

Year 6 SATs 2021

KS2 SATs

- This year the KS2 SATs take place 10th - 13th May 2021
- All children across the country sit the tests at the same time.
- This time can be quite worrying for the children and they will need encouragement and reassurance as well as an early night!
- During SATs week breakfast is provided from 8:30am

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What is SATs?

At the end of Year 6, children sit tests in:

- Reading
- Maths
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar

These tests are both set and marked externally.
They test content from the whole of Key Stage 2.

Assessment and Reporting

Since 2016, test scores have been reported as ‘scaled scores’.

What is meant by ‘scaled scores’?

It is planned that 100 will always represent the ‘national standard’.

Each pupil’s raw test score will therefore be converted into a score on the scale, either at, above or below 100.

Using the scaled score, the lowest a child can score is 80, with the highest being 120.

A child who achieves the ‘national standard’ (a score of 100) will be judged to have demonstrated sufficient knowledge in the areas assessed by the tests.

Each pupil receives:

- a raw score (number of raw marks awarded);
- a scaled score in each tested subject;
- confirmation of whether or not they attained the national standard

The Tests

Key Stage 2 SATs take place nationally in the week commencing 10th May 2021

Statutory tests will be administered in the following subjects:

- Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar (45 minutes)
- Spelling (approximately 15 minutes)
- Reading (60 minutes)
- Mathematics
 - Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes)
 - Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes)
 - Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes)

•As in recent years, writing will be teacher assessed internally. The revised ‘pupil can’ statements for English writing place a greater emphasis on composition and the statements that relate to the more ‘technical’ aspects of English writing (grammar, punctuation and spelling) have been made less prescriptive.

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Reading

- The reading test consists of a single test paper with three unrelated reading texts. Children are given 60 minutes in total, which includes reading the texts and answering the questions.
- A total of 50 marks are available.
- Questions are designed to assess the comprehension and understanding of a child's reading.
- During the reading paper, a child's inference and deduction skills are thoroughly tested. They will also be expected to answer questions on authorial choices: explaining why an author has chosen to use particular vocabulary, grammar and text features.
- Some questions are multiple choice or selected response; others require short answers and some require an extended response or explanation.

Example Questions - Reading

8 Look at the paragraph beginning: *She knew the universal rule...*

What does the word *universal* tell you about the rule?

1 mark

23 Look at the section headed: **Frequently asked questions.**

Put a tick in the correct box to show whether each of the following statements is a **fact** or an **opinion**.

	Fact	Opinion
The temperature of the water in the Channel can range from 12°C to 18°C.		
Water with a temperature of 18°C is too cold to swim in.		
The direct distance across the Channel is approximately 21 miles.		
Faster swimmers do not swim as many miles across the Channel.		

2 marks

17 Look at the paragraph beginning: *Twenty-seven-year-old Webb...*

Find and copy one word from this paragraph that is closest in meaning to 'motivated'.

1 mark

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Grammar, punctuation and spelling

- A spelling test is administered containing 20 words, which lasts approximately 15 minutes.
- A separate test is given on grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.
- This test lasts for 45 minutes and requires short answer questions including some multiple choice.
- Marks for these two tests are added together to give a total for grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Example questions - GPS

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The prefix mis- can be added to the word read to make the word misread.

What does the word **misread** mean?

Tick **one**.

to read quickly

to read incorrectly

to read again

to read before

1 mark

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

The town is ten miles (16 kilometres) away.

The town is ten miles (16 kilometres away.)

The town is ten miles (16) kilometres away.

The town is ten miles (16 kilometres away).

1 mark

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Replace the underlined word or words in the sentence below with the correct **pronouns**.

For his ninth birthday, James visited his grandparents

and his grandparents took James to the cinema.

1 mark

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Maths

- The mathematics tests have undergone the biggest change in recent years.
- Children will sit three tests: paper 1, paper 2 and paper 3.
- Paper 1 is for arithmetic lasting for 30 minutes, covering calculation methods for all operations, including use of fractions, percentages and decimals.
- Questions gradually increase in difficulty. Not all children will be expected to access some of the more difficult questions later in the paper.
- Papers 2 and 3 cover problem solving and reasoning, each lasting for 40 minutes.
- Pupils will still require calculation skills but will need to answer questions in context and decide what is required to find a solution.

