

Key Stage 2 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) 2025

Aim:

To enhance your knowledge of what SATs are including when and how they are administered

...so that:

You are able to better-prepared to support your child

What are SATs?

- SATs are the **compulsory** Standard Assessment Tests that primary school pupils in England take each May.
- The tests check how children are doing in both English and Maths.
- Children can't fail these tests, but they ARE a good indicator of results in Secondary School.

Who are SATs for?

- All pupils in Year 6 in England will sit SATs – this is unless exceptional circumstances allow them to be disapplied.
- The DfE (on behalf of HM Government) use the results to check teaching standards in England.

Why are SATs needed?

- SATs are crucial benchmarks for assessing children's proficiency in English and Maths.
- For parents of Year 6 students in particular, understanding SATs plays a vital role in helping your child transition to secondary school.

When are the SATs tests in 2025?

Date	Activity
Monday 12 May 2025	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 13 May 2025	English reading
Wednesday 14 May 2025	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 15 May 2025	Mathematics paper 3

Please don't book your holidays here!

When are the SATs tests in 2025?

Monday 12 May 2025

English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2

- Paper 1: 45 mins – Grammar, punctuation and spelling
(50 marks) 1 mark per question, mix of question types
- Paper 2: 15 mins – Spelling test (20 questions)
(20 marks) Spellings covering full range of KS2 Common Exception Words
- **In previous years, 35 or more has denoted the ‘Expected standard’.**

When are the SATs tests in 2025?

Tuesday 13 May 2025 English reading

- Paper 1: 60 mins – 3 texts to read, all with accompanying questions
(50 marks) Approx. 12 questions per text

Paper is an ‘open book’ exam – children are able to re-read,
refer to and make notes on the texts they’re given
- **In previous years, 27 or more has denoted the ‘Expected standard’.**

When are the SATs tests in 2025?

Wednesday 14 May
2025

Mathematics papers 1 and 2

- Paper 1: 30 mins – 32–36 questions, all are ‘arithmetic’ (numbers only, no word problems), mix of calculations inc. decimals, fractions and %
(40 marks)
- Paper 2: 40 mins – 20 – 24 questions, mix of word problems, statistics and geometry; several questions worth 2-3 marks
(35 marks)

When are the SATs tests in 2025?

Thursday 15 May 2025 Mathematics paper 3

- Paper 3: 40 mins – 20 – 24 questions, mix of word problems, statistics and (35 marks) geometry; several questions worth 2-3 marks
 - **All maths papers (1, 2 & 3) are added together to give a total score (out of 110).**
- In previous years, 54 or more has denoted the 'Expected standard'.**

What more can you tell me about the SATs tests?

- There isn't an official 'pass mark' for Year 6 SATs; remember, **they're not pass/fail!**
- Results reported as 'scaled scores'. 100 = Expected Standard (at a national level). 80 = lowest score, 120 = highest score your child can achieve.
- High SATs scores (108-120) are can be a good indicator of achieving GCSE grades of 7 or higher (A - A*), whereas low SATs scores (less than 89) typically indicate working towards grades 4 and below (C – U).

What more can you tell me about the SATs tests?

- Of course, SATs are **6 tests** on **4 days** in **1 week** of your child's life.

They don't take into account: illness, nerves, individual understanding, hobbies, interests, creative skills, personalities...



Access arrangements

Schools can apply for the following support:

- early opening of test packs to adapt test papers
- additional time for pupils to complete the tests
- the use of scribes, word processors or other technical or electronic aids
- making transcripts
- written or oral translations
- readers
- the use of prompts and rest breaks
- the use of accessibility objects in the mathematics test
- highlighter pens
- arrangements for pupils who are ill or are injured at the time of the tests

Note:

Teachers must be able to evidence the need for any access arrangement that we apply for and just because it is applied for, does not mean that the STA (Standards and Testing Agency) will grant it!

How can I help my child to prepare for SATs?

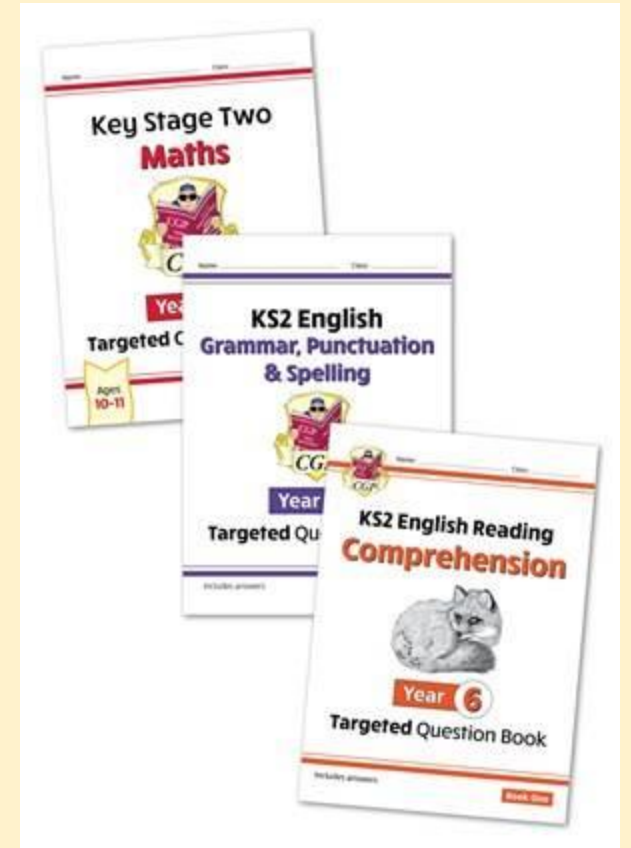
- Facilitate their completion of **CGP books** (home learning)
- Encourage their attendance of **SATs boosters**
- Encourage their attendance of **SATs breakfasts** (wb 12th May 2025)
- Listen to – and help to rationalise - their thoughts about SATs
- Ensure they have good routines around sleep (10-11 hours' a night) AND around waking!
- Support their mental wellbeing (family time, clubs, days out etc.)

A word on: SATs boosters

- Begin tomorrow (Tuesday 21st January 2025), 3:15-4:15pm
- All Y6 children welcome
- Mr Emmens, Miss MacTavish, Ms Laband, Mrs Skelly, Mrs King and Mrs Sonnex supporting
- Refreshments provided
- Children must be collected from the main office at 4:15pm

A word on: CGP books

- 3 books
- 1 task in each will be set **every week** on a **Friday**
- Books will be checked each week



With thanks to FOSS for supporting the acquisition of these resources

A word on: SATs breakfasts

- Will take place every morning during SATs week, from 8am
- Y6 children (and staff) only
- Priority arrival through the front office
- Access to a fresh, nutritious and FREE breakfast
- Space to chill-out with friends before assessments
- ***Will help to ensure that no one arrives late!***



Sorry, kids. Coffee will
be for grown-ups only!

Additional practice (all FREE)

Maths:

- Third Space Learning: [Hundreds of SATs Questions Free To Download \[With Answers\]](#)

Past SATs papers:

- SATsPapers.org: [KS2 Year 6 SATs Papers](#)

Grammar:

- Vocabulary Ninja: [KS2 SATs Free](#)

Reading:



Thank you for coming

Please do not hesitate to ask questions of the Herons team.

We are here to help! 😊