



Thursday 6th
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KS2 SATS May 2026

Parent/ carer workshop





SATS Week Timetable

Monday 11th May 2026	Tuesday 12th May 2026	Wednesday 13th May 2025	Thursday 14th May 2026
English grammar, punctuation test (45 Minutes)	Reading test (1 hour)	Maths paper 1- Arithmetic (30 minutes)	Maths Paper 3- Reasoning (40 minutes)
Spelling test (15 minutes)		Maths Paper 2- Reasoning (40 minutes)	



Explaining SATS scoring

From 2016, National Curriculum levels were abolished and instead children will now receive a **scaled score**. Their raw score (the actual number of marks they get) will be translated into a scaled score.

A scaled score of 100 or more means a child is working at the expected standard – termed 'AS', while a score below 100 indicates that a child hasn't reached the government expected standard – termed 'NS'. The maximum score possible is 120, and the minimum is 80.

To meet government expectations, pupils must achieve **100 in their scaled scores**. A scaled score of 110 or higher indicates the student is working at greater depth (GDS).

However, this equates to different marks for each paper (maths; reading; grammar, punctuation and spelling) and can change each school year.



May 2025 SATs pass marks

Reading- 50 marks

EXS = 28 (Scaled score 100) GDS = 40

Maths- 110 marks

EXS = 58 (Scaled score of 100) GDS = 95

SPAG- 70 marks

EXS = 35 (Scaled score of 100) GDS = 54

Please note the scaled score can change each year.

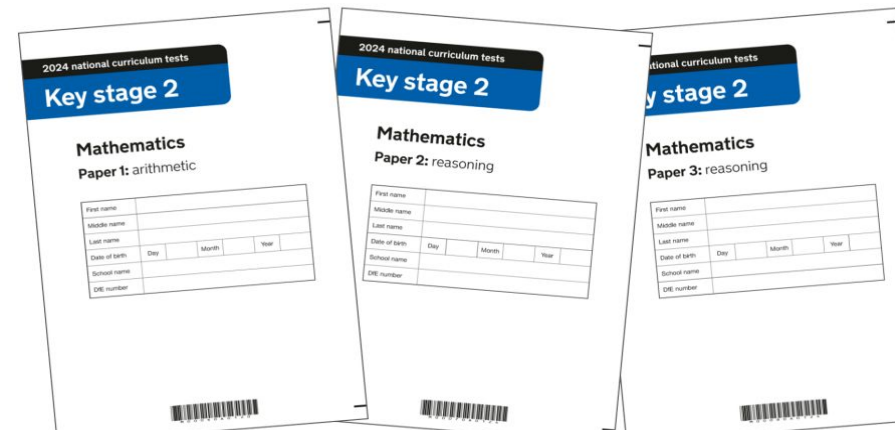
Results will be available in July and will come home with the children as a separate letter.



Mathematics Tests

There are three tests:

- Arithmetic Paper 1 – 40 marks (30 minutes)
- Reasoning Paper 1 – 35 marks (40 minutes)
- Reasoning Paper 2 – 35 marks (40 minutes)





KS2 Maths – Arithmetic Test

- ▶ The arithmetic test assesses basic mathematical calculations. It covers the four operations (division, multiplication, addition, subtraction and mixed operation calculations requiring BIDMAS), as well as calculations with fractions and decimals. Also calculating percentages.
- ▶ There will be no word problem questions in the arithmetic paper.
- ▶ Children need to quickly recall multiplication and division facts so children need to be fluent in times tables.
- ▶ There is space for calculations.



Arithmetic questions - examples

B
O
D
M
A
S

14 $50 + (36 \div 6) =$

1 mark

15 $\frac{4}{6} \times \frac{3}{5} =$

1 mark

Multiplying fractions.

- 1) Multiply numerators.
- 2) Multiply denominators
- 3) Simplify!

Short
division

17 $581 \div 7 =$

1 mark

22

$$\begin{array}{r} 4781 \\ \times \quad 23 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Show
your
method

2 marks

**Long
multiplication**

Add/subtract fractions!

When denominator is same, just add numerators! When denominator is different, you need to x or ÷ to make them the same! Then simplify.

26 $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{10} =$

1 mark

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$$\frac{3}{4}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 57\Box \\ - 3\Box5 \\ \hline \Box68 \end{array}$$



Reading Test

- The Reading test is worth 50 marks, with 1 hour to complete the test.
- Children are given both the reading material and the question booklet at the same time.
- There are **three different set texts** for the children to read, which could be any combination of fiction, non-fiction, and/or poetry.
- There are several types of questions, for example: multiple choice questions, 'find and copy' one-word answers, and multiple mark questions which require more detailed answers using evidence from the text.



Reading paper - examples

1. Which of these instruments did Evelyn learn as a child?

Ring **one**.

flute

recorder

guitar

violin

1

☐

1 mark

3. On pages 4 and 5, it says that Evelyn was the first person to do two things.

Find **one** of them: _____

3

☐

1 mark

Some questions will ask the children to find answers directly from the reading booklets they are given.

18. Draw lines to match the boxes to show how different cymbals are played.

crash cymbals

ride cymbals

hi-hat

tap rhythmically

play with single hard strokes

clash together with pedal

18

☐

1 mark



Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar test

- The SPAG test is worth 70 marks in total.
- Grammar and Punctuation is 50 marks
- Spelling is 20 marks
- They have 45 minutes to complete the Grammar and Punctuation test and 15 minutes for the spelling.
- The Grammar and Punctuation paper requires a range of answer types such as circling missing capital letters, adding punctuation, multiple choice questions, one-word answers.
- Children must use capital letters where appropriate and punctuation placed correctly. Spelling needs to be correct, especially when copying words.



Spellings – example

Spelling

1. Our dogs are _____ and full of energy.

2. The swans nested on an _____ in the lake.

3. We met a _____ writer.

4. The linen fabric had a rough _____.

1. young

2. island

3. famous

4. texture

Children write the word on the spelling test paper.

The word is read, then the word is read within a sentence, then the word is repeated.



Grammar and punctuation - example questions

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Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

It was raining heavily she had lost her umbrella the week before.

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Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined word is a **possessive pronoun** or a **relative pronoun**.

Sentence	Possessive pronoun	Relative pronoun
That red cycle helmet is <u>mine</u> .		
I wear it when I ride the new bike <u>which</u> my uncle gave me.		
My bike goes much faster than <u>yours</u> .		

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Insert a **colon** and a **comma** in the correct places in the sentence below.

We are pleased to announce the three winners of the art competition Samir Ben and Ella.

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What is the **word class** of the underlined words in the sentence below?

We had a drink after our swim in the pool.

Tick **one**.

adjectives ☐

adverbs ☐

nouns ☐

verbs ☐



Writing

Writing is internally marked and moderated, and children will be provided with a level.

This is not assessed with a test paper.

Schools are randomly chosen for Local Authority moderation, to ensure that levels are consistent and fairly awarded, and external moderators will look through children's work to support this process.

Work from the whole of year 6 could be assessed and used as evidence during this process, so we are reminding children at all times to ensure that their work is of a consistently good standard. This also includes handwriting.



How you can support your child at home

- Encourage children to complete their weekly homework and spelling homework. Also on **Google Classroom** resources are shared to support learning. Learn the **Year 5 and 6 spellings**.
- **Reading regularly at home with your child.** When reading at home, discuss the content and choice of words the author has used. Ask your child questions about their reading, encouraging them to identify words or phrases to back up their answers. Also check children understand vocabulary in their books.
- Use revision guides and websites to support your child's learning. **CGP revision book bundles are available through the school at a discounted rate.** A message was sent last month. Deadline to place an order is Monday 10th November 2025.
- Children need to be fluent in times tables and must be using Times Tables Rock Stars frequently to develop fluency and quick recall.



How you can support your child at home

- Sensible bedtime.
 - Limit screen time.
 - Healthy diet – eating breakfast and drinking plenty of water,
 - Encourage your child positively, without putting too much pressure on them
 - Speak to your child about any worries.
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- If you are using previous SATs papers at home, please do not use 2024 and 2025 papers, as we will use these papers in school.

During the week of the SATS, we will be running a free breakfast club for all year 6 children to attend before school.

Assessments in school

Children completed assessments last month, we will send these home with the children by the end of the month, with their scores and information of the scaled scores.

When the assessments are sent home, links will be shared with you, where you can watch 'walkthroughs' of each paper online.

These assessments were completed in October and we would not expect all children to be passing these assessments yet. SATs are in May 2026.



Any Questions ?

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."

Jane D. Hull