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"Encourage one another and build each other up" *1 Thessalonians 5.11*

## Key Stage 2 SATS

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We want to share some information about the assessments your child will participate in during May.

- The end of KS2 assessments are sometimes informally referred to as 'SATS'.
- KS2 SATS week across the country begins on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
- Pupils will complete test papers in some of the areas that have to be assessed. Other areas, like writing, are assessed using evidence collected by the teacher.

Pupils will complete SATS test papers in:

- **Reading**
- **Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling**
- **Arithmetic**
- **Mathematical Reasoning – 2 papers**

- The tests all take place in normal school time, under test conditions.
- The completed papers are sent away to be marked externally.
- Results are returned to school in July.
- The tests vary in length but last no longer than 60 minutes:
  - Reading: 60 minutes
  - Grammar, Punctuation & Vocabulary: 45 minutes
  - Spelling: 15 minutes
  - Arithmetic: 30 minutes
  - Mathematical Reasoning: 2 papers of 40 minutes each.
- The marked tests will provide the following information:
  - A raw score (i.e. number of marks)
  - A scaled score (see below)



- An indication of whether the national standard has been met.
- In scaled scores, a score of 100 represents the national standard. The lowest is 80 and the highest is 120.
- After each test is marked, it will be converted into a scaled score and that will show whether a pupil is working at the national standard, or above or below it.
- A pupil will need to achieve a scaled score of 100 to show that they have met the national standard on the test.
- There are no longer separate tests for higher attaining pupils, but they might expect a scaled score of closer to 120 which would indicate the pupil is working above the expected standard.

## KS2 READING PAPER

- The test assesses whether pupils' comprehension of age-appropriate texts meets the national standard.
- Pupils will have 60 minutes to complete the test, including reading the texts and writing the answers.
- The test will have three different texts to read, drawing on fiction, non-fiction or poetry.

## KS2 SPELLING GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION PAPERS

- There are two tests: a short spelling test and a longer paper testing grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.
- The spelling test lasts approximately 15 minutes.
- The grammar, punctuation and vocabulary test last for 45 minutes.
- Pupils need a good working knowledge of technical vocabulary used to describe grammatical terms and punctuation marks.
- There are a range of answer types in the grammar test, including multiple choice and short one-word answers, but there will not be any long-written answers required.

## KS2 MATHEMATICS PAPERS

- There are three tests: one arithmetic paper and two reasoning papers.
- Paper 1 (arithmetic) lasts 30 minutes and assesses pupils' confidence using methods of calculation. It covers curriculum content from all of KS2.
- Papers 2 & 3 (reasoning) last 40 minutes each and focus on problem solving, fluency and applying mathematical reasoning. They cover curriculum content from all of KS2.
- Questions will increase in difficulty as the paper progresses and not all children will complete the papers.

## Writing and Science

- There are no writing or Science KS2 SATS tests.
- Writing assessments will be formed from judgements made by the teacher, looking at evidence from writing collected over the course of the year.
  - Science judgements will also be made by the teacher, looking at



evidence from Science lessons collected over the course of the year.

- The teacher will moderate their assessments with other professionals to make sure there is a consistent standard across the country.

Final judgements will be reported to parents at the same time as the other assessment results.

The following websites have past and **practice SATS papers**, which you may wish to view and go through with your child:

[National curriculum assessments: practice materials - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials)

<https://www.satspapers.org.uk/Page.aspx?TId=4>

Other ways you can help your child ...

- Help children not to feel worried or pressured about SATS. All that is asked is that they try their best!
- Help children with organising their homework (including spellings and practising their times tables regularly) and support their reading for pleasure activities.
- Help them to have early nights and a healthy diet.
- Help your child to have the best possible attendance at school.
- Please speak to a member of staff if you have questions or concerns.

Finally, after Christmas, we will begin more focussed SATS preparation and begin to focus on technique in answering questions. Details of booklets to purchase, which we will be working on, will be sent out then.

Kind Regards,

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