

# SATs 2024 Parent Information Meeting

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# 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 **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** ending on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**.
- ▶ The SATs papers consist of:
  - ▶ Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 1: Grammar/ Punctuation/ Spelling) - Monday
  - ▶ Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 2: Spelling test) - Monday
  - ▶ Reading - Tuesday
  - ▶ Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) - Wednesday
  - ▶ Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) - Wednesday
  - ▶ Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) - Thursday
- 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) - 20 minutes
  - ▶ Reading - 60 minutes
  - ▶ Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) - 30 minutes
  - ▶ Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) - 40 minutes
  - ▶ Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) - 40 minutes

# 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.

110 shows they are meeting the Greater Depth Standard

# Supporting your child in preparation 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)!

- ▶ Talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.
- ▶ Encourage your child to talk to their teacher or a trusted adult about their worries. 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 revision.
- ▶ Encourage time outdoors during SATs week. We will be doing the same in school!
- ▶ Ensure your child is eating and drinking well and getting a good amount of sleep.
- ▶ Ensure that your child attends breakfast club during SATs week.

# SATs week

- ▶ Breakfast club - 8:00am
- ▶ Fresh air
- ▶ Revision session
- ▶ Sit a paper

# 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!



# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar consists of two papers.

- ▶ Paper 1 focuses on all three elements (spelling, punctuation and grammar). The paper lasts for **45 minutes**.
- ▶ Paper 2 consists of a spelling test only. It should take approximately **15 minutes**, although this is not a set amount of time (pupils should be given as much time as they need to complete the test).

# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Paper 1

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: Paper 2

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

Example questions:

## Spelling task

1. The dragon is an imaginary \_\_\_\_\_.
2. There was \_\_\_\_\_ food for everyone.
3. My little brother is in \_\_\_\_\_ class.

# 2022

Raw score	Scaled score
35	100
36	100
55	110

# 2023

Raw score	Scaled score
36	100
37	100
55	110
56	110

# Reading: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Reading

Since the current testing formation for the SATs began in 2016, there has been a tendency for three types of questions to be the most popular.

In the 2019 Reading SATs paper,

- ▶ 12% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving giving and explaining the meaning of words in context;
- ▶ 42% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving retrieving and recording information or identifying key details from a text;
- ▶ 36% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving making inferences from a text and justifying inferences with text evidence.

When reading with your child at home try focusing on these types of questions.

# 2022

Raw score	Scaled score
29	100
30	100
41	110

# 2023

Raw score	Scaled score
24	100
38	110

# Maths: Arithmetic, Reasoning 1 & 2 - Wednesday & Thursday

- Paper 1 is for 'Arithmetic' lasting for 30 minutes, covering calculation methods for all operations, including use of fractions, percentages and decimals.
- In total, there are 40 marks available to the children, providing the larger weighted part of the three maths tests.
- We emphasise the importance and target children to score highly on this test as these are questions they have become very accustomed to over the past two years of school.
- The key element for this test is speed.
- Questions are generally progressively harder on this test, so it is important the children get a quick start in the early questions.
- There are certain questions we encourage children to leave until the end.



- 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.
- Each paper is worth 35 marks giving a combined raw score of 110 across the three maths papers.
- In these tests, adults in the classroom can read any questions the children require.

# 2022

Mathematics	
Raw score	Scaled score

58	100
59	100
60	100
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96	110
97	110

# 2023

Mathematics	
Raw score	Scaled score

56	100
57	100
58	100
94	110
95	110
96	110

# What are we doing in school?

- ▶ Targeted lessons, planned in to cover all aspects before the SATs to allow revision time.
- ▶ Active revision afternoons.
- ▶ 5-a-day: Maths & SPaG.
- ▶ One more round of assessments - final week of this half term.

<u>December 2022 Assessment Results (SATs 2018 Paper)</u>							
Name:							
Maths				Reading	SPaG		
P1	P2	P3	Total:		Spelling	P & G	Total:
/40	/35	/35	/110	/50	/20	/50	/70
ARE: 61+ GDS: 96+				ARE: 28+ GDS: 40+	ARE: 38+ GDS: 56+		
My grading:				My grading:	My grading:		

# What can you be doing at home?

- ▶ Keeping up with homework.
- ▶ Homework is tailored for revision purposes.
- ▶ Regular reading at home.
- ▶ TT Rockstars & Bedrock