



Key Stage Two SATs



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What are the end of Key Stage Two Assessments?

What you might know as SATs, or standard attainment tests, are national curriculum tests that are usually taken by children at the end of key stage 2.

- All children are assessed during the last term of year 6; for 2024, this is in the week beginning 13th 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, punctuation and spelling.
- English writing and science judgements are made by the pupils' teachers through teacher assessment, based on evidence of independent writing and work gathered over the course of year 6.

When do they happen?

Every primary school will test their pupils on the same subject at the same time during the week beginning 13th May 2024. The schedule of tests for this year looks like this:

Assessment week 2024	Tests
Monday 13th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions, paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 14th May	English reading
Wednesday 15th May	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic, paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 16th May	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

What are the children tested on?

English grammar, punctuation and spelling

Paper 1: questions (45 minutes) 50 marks

A combined question and answer booklet which assesses pupils' understanding of the grammar, punctuation and spelling elements of the national curriculum English programmes of study for key stage 2.

Paper 2: spelling (15 minutes but not strictly timed) 20 marks

The paper that pupils receive has 20 sentences, each with a missing word. The teacher reads the sentences one at a time and pupils write in the missing word on their paper.

English reading

(1 hour) 50 marks

Pupils will have a reading booklet with three different texts to read and a corresponding question and answer booklet. The texts are presented in increasing levels of difficulty. Pupils' comprehension skills will be assessed against the comprehension elements of the English programme of study for key stage 2.

What are the children tested on?

Mathematics

Paper 1: arithmetic (30 minutes) 40 marks

Pupils will have a booklet of arithmetic questions based on the national curriculum programmes of study for maths at key stage 2.

Papers 2 and 3: reasoning (40 minutes each) 35 marks each

Both papers will ask children to reason and solve problems, again based on the national curriculum maths programmes of study.

How are the tests administered?

On the day, the children will begin in the year six classroom as usual. We will complete the register and they will do some early morning work to warm their brains up.

The children will then be split into smaller groups for the test. Some pupils will stay in the classroom and others will work in other rooms around the school.

Some pupils will be eligible for some extra time to complete the tests.

What happens with the results?

- For 2024, school results in the end of key stage assessments will be published on the school website.
- Test results are published online in July and can be accessed by the school.
- 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 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.**

How can I help my child?

Support your child to complete any home learning tasks sent home, such as **spelling activities, reading comprehensions and maths sheets.**

Make sure they go to bed at a reasonable time, have a good breakfast and arrive at school on time everyday (and especially during the assessment week).

Read everyday - aim for 20-30 minutes of reading per day.

Encourage them to try their best, commend their efforts and plan to celebrate their hard work, rather than focusing on the test results.

In summary...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2H2D1UI4pjE>

Any questions?