

Year 6 SATs

What to expect, how we prepare, and how you can help at home



SATs in a nutshell

KS2 national curriculum tests are statutory assessments taken at the end of Year 6.

- Tests cover English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading, and mathematics.
- English writing and science are reported through teacher assessment rather than an end-of-KS2 test.
- Results help show attainment against national curriculum standards and can identify where further support may be useful.



**A snapshot,
not the whole child**

The test week: 10–13 May 2027

MON 10

**Grammar,
punctuation &
spelling**

Paper 1: questions
Paper 2: spelling

TUE 11

English reading

Reading paper

WED 12

Mathematics

Paper 1: arithmetic
Paper 2: reasoning

THU 13

Mathematics

Paper 3: reasoning

**Please prioritise attendance and punctuality.
(Breakfast Club at 8am)**

What will children be tested on?

READING

One reading paper. Children read a booklet and answer questions designed to assess comprehension and understanding.

GPS

Grammar, punctuation & spelling: one questions paper plus a separate spelling paper.

MATHS

Three papers: one arithmetic paper and two reasoning papers.

There is no end-of-KS2 test for English writing or science. These are reported through teacher assessment.

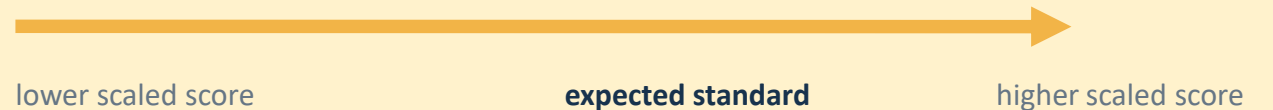
What do the scores mean?

100

expected standard

A scaled score of 100 or more means the expected standard in a test has been met.

Raw marks are converted into a scaled score so outcomes can be reported consistently. The conversion cannot be known in advance because it depends on the difficulty of that year's papers.



Support and access arrangements

Some children may be eligible for arrangements that reflect their normal way of working and meet statutory guidance.

Extra time

for eligible pupils

Rest breaks

where appropriate

Reader / scribe

only where permitted by
guidance

Modified papers

for specific access needs

If you have questions about your child's arrangements, please speak to the class teacher. Schools must follow the current statutory guidance.

How we prepare in school



- Teach the Year 6 curriculum thoroughly and revisit key knowledge.
- Build familiarity with question styles and test routines.
- Use assessment to spot gaps and target teaching.
- Develop reading stamina, arithmetic fluency and reasoning.
- Keep expectations positive and place wellbeing first.

How you can help at home

- Read regularly and chat about characters, vocabulary and meaning.
- Practise times tables and mental arithmetic little and often.
- Use school-provided revision or homework rather than adding lots of extra work.
- Keep routines steady: sleep, breakfast, water and arriving on time.
- Praise effort and progress.

Consistency beats last-minute cramming



Wellbeing matters

The most helpful message children can hear:

“Do your best. We are proud of you for who you are, not for a score.”

If your child is worried

- Listen and acknowledge the worry.
- Keep explanations simple and factual.
- Focus on routines they can control.
- Let school know early if anxiety is affecting sleep, attendance or daily life.

Results and what happens next

Schools receive KS2 test results in the summer term. Your child's end-of-year report will communicate outcomes and teacher assessments as appropriate.

TEST RESULTS

Scaled scores for reading, GPS and mathematics.

TEACHER ASSESSMENT

Used for English writing and science, with alternative assessment models where applicable.

THE BIGGER PICTURE

Results are one source of information as children move on to secondary school.

Any questions?

Key dates: 10–13 May 2027