

KS2 SATS 2024



PARENT'S AND CARERS INFORMATION LEAFLET

WHAT ARE THE SATS?

- SATs are the Standardised Assessment Tests that are given to children at the end of Key Stage 2.
- The SATs take place over four days, starting on Tuesday 9th May ending on Friday 12th May.
- The SATs papers consist of:
 - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 1: Grammar/ Punctuation/ Spelling) – Monday 13th May
 - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 2: Spelling test) – Monday 13th May
 - Reading – Tuesday 14th May
 - Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) – Wednesday 15th May
 - Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) – Wednesday 15th May
 - Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) – Thursday 16th May
- Writing is assessed using evidence collected throughout Year 6. There is no Year 6 SATs writing test.

WHEN AND HOW THE SATS ARE COMPLETED

- The tests take place during normal school hours, under exam conditions.
- Children are not allowed to talk to each other from the moment the assessments are handed out until they are collected at the end of the test.
- After the tests are completed, the papers are sent away to be marked externally.
- The results are then sent to the school in July.
- Each test lasts no longer than 60 minutes:
 - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 1: Grammar/ Punctuation) – 45 minutes
 - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 2: Spelling) – 15 minutes
 - Reading – 60 minutes
 - Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) – 30 minutes
 - Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) – 40 minutes
 - Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) – 40 minutes

SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS

Children with additional needs (who have similar support as part of day-to-day learning in school) may be allotted specific arrangements, including:

- Additional (extra) time;
- Tests being opened early to be modified;
- An adult to scribe (write) for them;
- An adult to read for them (including a translator);
- The use of prompts;
- Arrangements for children who are ill or injured at the time of the tests.

THE RESULTS

Tests are marked externally. Once marked, the tests will be given the following scores:

- A raw score (total number of marks achieved for each paper);
- A scaled score (see below);
- A judgement on if the National Standard has been met.

After marking each test, the external marker will convert the raw score to a scaled score. Even though the tests are made to the same standard each year, the questions must be different. This means the difficulty of the tests may vary. Scaled scores ensures an accurate comparison of performance over time.

Scaled scores range from 80 to 120.

A scaled score of 100 or more shows the pupil is meeting the National Standard.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Paper 1: Monday 13th May

The children will have been working hard with their class teacher on developing and securing their knowledge of the technical vocabulary needed in this test.

This test focuses on:

- Grammatical terms/ word classes;
- Functions of sentences;
- Combining words, phrases and clauses;
- Verb forms, tenses and consistency;
- Punctuation;
- Vocabulary;
- Standard English and formality.

This test requires a range of answer types but does not require longer formal answers.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Tuesday 9 Paper 2 Monday 13th May

Paper 2 is a shorter paper that focuses solely on spellings.

Reading: Tuesday 14th May

There is one reading test that lasts for 60 minutes.

The test is designed to measure if the children's comprehension of age-appropriate reading material meets the national standard. There are three different set texts for children to read. These could be any combination of non-fiction, fiction and/ or poetry.

The test covers the following areas (known as Content Domains):

- Give/ explain the meaning of words in context;
- Retrieve and record information/ identify key details from fiction and non-fiction;
- Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph;
- Make inferences from the text/ explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text;
- Predict what might happen from details stated and implied;
- Identify/ explain how information/ narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole;
- Identify/ explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases;
- Make comparisons within the text.

Maths: Papers 1,2 and 3 on Wednesday and Thursday 15th and 16th May

The maths arithmetic paper has a total of 40 marks.

The test covers the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, including order of operations requiring BIDMAS), percentages of amounts and calculating with decimals and fractions.

Paper 2 will take place on Thursday 11th May and paper 3 will take place on Friday 12th May. These tests have a total of 35 marks each.

These papers require children to demonstrate their mathematical knowledge and skills, as well as their ability to solve problems and their mathematical reasoning. They cover a wide range of mathematical topics from key stage 2 including,

- Number and place value (including Roman numerals);
- The four operations;
- Geometry (properties of shape, position and direction);
- Statistics;
- Measurement (length, perimeter, mass, volume, time, money);
- Algebra;
- Ratio and proportion;
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD IN PREPARING FOR THE SATS

Firstly, a positive attitude goes a long way. Give them as much encouragement and support as you can (but we don't need to tell you that)!

Tips:

- Talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns rather than worry your child.
- Encourage your child to talk to their teacher or a trusted adult (including yourself) about their anxieties. Don't forget that a small amount of anxiety is normal and not harmful.
- Give your child a quiet, distraction free space to complete homework or study.
- Give your child time to go outside and reduce screen time.
- Ensure your child is eating and drinking well and getting a good amount of sleep.
- Plan something nice and fun for the weekends before and after SATs. This will help them to relax before the SATs and give them something to look forward to after.

Further tips:

- Keep revision light. Going over key skills (times tables, real world mental maths as you are shopping or cooking) is a good way to keep revision light.
- As we said before, avoid using past papers. There are plenty of free or inexpensive SATs practice materials for parents available.
- If you're looking to support your child further with maths at home, there are lots of good websites with free Year 6 revision resources.

THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT SATs

SATs focus on what children know about Maths and English.

They will not reflect how talented they are at science, geography, art, PE..., and they certainly won't highlight all of their amazing personal characteristics.

SATs don't tell the whole story.

Their results will say if they did or did not meet a certain standard but not necessarily by what margin. These thresholds change each year according to the overall national performance, so what was classed as 'meeting the expected standard' this year might not be the same as last year.

SATs are only four days out of a whole Primary School career. In reality, there's one or two papers each day that last 30 to 60 minutes.

ADVICE FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

- Listen to your teacher.
- The adults you work with all want you to do your best.
- Get plenty of sleep and eat well, this will help your brain.
- Read all the questions carefully. This can help you to avoid silly mistakes.
- Don't panic. There may be questions you think you can't answer. Take a deep breath. Read it again. You can always move on and go back to it later. It's often better to write something rather than nothing.
- Remember that the Year 6 SATs last for 4 days out of your whole life!

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM THAMES VIEW

As well as focused whole class teaching and guided support for pupils, we will also be offering some additional support for pupils to help them prepare.

- **Revision booklets for reading and maths** for the Easter break. These are called 10-4-10. Children can do 10 minutes a day for 10 days. They are designed to be supportive and children should see them as an opportunity to practice what they know.
- In the three weeks leading up to the SATs, we will be offering **SATs support clinics before school** if children feel they want to revise anything extra.
- In the week of SATs, we will be offering the children the chance to come into school at 8am and have a **light breakfast** and relaxed start to the day.

REVISION WEBSITES

IXL have separate pages of skills linked to individual Year group. The Y6 page has links to practise both English and Maths skills. Pages are then split into skills of which has a practise question for the children to think about.

https://uk.ixl.com/promo?partner=google&campaign=1187&adGroup=Key+Stage+2&gclid=CPPa8teS_8kCFQbnwgodgOlB6A

BBC Education have produced a whole host of materials for KS2. Follow the KS2 link and then select either Maths or English. Each area usually has an information section for reading, plus an activity and then quiz which is marked online. Some aspects require a subscription.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>

A site with both Maths and English based quizzes which are marked as you go along.

<http://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/maths/>

A site with a range of information and questions – great for revision purposes!

http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm

A revision site based upon the old Key Stage 2 Tests but still contains lots of useful information for both Maths and English. <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/>

A site with links to Maths and English revision materials, including worksheets to look at online or to print off and practise with. <http://sats.highamstjohns.com/>

Click on “For Kids” to access some fun games to practise speed of recall of times tables.

<http://www.mad4maths.com/>

This site has loads of Maths games which help to practise a range of skills.

<http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html>

Loads of Maths games on a range of Mathematical concepts.

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>

Lots of individual revision videos, worksheets, quizzes and answers related to all the maths topics.

<https://corbettmathsprimary.com/content/>