are the SATs?

Date	Activity
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions. Paper 2: spelling
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	English reading
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic      Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

## How are results published?

In July 2023, each pupil will receive:

- A raw score (number of raw marks awarded).
- A scaled score in each tested subject.
- Confirmation of whether or not they attained the national standard.

*A scaled score of 100 will always represent the 'national standard'. Each pupil's raw test score will therefore be converted into a score on the scale, either at, above or below 100.*

## What is the school doing to support my child to succeed?

- Practice SATs Week
- Practice SATs papers
- Continuous teacher assessment
- Additional one to one teaching
- Lots of opportunities to review and apply learning
- Individual target setting & pupil conferencing
- Developing test techniques and strategies
- Praise and encouragement to do their best
- Partnership with parents
- Maintaining routines and the teaching and learning of a full & wide curriculum

## What can I do to support my child before the tests?

- Support your child with homework tasks, daily reading and practice papers.
- Remind your child that the tests are important, but that they are not the only way they are to be measured. We don't want child panicking or worried, we want them to be prepared.
- It is easier said than done, but do not put your child under too much pressure. Have fun – they will find things easier to remember if they recall the good times they had learning.

## What can I do to support my child during SATs week?

Make sure your child has lots of sleep and a good breakfast every morning.

Don't Stress.  
Do Your Best.  
Forget the Rest.

## More details on the Tests

### Key Stage 2 Reading

The reading test will be a single paper with questions based on one 800-word text and two passages of 300 words. **Your child will have one hour, including reading time, to complete the test.**

There will be a selection of question types, including:

- **Ranking/ordering**, e.g. 'Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story'
- **Labelling**, e.g. 'Label the text to show the title of the story'
- **Find and copy**, e.g. 'Find and copy one word that suggests what the weather is like in the story'
- **Short constructed response**, e.g. 'What does the bear eat?'
- **Open-ended response**, e.g. 'Look at the sentence that begins *Once upon a time*. How does the writer increase the tension throughout this paragraph? Explain fully, referring to the text in your answer.'

### Key Stage 2 grammar, punctuation and spelling test

The grammar, punctuation and spelling test will consist of two parts: a **grammar and punctuation paper** requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes, and an **aural spelling test of 20 words**, lasting around 15 minutes.

The grammar and punctuation test will include two sub-types of questions:

- **Selected response**, e.g. 'Identify the adjectives in the sentence below'
- **Constructed response**, e.g. 'Correct/complete/rewrite the sentence below,' or, 'The sentence below has an apostrophe missing. Explain why it needs an apostrophe.'

### Key Stage 2 maths

Children will sit three papers in maths:

- Paper 1: **arithmetic**, 30 minutes (written)
- Papers 2 and 3: **mathematical fluency, solving problems and reasoning**, 40 minutes per paper

Paper 1 will consist of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including long multiplication and division. Papers 2 and 3 will involve a number of question types, including:

- Multiple choice
- True or false
- Constrained questions, e.g. giving the answer to a calculation, drawing a shape or completing a table or chart
- Less constrained questions, where children will have to explain their approach for solving a problem.

If you need any further information or have any questions, please do come in and speak to us.



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