



Year 6 SATs 2025
Presentation for Parents, Carers &
Guardians

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 12th May ending on Thursday 15th May.
- The SATs papers consist of:
 - Grammar, punctuation and spelling (paper 1: GPS) – Monday 12th May
 - Grammar, punctuation and spelling (paper 2: Spelling) –Monday 12th May
 - Reading – Tuesday 13th May
 - Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) – Wednesday 14th May
 - Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) Wednesday 14th May
 - Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) – Thursday 15th May
- Writing is assessed using evidence collected throughout Year 6. There is no Year 6 SATs writing test.

The key stage 2 tests will be taken on set dates unless your child is absent, in which case they may be able to take them up to 5 school days afterwards.



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) – 15 minutes
 - Reading – 60 minutes
 - Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) – 30 minutes
 - Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) – 40 minutes
 - Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) – 40 minutes



Specific arrangements for SATs

Children with additional needs (who have similar support as part of day-to-day learning in school) may be allotted specific arrangements, including:

- Additional (extra) time;
- Tests being opened early to be modified;
- An adult to scribe (write) for them;
- Using word processors independently;
- An adult to read for them (including a translator);
- The use of prompts or rest breaks;
- Arrangements for children who are ill or injured at the time of the tests.

If your child has been allocated any of the above, we will advise you separately.



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.



Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Monday 12th May

Grammar, punctuation and spelling consists of two papers.

- Paper 1 focuses on all three elements (grammar, punctuation and spelling or GPS). 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).



Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Paper 1 (GPS)

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.



Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Paper 1 (GPS)

Example questions:

1

Which sentence is a **command**?

Tick **one**.

The relay race will be next.

I hope I don't drop the baton.

Run as fast as you can.

I know you can win this race.

39

Complete the sentence below with an appropriate **subordinating conjunction**.

e.g. **Although, while**

_____ football is his favourite sport, James also enjoys
watching tennis on TV.

1 mark

49

Rewrite the sentence below in the **passive**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The Romans invaded Britain over two thousand years ago.

e.g. Over two thousand years ago, Britain
was invaded by the Romans.

1 mark

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Paper 2 (spelling)

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

Example questions:

1. Our dogs are _____ and full of energy.
2. The swans nested on an _____ in the lake.
3. We met a _____ writer.

2024 Spelling script

Spelling 1: The word is **young**.

Our dogs are **young** and full of energy.

The word is **young**.

Spelling 2: The word is **island**.

The swans nested on an **island** in the lake.

The word is **island**.

Spelling 3: The word is **famous**.

We met a **famous** writer.

The word is **famous**.



Reading: Tuesday 13th 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.



Reading

The reading SATs paper requires a range of answer styles.

Example questions:

Questions 1–12 are about *A Noise in the Night*
(pages 4–5)

1 Look at the first paragraph.

How can you tell Priya was feeling nervous?

Write **two** ways.

1. _____
2. _____

Priya and her friends are camping near a farm owned by Mr Jones. Earlier in the day, Mr Jones had told the group that sheep thieves had been seen in the area.

A Noise in the Night

Priya woke with a start, her heart beating fast. Something had disturbed her but she wasn't sure what. Abby was still sleeping quietly beside her, and the night-light glowed, but now she could see things inside the tent, and she realised that the moon must have risen. She took a deep breath, trying to calm herself, but then she heard something rustling outside. *It's nothing, she told herself strictly. It's a hedgehog, or a mole. It's something nice and harmless.*



Qu.	Requirement	Mark
1	<p>Look at the first paragraph.</p> <p>How can you tell Priya was feeling nervous?</p> <p>Write two ways.</p> <p>Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text</p> <p>Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following, up to a maximum of 2 marks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Priya's heart beating fast, e.g.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Priya's heart started to race</i>• <i>her heart was beating really quickly.</i>2. Priya taking a deep breath / trying to calm herself down, e.g.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>she took a deep breath</i>• <i>Priya was trying to calm herself</i>• <i>she must be nervous because she needs to calm down.</i>3. Priya telling herself there is nothing to worry about, e.g.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>she tells herself it must be something harmless</i>• <i>she tries to reassure herself.</i>4. Priya waking with a start, e.g.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>she woke with a start.</i>	Up to 2m

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 2024 Reading SATs paper,

- 18% of marks - giving and explaining the meaning of words in context;
- 32% of marks - retrieving and recording information or identifying key details from a text;
- 46% of marks - 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.



Maths: Wednesday 14th May and Thursday 15th May

The maths assessments consist of three tests.

- Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes) – Wednesday 14th May
- Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes) – Wednesday 14th May
- Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes) – Thursday 15th May



Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

The maths arithmetic paper has a total of **40 marks** and lasts for **30 minutes**.

The test covers the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, including order of operations requiring BIDMAS), percentages of amounts and calculating with decimals and fractions.

Example questions:

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20	$\begin{array}{r} 508 \\ \times 74 \\ \hline \end{array}$	<input type="text"/>	2 marks
Show your method			

19	13.375	1m
20	<p>Award TWO marks for the correct answer of 37,592</p> <p>If the answer is incorrect, award ONE mark for the formal method of long multiplication with no more than ONE arithmetic error, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> $\begin{array}{r} 508 \\ \times 74 \\ \hline 2032 \\ 35560 \\ \hline 37582 \text{ (error)} \end{array}$ <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> $\begin{array}{r} 508 \\ \times 74 \\ \hline 2032 \\ 35060 \\ \hline 37092 \end{array}$ 	Up to 2m
		<p>Working must be carried through to reach a final answer for the award of ONE mark.</p> <p>Do not award any marks if the error is in the place value, e.g. the omission of the zero when multiplying by tens.</p> $\begin{array}{r} 508 \\ \times 74 \\ \hline 2032 \\ 3556 \\ \hline 5588 \text{ (place value error)} \end{array}$



Maths Papers 2 and 3 (Reasoning)

Paper 2 will take place on Wednesday 14th May and paper 3 will take place on Thursday 15th May. These tests have a total of 35 marks each and lasts for 40 minutes each.

These papers require children to demonstrate their mathematical knowledge and skills, as well as their ability to solve problems and their mathematical reasoning. They cover a wide range of mathematical topics from key stage 2 including,

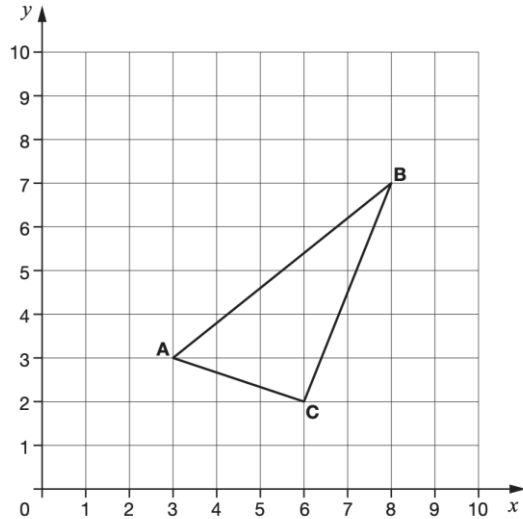
- Number and place value (including Roman numerals);
- The four operations;
- Geometry (properties of shape, position and direction);
- Statistics;
- Measurement (length, perimeter, mass, volume, time, money);
- Algebra;
- Ratio and proportion;
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.



Maths Papers 2 (Reasoning)

Example questions:

3



ABC is a triangle.

What are the coordinates of point C?

(6 , 2)

1 mark

8

In 2012, there were **24,372** schools in the United Kingdom.

Round the number of schools to the **nearest hundred**.

24,400


1 mark

Maths Papers 3 (Reasoning)

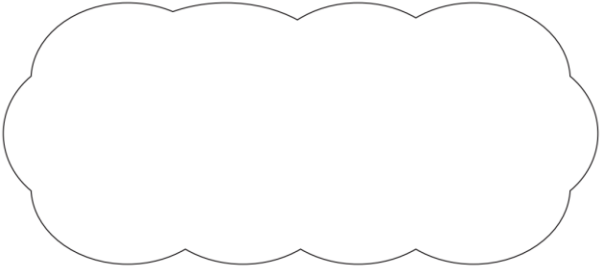
Example questions:

9 Jack says,

I multiplied a whole number by 3
My answer was 32



Explain why Jack is **not** correct.



1 mark

9 Award **ONE** mark for an explanation that recognises that 32 is not a multiple of 3, e.g.

- 32 is not in the $3\times$ table
- $32 \div 3 = 10 \text{ r}2$ or 10.66 (which are not whole numbers)
- if you count in multiples of 3 from 0, you won't get 32
- $3 + 2 = 5$, 5 is not a multiple of 3 so he is wrong.

OR

For a description that includes one or both of the multiples of 3 either side of 32, e.g.

- if you do $10 \times 3 = 30$ and $11 \times 3 = 33$ there is no 32
- $10 \times 3 = 30$ and 32 is 2 away.

1m

Do not accept responses that restate the question, e.g. Jack is not correct because if you multiply 3 by any whole number you will not get 32.

Do not accept vague or incomplete explanations, e.g.

- If you multiply by 3 you will get 30, not 32
- 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33
- 32 is not a factor of 3

Do not accept explanations which include incorrect mathematics or incorrect information relevant to the explanation.

Maths Papers 3 (Reasoning)

Example question:

21 There are 25 classes in a school.
 Each class has 34 pupils.
 62% of all the pupils play a sport after school.

What number of pupils do not play a sport?

Show your method

pupils

3 marks

Qu.	Requirement	Mark	Additional guidance
21	<p>Award THREE marks for the correct answer of 323</p> <p>Award TWO marks for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An incorrect answer with evidence of an appropriate complete method with no more than one arithmetic error, e.g. $\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ \times 34 \\ \hline 100 \\ 750 \\ \hline 950 \text{ (error)} \end{array}$ <p>62% of 950 = 589 950 – 589 = 361</p> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> $34 \times 25 = 950$ (error) $95 \times 3 = 285$ $9.5 \times 8 = 76$ $285 + 76 = 361$ <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sight of 527 (as evidence of calculating 62% of 850) <p>Award ONE mark for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> evidence of an appropriate method with more than one error. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sight of 850 (as evidence of the multiplication step completed correctly) 	Up to 3m	<p>A misread of a number may affect the award of marks. No marks are awarded if there is more than one misread or if the mathematics is simplified.</p> <p>TWO marks will be awarded if an appropriate method with the misread number is followed through correctly.</p> <p>ONE mark will be awarded for evidence of an appropriate method with the misread number followed through correctly with no more than one error.</p> <p>Within an appropriate method, if the pupil has rounded appropriately with no more than one arithmetic error, the pupil may be awarded TWO marks.</p> <p>Answer need not be obtained for the award of ONE mark.</p>

SATS Breakfast (Monday –Thursday)

- New this year, we will be introducing a SATS Breakfast
- Come into school early (8am onwards)
- Have breakfast with each other
- Enjoy each other's company and have a great start to the morning!
- Breakfast is provided



Supporting your child in preparing for the SATs

Firstly, a positive attitude goes a long way.

Tips:

- Talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns rather than worry your child.
- Encourage your child to talk to their teacher or a trusted adult (including yourself) about their anxieties. 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 study.
- Give your child time to go outside and reduce screen time.
- Ensure your child is eating and drinking well and getting a good amount of sleep.



Supporting your child in preparing for the SATs

Further tips:

- Create a revision timetable that works for you and your child. For some families, 10 to 20 minute activities over a few days works best. For others, a longer study session one day a week might be better.
- Keep revision light. Going over key skills (times tables, real world mental maths as you are shopping or cooking) is a good way to keep revision light.
- If you're looking to support your child further with maths at home, there are lots of good websites with free Year 6 revision resources.



Practise in school

Your child has had plenty of practice.

All the children in Year 6 have been practising SATs-style questions over this year, whether in the classroom or using old papers.

Thursday 1st May- Trial paper

We have been randomly selected as a test school to pilot new texts for future Reading Comprehension SATs. The DfE will send a representative to administer the tests (2x 1 hour Reading Comprehension paper). This is mandatory and we will use it as nothing but a bit of extra practice.



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. We may be able to provide you with more detailed feedback, once we receive the breakdown of the marks.

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.



What to do if you are worried about your child

- Talk to us
- Talk to your child
- Encourage your child to talk to their teacher



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.



Any questions?

