

Year 6

KS2 SATS PARENTS INFORMATION MEETING

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024



What are SATs?

SATS are the Standardised Assessment Tests given to children at the end of KS2. They will take place over four days, starting on Monday 13th May ending on Thursday 16th May

Date	Exam
Monday 13 May 2024	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 1 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 2
Tuesday 14 May 2024	English Reading
Wednesday 15 May 2024	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 16 May 2024	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)



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.

Pupils with an EHCP are automatically allowed up to 25% additional time (except for the spelling paper, which is not strictly timed). Pupils who use the modified large print or braille versions of the tests are automatically allowed up to 100% additional time.



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.



Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar:

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

•	Explain how the comma changes the meaning of the second sentence.	
	I asked if Jake Thomas and Lily were coming to the barbecue.	
	I asked if Jake, Thomas and Lily were coming to the barbecue.	
		1 m

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.

1	Tick the sentence that must end with a question	mark.
	7	Tick one .
	The teacher asked them what they were doing	
	I wonder what time the next train arrives	
	Did she play tennis on your team last year	
	He asked if he could use my pen	

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.



Reading:

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.



The reading SATs paper requires a range of answer styles.

Example questions:

Questions 1–13 are about *The Park* (pages 4–5)

What is Ajay doing when the post arrives?

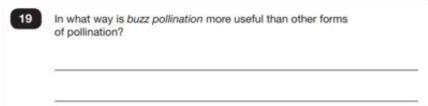
Ajay was just about to tuck into his tea and toast dripping in sour rhubarb jam when there was a loud clatter from the letterbox as an important-looking brown envelope landed on the mat. 'Bit early for the post isn't it?' Mum said. 'Ooh, it says Special Delivery.' Mum opened it, and unfolded the letter.

Reading

Example questions:

Based on text 2: Fact Sheet: About

Bumblebees





1 mark

Buzz pollination

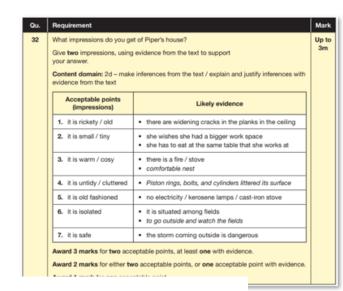
Only bumblebees are capable of buzz pollination. This is when the bee grabs the flower and produces a high-pitched buzz. This releases pollen that would otherwise stay trapped inside. Key ingredients in our diet such as tomatoes are pollinated in this way. Many other common foods such as beans and peas would also be harder to produce and much more expensive without British bumblebees.



Example questions:

Based on text 3: Music Box

Evidence
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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.



Maths:

The maths assessments consist of three tests.

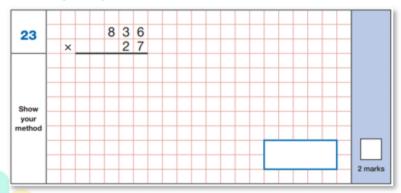
- Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes)
- Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes
- Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes

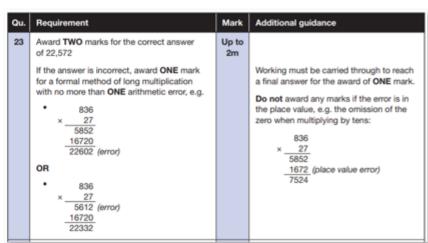
Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

The maths arithmetic paper has a total of 40 marks.

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 question:

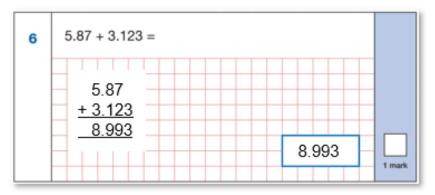


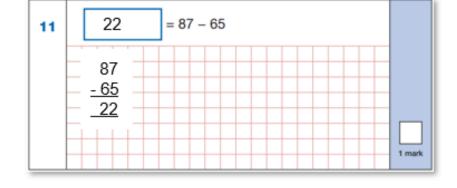


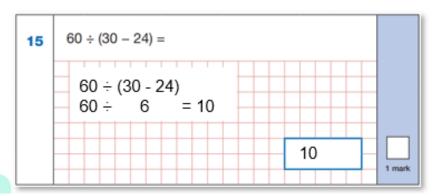


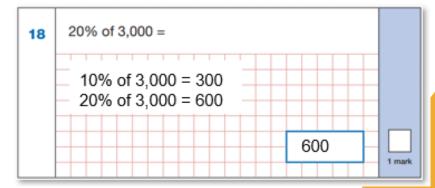
Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

Example questions:



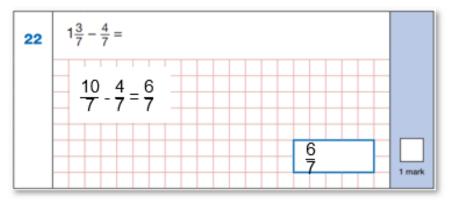


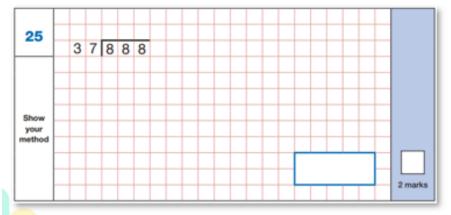






Example questions:





Qu.	Requirement	Mark	Additional guidance
25	Award TWO marks for the correct answer of 24	Up to 2m	
	If the answer is incorrect, award ONE mark for the formal methods of division with no more than ONE arithmetic error, i.e.		Working must be carried through to reach a final answer for the award of ONE mark.
	 long division algorithm, e.g. 		
	23 r29 37 888 - 740		
	140 (error)		
	- <u>111</u> 29		
	OR		
	$ \begin{array}{r} 42 \text{ (error)} \\ 37 \overline{\mid 888} \\ -\underline{740} \\ 148 \\ -\underline{148} \\ 0 \end{array} $ $ 20 \times 37 \\ -\underline{148} \\ 0 $ $ 4 \times 37 \\ $		
	short division algorithm, e.g. 2 3 r27 (error) 37 88 18 8		Short division methods must be supported by evidence of appropriate carrying figures to indicate the use of a division algorithm, and be a complete method. The carrying figure must be less than the divisor.



Maths Papers 2 and 3 (Reasoning)

These tests will have a total of 35 marks each.

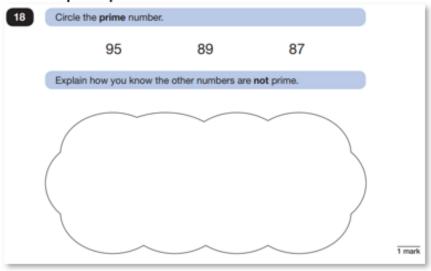
These papers require children to demonstrate their mathematical knowledge and skills, as well as their ability to solve problems and their mathematical reasoning. They cover a wide range of mathematical topics from key stage 2 including,

- 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 question:



18 Award ONE mark for a correct explanation of why the 95 AND 87 are NOT prime, e.g.

- 87 is divisible by 3 and/or 29 AND 95 is divisible by 5 and/or 19
- 87 is in the 3 times table AND 95 is in the 5 times table
- 95 is divisible by five because every number in the five times table ends in five or zero. 87 is divisible by three because 9 is in the three times table so is ninety. Ninety minus three is 87
- 8 + 7 = 15 and 15 is divisible by 3 AND 95 is divisible by 5

1m No mark is awarded for circling '89' alone.

Both non-primes must be explained correctly for the award of the mark.

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

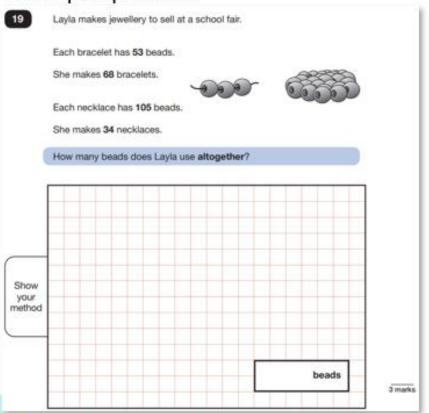
- The other 2 numbers have more than 2 factors (vague)
- · 87 is divisible by 3 (incomplete).

Do not accept explanations which include incorrect mathematics or incorrect information that is relevant to the explanation, e.g.

- 3 x 27 = 87
- · 89 has three factors
- · no numbers go into 89



Example question:



Qu.	Requirement	Mark	Additional guidance
19	Award THREE marks for the correct answer of 7,174 If the answer is incorrect, award TWO marks for: • evidence of an appropriate complete method which contains no more than one arithmetic error, e.g. 53 × 68 3504 (error) 3,504 + 3,570 = 7,074 Award ONE mark for: • evidence of an appropriate method with more than one arithmetic error. OR • sight of 3,604 as evidence of long multiplication step (68 × 53) completed correctly. OR • sight of 3,570 as evidence of long multiplication step (105 × 34) completed correctly.	Up to 3m	Answer need not be obtained for the award of ONE mark. 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. TWO marks will be awarded if an appropriate method with the misread number is followed through correctly. ONE mark will be awarded for evidence of an appropriate method with the misread number followed through correctly with no more than one arithmetic error.



Supporting your child in preparing 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)!

Tips:

- Don't use past papers as they are used in school to prepare the children.
- Attend any SATs meetings at school (or read any literature sent home).
- 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.
- Plan something nice and fun for the weekends before and after SATs. This will help them to relax before the SATs and give them something to look forward to after.



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Further tips:

- Create a revision timetable that works for you and your child. For some families, <u>10 to</u>
 <u>20 minute</u> 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.
- As we said before, avoid using past papers. There are plenty of free or inexpensive SATs practice materials for parents available.
- 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. Start with thirdspacelearning.com/blog/category/for-parents/ or register free for the Third Space Learning Maths Hub (mathshub.thirdspacelearning.com)



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. Your school may be able to provide you with more detailed feedback.

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 the school

Sometimes concerns present at home and not at school. If you notice a change in your child, talk to the school so that everyone concerned can offer the support needed.

Talk to your child

Talk to your child about what aspect of SATs concerns them the most. If you can help them pinpoint what is bothering them the most, you can take specific steps to help reassure them.

Encourage your child to talk to their teacher

SATs are obviously linked to school. Don't be surprised if your child would prefer seek reassurance from teachers over family members.

Try not to project your own anxieties or views about the SATs

Children can be very intuitive. If they see that you are anxious, this could add to their own anxieties. Similarly, if you don't believe in SATs, your child may reflect this view.



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!

"Stay focused in class so you don't have loads of extra studying to do at home!" - Year 7 pupil's advice.

