

Introduction to KS2 SATS

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Year 6 SATS



The end of KS2 assessments are sometimes informally referred to as 'SATS'

SATS week across the country begins on **12th May 2025**



Pupils will complete SAT papers in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Reading and Maths.

Writing is assessed using evidence collected by the teacher over a longer period of time.



Subject	EXPECTED		GREATER DEPTH	
	MMS	National	MMS	National
Reading	79%	74%	28%	29%
Writing	86%	72%	34%	13%
Maths	66%	73%	14%	24%
SPAG	76%	72%	28%	32%



How are the tests graded?



The marked tests will provide the following information:

- Scaled scores, a score of 100 represents the national standard. The lowest is 80 and the highest is 120.
- After each test is marked, it will be converted into a scaled score and that will show whether a pupil is working at the national standard, or above or below it.
- A pupil will need to achieve a scaled score of 100 to show that they have met the national standard on the test.
- There are no longer separate tests for higher attaining pupils, but they might expect a scaled score of closer to 120 which would indicate the pupil is working above the expected standard.



The GPS Tests



- There are two tests: a short spelling test and a longer paper testing grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.
- The spelling test lasts approximately 15 minutes and pupils will need to spell words in context by filling in the gaps in sentences.
- The grammar, punctuation and vocabulary test lasts for 45 minutes.
- Pupils need a good working knowledge of technical vocabulary used to describe grammatical terms and punctuation marks.
- Questions in the grammar test are focused around the following areas (called 'content domains'):
 - Grammatical terms/word classes
 - Functions of sentences
 - Combining words, phrases and clauses
 - Verb forms, tenses and consistency
 - Punctuation
 - Vocabulary
 - Standard English and formality
- There are a range of answer types in the grammar test, including multiple choice and short one-word answers, but there will not be any long written answers required



The Reading Test



- The test assesses whether pupils' comprehension of age appropriate texts meets the national standard. There will be numerous questions on inference, vocabulary and authorial choice.
- Pupils will have 60 minutes to complete the test, including reading the texts and writing the answers.
- The test will have three different texts to read, drawing on fiction, non-fiction or poetry.
- There are a range of answer types, including multiple choice, short one-word answers and longer answers that require a written paragraph.



The Maths Tests

- There are three tests: one arithmetic paper and two reasoning papers.
- Paper 1 (arithmetic) lasts 30 minutes and assesses pupils' confidence using methods of calculation as well as fractions, decimals and percentages. It covers curriculum content from all of KS2.
- Papers 2 & 3 (reasoning) last 40 minutes each and focus on problem solving, fluency and applying mathematical reasoning.
- Questions will increase in difficulty as the paper progresses and not all children will complete the papers.



Access arrangements during SATS



Access arrangements might be used to support pupils who have, alongside regular movement breaks:

- difficulty reading
- difficulty writing
- difficulty concentrating
- processing difficulties
- a hearing impairment
- a visual impairment
- English as an additional language



Other Assessments



There is no writing SATS test.

- **Writing assessments will be formed from judgements made by the teacher, looking at evidence from writing collected over the course of the year.**
- **The teacher will moderate their assessments with other professionals to make sure there is a consistent standard across the country.**
- **Final judgements will be reported to parents at the same time as the other assessment results.**



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Time for Questions



Future dates:
Thursday 16th October – English
Thursday 26th November – Maths



