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Primary assessments: future dates

Future dates for key stage 1 and key stage 2 tests (commonly referred to as SATs), phonics screening check, multiplication tables check and reception baseline assessment.

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Future dates for primary assessments are detailed below to assist schools with their forward planning. Schools must keep these periods free for administering the assessments.

> There has been a change to KS2 test dates in 2023 (https://www.gov.uk/government/news/changes-to-key-stage-2-assessment-dates-in-2023), following the announcement of a bank holiday on Monday 8 May 2023.

2022/23 academic year

Reception baseline assessment

Schools must complete the reception baseline assessment for each child in the first 6 weeks after they enter reception.

Key stage 1

The key stage 1 tests should be administered during May 2023.

Date	Activity
May 2023	Key stage 1 test period
Week commencing Monday 12 June 2023	Phonics screening check week

Key stage 2

The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Tuesday 9 May to Friday 12 May 2023.

Date	Activity
Tuesday 9 May 2023	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Wednesday 10 May 2023	English reading
Thursday 11 May 2023	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Friday 12 May 2023	Mathematics paper 3

Multiplication tables check

Schools must administer the multiplication tables check (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-administration-guidance) within the 2-week period from Monday 5 June 2023.

2023/24 academic year

Reception baseline assessment

Schools must complete the reception baseline assessment for each child in the first 6 weeks after they enter reception.

Key stage 1

It is recommended that the key stage 1 tests (optional) are administered during May 2024.

Date	Activity
May 2024	Key stage 1 test recommended period (optional)
Week commencing Monday 10 June 2024	Phonics screening check week

Key stage 2

The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024.

Multiplication tables check

Schools must administer the multiplication tables check within the 2-week period from Monday 3 June 2024.

2024/25 academic year

Reception baseline assessment

Schools must complete the reception baseline assessment for each child in the first 6 weeks after they enter reception.

Key stage 1

It is recommended that key stage 1 tests (optional) are administered during May 2025.

Date	Activity
May 2025	Key stage 1 test recommended period (optional)
Week commencing Monday 9 June 2025	Phonics screening check week

Key stage 2

The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 12 May to Thursday 15 May 2025.

Multiplication tables check

Schools must administer the multiplication tables check within the 2-week period from Monday 2 June 2025.

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