

Welcome to the 2026 Year 6 SATs information meeting

WHAT WILL BE ASSESSED?

ASSESSED BY TESTS *(marked externally)*

READIN

ONE PAPER
Reading booklet
and associated
answer booklet.

GPS

TWO PAPERS
Paper 1,
questions
Paper 2, spelling.

MATHS

THREE PAPERS
Paper 1, arithmetic
Paper 2, reasoning
Paper 3, reasoning

CONTINUOUS TEACHER
ASSESSMENT

WRITING

SATs week across the country begins on
Monday 11th May 2026

When are the SATs?

Monday 11th May
English grammar, punctuation and spelling
(GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)

Tuesday 12th May
English reading paper

Wednesday 13th May
Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2
(reasoning)

Thursday 14th May
Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

How are the test administered?

- The tests all take place in normal school time, under test conditions.
- Pupils will not be allowed to talk to each other during the tests
- We give lots of extra playtimes and longer PE sessions during SATs week
- The completed papers are sent away to be marked externally
- Results are returned to school in July and are reported to parents in a letter which you will have to collect from the office

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS)

- A spelling test, administered verbally by the teacher, contains 20 words.
- 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 GPS

GPS example questions

13 Tick one box to show which part of the sentence is a relative clause.

The table which is made of oak is now black with age.

The table is made of oak is now black with age.

1 mark

16 What is the name of the punctuation mark used between the two main clauses below?

My sister loves team sports, my brother, on the other hand, prefers individual sports – such as athletics.

1 mark

14 Tick the option that shows how the underlined words are used in the sentence.

My baby brother was born in the hospital where my father works.

Tick one.

as a preposition phrase

as a relative clause

as a main clause

as a noun phrase

1 mark

15 Insert a colon in the correct place in the sentence below.

The school offered three clubs for its pupils art and craft, dance and chess.

1 mark

GPS example questions

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 1

40

Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in the **active voice** or the **passive voice**.

Sentence	Active	Passive
Otters live in clean rivers.		
Fish are eaten by otters.		
Usually, otters are playful creatures.		

GPS example questions

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 1

44

Which verb completes the sentence so that it uses the **subjunctive form**?

I wish I _____ able to join you, but it will not be possible.

Tick one.

- am
- was
- were
- be

Reading

- The reading test consists of a single test paper with three unrelated reading texts of different genres. Children are given 60 minutes in total, during which they read the texts and answering the questions.
- A total of 50 marks are available.
- Questions are designed to assess the skills and comprehension of a child's reading.
- During the reading paper, a child's inference and deduction skills are thoroughly tested. They will have to explain why an author has chosen to use particular vocabulary, grammar and text features.
- Some questions are multiple choice or selected response (1 mark); others require short answers (1-2 marks) and some require an extended response or explanation (2-3 marks).

Reading – sample questions

9 Look at Anoushah's blog entry for September 27th.
Explain how Anoushah felt about being in space that day.

2 marks

10 Give *We*, *and small*, and *that* a meaning.
How do these words make the reader feel about the snail?

1 mark

11 Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is a fact or an opinion.

	Fact	Opinion
Anoushah Anisari kept an online diary.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brushing your teeth in space is a joy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being weightless is endlessly entertaining.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourists can stay on the International Space Station.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 mark

12 Circle the correct option to complete each sentence below.

iii) The story is told from the perspective of...

Professor Sumner,
 Lord John,
 Malone,
 Professor Challenger.

1 mark

Reading – sample questions

Reading Paper

15 (a) What evidence is there of Martine being stubborn in the way she behaved with her grandmother?

Give **two** points.

1. _____

2. _____

2 marks

Reading – sample questions

Reading Paper

27 Look at the paragraph beginning: *One of the victims...*

What does the word *invaders* suggest about the humans arriving on Mauritius?

1 mark

Mathematics

- Children will sit three tests: paper 1, paper 2 and paper 3.
- Paper 1 is Arithmetic lasting for 30 minutes, covering calculation methods for all operations, including use of fractions, percentages and decimals.
- Papers 2 and 3 cover problem solving and reasoning, each lasting for 40 minutes.
- Pupils will apply calculation skills to answer questions in context and decide what is required to find a solution.
- Pupils are not allowed to use a calculator for any of these papers

Sample arithmetic questions

Sample reasoning questions

Sample reasoning questions

Maths Paper 2 / Paper 3 : Reasoning

19

6 pencils cost £1.56



3 pencils and 1 rubber cost £1.09



What is the cost of 1 rubber?

Show your method

2 marks

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Sample reasoning questions

Maths Paper 2 / Paper 3 : Reasoning

21

$$5,542 \div 17 = 326$$

Explain how you can use this fact to find the answer to 18×326

1 mark

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Grading

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.

What is meant by 'scaled scores'?

It is planned that 100 will always represent the 'national standard' - Expected (EXP).

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 (NS), with the highest being 120 (GD from above 110)

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.

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Your child's results for Maths

	Raw Score				
Arithmetic	30	/40			
Reasoning 1	28	/35			
Reasoning 2	23	/35			
Total	81	/110	Scaled Score	105	

For this year, the Maths boundaries were:

Total Raw Score	Scaled Score	
0-60	80-99	Working Towards
61-95	100-109	Expected
96-110	110-120	Greater Depth

Mathematics		Mathematics		Mathematics	
Raw score	Scaled score	Raw score	Scaled score	Raw score	Scaled score
0		26	91	56	99
1	No scaled score (N)	29	91	57	99
2		30	91	58	99
3	80	31	92	59	99
4	80	32	92	60	99
5	80	33	92	61	100
6	80	34	93	62	100
7	81	35	93	63	100
8	81	36	93	64	100
9	82	37	94	65	101
10	83	38	94	66	101
11	83	39	94	67	101
12	84	40	94	68	101
13	84	41	95	69	102
14	85	42	95	70	102
15	86	43	95	71	102
16	86	44	96	72	102
17	86	45	96	73	103
18	87	46	96	74	103
19	87	47	96	75	103
20	88	48	97	76	103
21	88	49	97	77	104
22	89	50	97	78	104
23	89	51	97	79	104
24	89	52	98	80	104
25	90	53	98	81	105
26	90	54	98	82	105
27	90	55	98	83	105

How are we preparing?

- Continuous Assessment
- Focused Maths Lessons with built-in revision
- Regular GPS Revision
- Guided Reading / comprehension
- Practising previous SATs papers
- Teaching 'test techniques' and vocabulary
- Home Learning to support teaching & learning in school
- Continuing our broad and creative curriculum 😊
- Modelling, promoting and maintaining high expectations

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Year 6

Home Children Class Pages Year 6

CHILDREN

Kids' Zone
Useful Links
Class Pages
History
Reception
Year 1
Year 2
Year 3
Year 4
Year 5

Welcome Information and Support Home Learning Important Dates PGL

See below for any other information or support that may be useful for you or your year 6 child.

Meeting Presentations

D Applying for Secondary School Updated 11/01/2024 271 KB

Here is the presentation given by Mr Sakowski on 11/01/2024 about the process of applying for a secondary school place.

D PGL Information Meeting Updated 06/01/2024 1.08 KB

D Meet the Teachers 2025 Updated 03/01/2024 103 KB

SATs Revision
Maths Revision

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Top tips for helping your child

Reading:

- Focus on developing an enjoyment of reading
- Encourage them to read a variety of books
- Continue to listen to your child read and discuss the book
- Look up definitions of new words
- Ask questions to check their understanding – focus on retrieving information / inference skills e.g. How do we know that William is feeling anxious?

GPS:

- English Skills Spelling HW books...
- Revise previous Grammar topics using the guides
- Ensure daily spelling practise: Look Say Cover Write Check

Maths:

- Times Tables
- Times tables
- Times tables
- Corbett Maths – <https://corbettmathsprimary.com>

How can I help my child during SATs week?

- Help children not to feel worried or pressured about SATs. All that is asked is that they try their best, but please reassure children that the SATs should not be causing anxiety. Do give lots of praise and encouragement!
- Help children with organising their homework (including spellings) and support their reading for pleasure activities.
- Speak about learning in a positive manner. Sometimes we project our dislike of subjects from childhood, or lack of confidence, onto our children.
- Help them to have early nights and a healthy diet.
- We'll be running a breakfast club that week for a small charge – details nearer the time.
- Please speak to a member of staff if you have questions or concerns.

CGP Books £5 parental contribution
(school will pay the rest)


