



Key Stage 2 SATs information meeting

Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026



We hope that this presentation will help to inform you about your child's upcoming SATs tests. We have tried to make the information as concise as possible, whilst still providing you with the key details you need to know. If you have any questions after reading, then please feel free to ask them at the end of this session. We will be here until 4:25pm.

Miss Walton & Mrs Gilbey 😊



The Tests

Statutory tests will be administered in the following subjects:

- Spelling (approximately 15 minutes)
- Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar (45 minutes) (SPAG)
- Reading (60 minutes)
- Mathematics
 - Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes)
 - Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes)
 - Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes)

All tests are externally marked (*scanned into a computer and sent to markers around the country*).

Writing will be 'Teacher Assessed' internally, as in recent years. Moderated usually every four years by an external writing specialist.

Tests include learning from all years in KS2, not just Year 6.

SATs Week Timetable

| Monday 11 th | Tuesday 12 th | Wednesday 13 th | Thursday 14 th |
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| Punctuation, Grammar and Vocabulary Paper (45mins) | English Reading Paper (60 mins) | Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic, 30 mins) | Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning, 40 mins) |
| Spelling Paper (15 mins approx.) | | Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning, 40 mins) | |

What happens if tests are missed?

- If your child is poorly, they will be able to (if well enough) come in just for the test and go home straight after.
- Tests can be completed that afternoon, or the following day/week, but this is incredibly difficult to organise with the STA. Ideally, we want SATs completed at the same time, for all children.
- Any tests not completed will have a mark of zero. This has a knock-on effect on secondary school setting/streaming.



Assessment and Reporting

Test scores will be reported as 'scaled scores'.

The new curriculum is more rigorous and sets high expectations.

In July 2026, each pupil will receive:

- A raw score (number of raw marks awarded).
- A scaled score in each tested subject.
- Confirmation of whether they attained the national standard.

These scores will come in a sheet of paper with your child's end of year report.





Scaled Scores

- 100 – 109 represents the 'expected national standard'.
- Each pupil's raw test score will be converted into a score on the scale, either at, above or below 100.
- The scale will have a lower end point of 80 and an upper end point of 120.
- A child who achieves the 'expected national standard' (a score of 100 – 109) will be judged to have demonstrated sufficient knowledge in the areas assessed by the tests.
- A child who achieves 110 – 120 is considered to have met 'greater depth of the national standard'.

Scaled score system, between 80 to 120

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|------------------------------------|------------|
| Greater Depth of Expected Standard | 110 to 120 |
| At Expected Standard | 100 to 109 |
| Working towards Expected Standard | 90 to 99 |
| Below Expected Standard | 80 to 89 |



Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

- A Spelling test is administered containing 20 words, lasting approximately 15 minutes.
- A separate test is given on Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar
- This test lasts for 45 minutes and requires short answer questions, including some multiple choice.
- Marks for these two tests are added together to give a total for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

Sample Questions – SPAG

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Underline the **verb form** that is in the **present perfect** in the passage below.

Rachel loves music and has wanted to learn how to play the piano for years. She was hoping for piano lessons, and was delighted when her parents gave her a keyboard for her birthday.

 1 mark

40

Tick one box in each row to show if the underlined conjunction is a **subordinating conjunction** or a **co-ordinating conjunction**.

| Sentence | Subordinating conjunction | Co-ordinating conjunction |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| I like ice-skating <u>and</u> roller-skating. | | |
| Jamie likes roller-skating, <u>but</u> he has never tried ice-skating. | | |
| Jamie will go ice-skating <u>if</u> I go with him. | | |

 1 mark



Reading

- The Reading Test consists of a single test paper with three unrelated reading texts.
- Children are given 60 minutes in total, which includes reading the texts and answering the questions.
- A total of 50 marks are available.
- Questions are designed to assess the *comprehension* and *understanding of a child's reading*.
- Some questions are multiple choice or selected response, others require short answers and some require an extended response or explanation.




Mathematics

- Children will sit three tests: Paper 1, Paper 2 and Paper 3.
- Paper 1 is for 'Arithmetic' lasting for 30 minutes, covering calculation methods for all operations, including use of fractions, percentages and decimals.
- Questions gradually increase in difficulty (as the children progress through each paper).
- Papers 2 and 3 cover 'Problem Solving and Reasoning', each lasting for 40 minutes.
- Pupils will still require calculation skills but will need to answer questions in context, decide what is required to find a solution and show their working out to support their answer.
- No calculator is allowed in any test.

Sample Questions - Arithmetic


24 $15.4 - 8.88 =$



1 mark

25 1 3 3 0 1 6

Show your method



2 marks



Writing

- Pupils' writing is assessed internally and a sample of pupils' writing can be moderated by an external moderator from the Local Authority. (It is unlikely that we will be moderated externally this year, as we were chosen for external moderation last academic year.)
- A selection of your child's writing from *across the year* will be used to assess whether your child has achieved '*working towards the standard*', '*at the expected standard*' or '*greater depth of the standard*'.
- In order to assess the pupils' writing, an assessment framework is used. All pupils must show evidence of each statement within the standard in order to be awarded that standard.

Working towards the expected standard

The pupil can:

- write for a range of purposes
- use paragraphs to organise ideas
- in narratives, describe settings and characters
- in non-narrative writing, use simple devices to structure the writing and support the reader (e.g. headings, sub-headings, bullet points)
- use capital letters, full stops, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contraction mostly correctly
- spell correctly most words from the year 3 / year 4 spelling list, and some words from the year 5 / year 6 spelling list*
- write legibly.¹

Working at the expected standard

The pupil can:

- write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting language that shows good awareness of the reader (e.g. the use of the first person in a diary; direct address in instructions and persuasive writing)
- in narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere
- integrate dialogue in narratives to convey character and advance the action
- select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect what the writing requires, doing this mostly appropriately (e.g. using contracted forms in dialogues in narrative; using passive verbs to affect how information is presented; using modal verbs to suggest degrees of possibility)
- use a range of devices to build cohesion (e.g. conjunctions, adverbials of time and place, pronouns, synonyms) within and across paragraphs
- use verb tenses consistently and correctly throughout their writing
- use the range of punctuation taught at key stage 2 mostly correctly[^] (e.g. inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech)
- spell correctly most words from the year 5 / year 6 spelling list,* and use a dictionary to check the spelling of uncommon or more ambitious vocabulary
- maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed.²

Working at greater depth

The pupil can:

- write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting the appropriate form and drawing independently on what they have read as models for their own writing (e.g. literary language, characterisation, structure)
- distinguish between the language of speech and writing³ and choose the appropriate register
- exercise an assured and conscious control over levels of formality, particularly through manipulating grammar and vocabulary to achieve this
- use the range of punctuation taught at key stage 2 correctly (e.g. semi-colons, dashes, colons, hyphens) and, when necessary, use such punctuation precisely to enhance meaning and avoid ambiguity.[^]

How We Help Your Child

- First and foremost, quality teaching!
- Maths & English booster sessions in curriculum time every Friday morning, starting Friday 27th February, in the form of 3 rotating groups led by Mr Tomlinson, Miss Walton and Mrs Gilbey.
- Daily arithmetic practice in maths lessons.
- Mock SATs weeks (support with approach to test papers) and tailored feedback (whole class, in small groups and 1:1 where appropriate).
- Targeted intervention groups.
- Structured SATs homework. At the end of this week, we will provide your child with a timetable of homework along with their SPAG, Reading and Maths CGP books. They must bring these, completed, each Friday, as during boosters, they will be marked and feedback will be given.

How You Can Help Your Child

- First and foremost, support and reassure your child to do their best. Praise and encourage!
- Ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school.
- Support your child with any homework tasks (routine, time frames). We suggest that you let your child work on their own first and then complete any supported questions in a different colour.
- Support your child with arithmetic practise (e.g. times tables, written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division).
- Support your child with learning and practising spellings from the New National Curriculum spelling lists (Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 lists) – these are listed in their school diaries.
- Talk to your child about what they have learnt at school and what book(s) they are reading. Listen to your child read and question them about it.
- Encourage your child to work to speed. Try timed recall of timetables. Set mini challenges e.g. – ‘can you find the word on the page that means ‘dangerous?’ you have 30 seconds – go!’ ‘What is 15% of 150? You have 10 seconds – go!’
- Make sure your child has plenty of sleep and breakfast every morning!

How Your Child Can Help Themselves

- Manage time effectively (*routine*)
- Remember deadlines for homework
- Little and often approach
- Take responsibility for their learning
- Get plenty of sleep
- Use revision aids (stick them up on walls, colour code, learn with your child and let them test you...)

Top Tips for Tests:

- Read questions carefully
- Try not to leave an answer blank
- Manage your time effectively
- 'Be at your best'





If you have any questions or worries, please come and speak either of us or Mr Tomlinson.

Thank you for listening!