



KS2 SATs Parent Information 2025

What are the Key Stage 2 tests?

Children in Year 6 will be taking the Key Stage 2 Tests in May 2025. They provide information about how your child is progressing and how they compare to children of the same age nationally. They provide a 'snapshot' of your child's learning, progress and attainment at the end of KS2. These tests are both set and marked externally.

The tests are not qualifications and don't affect your child's future options in school. However, they do help to develop key skills which provide an important foundation for secondary school.

When do they take place?

Date	Paper	Time
Monday 12 th May	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) Paper 1	45 minutes
Monday 12 th May	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) Paper 2	Approximately 15 minutes
Tuesday 13 th May	English Reading	1 hour
Wednesday 14 th May	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic	30 minutes
Wednesday 14 th May	Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning	40 minutes
Thursday 15 th May	Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning	40 minutes

What is involved in the GPS tests?

Why are **commas** used in the sentence below?

The girl, who was shouting loudly, could not find her lunchbox.

Tick **one**

to separate items in a list

to introduce a piece of speech

to mark the clauses in the sentence

to divide the two halves of the sentence

The GPS Test

- Paper 1 assesses grammar and punctuation (50 marks)
- Paper 2 assesses spelling (20 words)
- A variety of question types
- We can read questions out if children ask in Paper 1

2019 national curriculum tests

Key stage 2

English reading

Reading answer booklet

First name						
Middle name						
Last name						
Date of birth	Day		Month		Year	
School name						
DfE number						



What is involved in the Reading tests?

The Reading Test

Three passages of text which get progressively more difficult

A total of 50 marks

A variety of question types

Look at the paragraph beginning: *As he walked...*

*A few hardy bushes **sprouted** out of the sides...*

This suggests that the bushes...

grew neatly.

were tall.

grew randomly.

had flowers on.

Tick **one**

Access Arrangements

Scribes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application not required• Evidence of it being normal classroom practice	Rest Breaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval not required• Must reflect normal classroom practice
Readers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No prior approval or notification required• Must reflect normal classroom practice (evidence of this may be required)• Must be on a one-to-one basis• In most cases for children with low reading age• Schools should ensure that readers have the necessary training on the tests and their role as readers	Prompters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval not required• Can be used to support a pupil who is unable to focus independently or who loses attention easily• Must reflect normal classroom practice• Must be used on a one-to-one basis
Additional time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval required with evidence to support the application• Strict criteria		

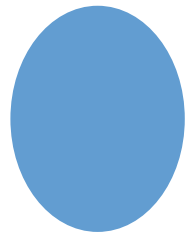
Writing Assessment 2025

- No test for writing as teacher assessment is used.
- Teachers have already marked lots of assessments this year.
- Children are aware of their progress and what they need to do next.
- We will continue to teach and assess writing until June, when assessments have to be submitted to the DFE.
- Final assessment levels and all results will be reported to parents before the end of term.

How are the results reported to parents?

Once the tests have been externally marked, the school will receive the results. Your child will be allocated a raw score (the number of marks they achieved in the test) and a scaled score. A scaled score of 100 represents the expected standard of the test. The range of scaled scores available are 80 (the lowest scaled score) and 120 (the highest scaled score). To recognise higher attainment in the KS2 tests, a higher standard grade may be awarded. The table below shows the raw scores needed to reach both standards in 2019. However, please note the number of marks needed to meet expected and higher standard changes each year.

	RAW SCORE FOR EXPECTED STANDARD	RAW SCORE FOR HIGHER STANDARD
READING	28	41
GPS	36	55
MATHS	58	95



Final Note

- It is important to understand that to receive a score for a subject, all the papers for that subject must be taken.
- If your child is very ill during this period please contact school at the start of the day, if you feel they could attempt the paper they can come in to school complete the test, then leave school.
- Having early nights and a good breakfast will give your child the best start to the day.
- Please provide your child with a water bottle that they can have on their desk during the tests.
- **We will run a breakfast club during that week to motivate children and give extra time for relaxation and revision.**