

End of Key Stage Two Assessments 2025



• What are end of key stage two assessments?

What we know as SATs or Standard Attainment Tests, are national curriculum tests that are usually taken by children at the end of key stage two.

- All children are assessed during the last term of year 6; for 2025, this is in the week beginning 12th May.
- The aim of the tests is to establish whether pupils are working at an expected level in English and Maths for the end of primary school and the start of secondary school.
- The results of the tests do not tell us how accomplished children are in other areas, such as sport, music or art.
- Pupils sit six different tests in three subject areas: Maths, English Reading and English Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation (SPaG).
- English writing judgements are made by year 6 teachers through teacher assessment, based on evidence of **independent** writing gathered over the course of year 6.
- Test papers will cover curriculum areas which have been covered and built on during the children's entire primary school career, with a particular focus on areas covered during KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6).

Why should children take these tests?

- To celebrate their achievements in Reading, English and Maths and demonstrate what they have learnt throughout their Primary Career.
- The results are an important part of the picture when it comes to secondary schools deciding how to pitch lessons to their new Year 7s and, if they use setting and streaming, to gauge where to put individual pupils.
- The results also support the extensive and detailed handover conversations that Year 6 and Year 7 teachers have at the end of the Summer Term to ensure as smooth a start as possible for children going into secondary school.
- To give them valuable experience of 'exam conditions' and what it means to take a statutory test.
- To start their journey of understanding 'exam technique' and 'exam time management'. These are essential skills to take into Secondary School.



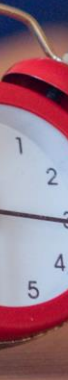
- **When do SATs happen?**

Every primary school will test their pupils on the same subject at the same time during the week beginning 12th May 2025. The schedule of tests for this year looks like this:

Assessment week 2025	Tests
Monday 12 th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions (45 minutes) Paper 2: spelling (around 15 minutes)
Tuesday 13 th May	English reading (1 hour)
Wednesday 14 th May	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic (30 minutes) Paper 2: reasoning (40 minutes)
Thursday 15 th May	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning (40 minutes)

Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling

- A spelling test is administered containing 20 words, which lasts approximately 15 minutes.
- A separate test is given on grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.
- 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 grammar, punctuation and spelling.



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.
- During the reading paper, a child's inference and deduction skills are thoroughly tested. They will also be expected to answer questions on authorial choices: explaining why an author has chosen to use particular vocabulary, grammar and text features.
- 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. Not all children will be expected to access some of the more difficult questions later in the 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 and decide what is required to find a solution.



• What happens with the results?

- All of the tests, with the exception of English writing, are marked externally
- Each child will receive a scaled score for their performance on the tests. This is a score between 80 and 120, where a score of 100 is considered to be average or working at the expected level of attainment at the end of primary school.
- We will share pupils' results in their end of year written report, which is sent home to parents in July.
- In this report you will also receive the teacher assessment judgement for writing. Around 25% of schools will be moderated on their assessment of the children's writing, but we will not know if we have been selected for moderation until later in the Summer Term.



• Revision

- We will be purchasing (at cost) a range of CCP '10-minute revision booklets'.
- The cost will be £5.50 – we will be setting up a SCOPAY soon for these.
- Towards the end of the Spring Term, these will replace normal homework (except daily reading and TTRockstars) and should be continued during the Easter Holidays.
- These will provide the children with further exposure to 'SATs style' questions and keep their skills fresh leading towards SATs week.



How to Help Your Child

- First and foremost, support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and that they should always just try their best. Praise and encourage!
- Ensure that your child is on time to School during SATS week.
- Ensure your child has a good breakfast and (as far as possible!) that there is a calm atmosphere at home in the morning.
- Encourage them to lay out their clothes, pack their bags etc. the night before.
- Make sure your child has a good sleep, with no screens before bed, every night.
- We have our post-SATs trip at the end of the week
 - something that they can look forward to.



FAQs



What happens if my child is ill during SATS week?

We are able to apply for them to take the test in the afternoon, on a different day or in the following week. However, if this is the case then they MUST be kept apart from their peers and cannot talk to anyone about the tests.

What equipment do they need to bring?

Nothing! All equipment will be supplied.

Do they wear uniform during SATS week?

Yes.

What happens if they are late in the morning?

All tests will start promptly at 09:00. If your child is late, we will have to apply for a delayed start and, depending on available staff, they will take the test in the afternoon, but they MUST be kept apart from their peers and cannot talk to anyone about the tests.

Special Arrangements

There are a range of accommodations (i.e. extra time, small group, reader, scribe, brain breaks, etc.) that are made for children who meet certain criteria, for example, processing, reading or writing speed etc. to enable them to sit the test with equality and equity. If your child meets the external criteria for these accommodations we will advise you individually.

Any further questions?

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