



KS2 SATS: A Parents' Guide

What are SATs?

At the end of Year 6, your child will sit national tests in Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG).

KS2 SATs tests are both set and marked externally.

KS2 SATs results are used to measure both the school and each child's progress and achievements.

Some secondary schools may also take into consideration your child's Year 6 SAT results to determine which classes they may be assigned to in Year 7.

SATS Dates

KS2 SATs will start on the 12th May 2025.

Monday 12th May 2025

English grammar, punctuation and spelling
Paper 1: questions (45 minutes) and Paper 2: spelling (Approx. 15 minutes).

Tuesday 13th May 2025

English reading (60 minutes).

Wednesday 14th May 2025

Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic (30 minutes) and Paper 2: reasoning (40 minutes).

Thursday 15th May 2025

Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning (40 minutes).

How are SATs marked?

All exam papers are sent away to be marked externally. The marks awarded are added up to give a raw score. This is then converted to a scaled score. A child needs to achieve a scaled score of 100 to be considered to be meeting the national standard.

If a child achieves a scaled score of 110 or above, they will be described as operating at Greater Depth.

SATS Week

Please ensure that your child attends school promptly each day during SATs week. If your child is absent due to illness then upon their return to school they will have to be isolated from their peers until they have sat the exam paper(s) which they missed due to the absence. Please note that school are only permitted to accommodate resits 5 school days after the date of the missed exam. Absences due to holidays are not permitted for exam resits under any circumstances.

How can I help prepare my child for the SATs?

SATS can be stressful for children, but you can help them manage any worries by:

Encouraging Relaxation

Teach relaxation techniques like deep breathing and mindfulness.

Healthy Lifestyle

Ensure your child gets enough sleep, eats well, and stays physically active.

Positivity

Promote a positive mindset and celebrate small achievements.