



Year 6 SATs 2024  
Presentation for Parents, Carers &  
Guardians

# SATs are the Standardised Assessment Tests that are given to children at the end of Key Stage 2.

## Key stage 2 tests

The statutory [key stage 2 tests](#) are timetabled from Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024:

Date	Activity
Monday 13 May 2024	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May 2024	English reading
Wednesday 15 May 2024	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May 2024	Mathematics paper 3

Writing is assessed using evidence collected throughout Year 6. There is no Year 6 SATs writing test.



# When and how are the SATs are completed?

- The tests take place during normal school hours, under exam conditions. Children will either be in the classroom or DT room. We use both rooms for space.
- Children are not allowed to talk to each other from the moment the assessments are handed out until they are collected at the end of the test.
- After the tests are completed, the papers are sent away to be marked *externally*.
- The results are then sent to the school in July.
- Each test lasts no longer than 60 minutes:
  - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 1: Grammar/ Punctuation) - 45 minutes
  - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 2: Spelling) - 15 minutes
  - Reading - 60 minutes
  - Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) - 30 minutes
  - Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) - 40 minutes
  - Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) - 40 minutes



# The results

Tests are marked externally. Once marked, the tests will be given the following scores:

- A raw score (total number of marks achieved for each paper);
- A scaled score (see below);
- A judgement on if the National Standard has been met.

After marking each test, the external marker will convert the raw score to a scaled score. Even though the tests are made to the same standard each year, the questions must be different. This means the difficulty of the tests may vary. Scaled scores ensures an accurate comparison of performance over time.

Scaled scores range from 80 to 120.

A scaled score of 100 or more shows the pupil is meeting the National Standard.



# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar



Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar consists of two papers.

- Paper 1 focuses on all three elements (spelling, punctuation and grammar). The paper lasts for **45 minutes**. The paper has a total of **50 marks**.
- Paper 2 consists of a spelling test only. It should take approximately **15 minutes**, although this is not a set amount of time (pupils should be given as much time as they need to complete the test). The paper has a total of **20 marks**.

# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Paper 1

This test focuses on:

- Grammatical terms/ word classes;
- Functions of sentences;
- Combining words, phrases and clauses;
- Verb forms, tenses and consistency;
- Punctuation;
- Vocabulary;
- Standard English and formality.

This test requires a range of answer types but does not require longer formal answers.

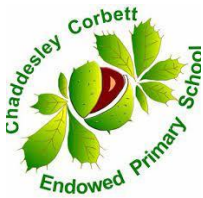


# Reading:

There is one reading test that lasts for 60 minutes. The paper has a total of 50 marks. The test is designed to measure if the children's comprehension of age-appropriate reading material meets the national standard. There are three different set texts for children to read. These could be any combination of non-fiction, fiction and/or poetry.

The test covers the following areas (known as Content Domains):

- Give/explain the meaning of words in context;
- Retrieve and record information/ identify key details from fiction and non-fiction;
- Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph;
- Make inferences from the text/ explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text;
- Predict what might happen from details stated and implied;
- Identify/ explain how information/ narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole;
- Identify/ explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases;
- Make comparisons within the text.



# Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)



The maths arithmetic paper has a total of 40 marks.

The test covers the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, including order of operations requiring BIDMAS), percentages of amounts and calculating with decimals and fractions.

Example question:

<b>23</b>	$\begin{array}{r} 836 \\ \times 27 \\ \hline \end{array}$	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>2 marks</p>
Show your method		

Qu.	Requirement	Mark	Additional guidance
23	<p>Award <b>TWO</b> marks for the correct answer of 22,572</p> <p>If the answer is incorrect, award <b>ONE</b> mark for a formal method of long multiplication with no more than <b>ONE</b> arithmetic error, e.g.</p> <p>•</p> $\begin{array}{r} 836 \\ \times 27 \\ \hline 5852 \\ 16720 \\ \hline 22602 \text{ (error)} \end{array}$ <p>OR</p> <p>•</p> $\begin{array}{r} 836 \\ \times 27 \\ \hline 5612 \text{ (error)} \\ 16720 \\ \hline 22332 \end{array}$	Up to 2m	<p>Working must be carried through to reach a final answer for the award of <b>ONE</b> mark.</p> <p><b>Do not</b> award any marks if the error is in the place value, e.g. the omission of the zero when multiplying by tens:</p> $\begin{array}{r} 836 \\ \times 27 \\ \hline 5852 \\ 1672 \text{ (place value error)} \\ \hline 7524 \end{array}$



# Maths Papers 2 and 3 (Reasoning)

These tests have a total of 35 marks each.

These papers require children to demonstrate their mathematical knowledge and skills, as well as their ability to solve problems and their mathematical reasoning. They cover a wide range of mathematical topics from key stage 2 including,

- Number and place value (including Roman numerals);
- The four operations;
- Geometry (properties of shape, position and direction);
- Statistics;
- Measurement (length, perimeter, mass, volume, time, money);
- Algebra;
- Ratio and proportion;
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.



# Supporting your child in preparing for the SATs

Firstly, a positive attitude goes a long way. Give them as much encouragement and support as you can.

## Tips:

- Talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns rather than worry your child.
- Encourage your child to talk to their teacher or a trusted adult (including yourself) about their anxieties. Don't forget that a small amount of anxiety is normal and not harmful.
- Give your child a quiet, distraction free space to complete homework or study
- Give your child time to go outside and reduce screen time.
- Ensure your child is eating and drinking well and getting a good amount of sleep.
- Read, read and read.



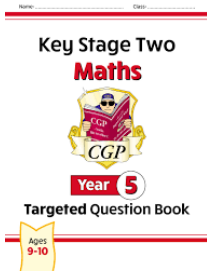
# If you want to do extra revision with your child at home...

- Create a revision timetable that works for you and your child. For some families, 10-to-20-minute activities over a few days works best. For others, a longer study session one day a week might be better.
- Keep revision light. Going over key skills (times tables, real world mental maths as you are shopping or cooking) is a good way to keep revision light.

Please make sure that prep work at home does not include doing past SATS papers! We use these in school for our revision.



# Resources you might find helpful...



GCP sell lots of revision and practice books for you to use at home.

# SATS Week

Plan something nice and fun for the weekends before and after SATs. This will help them to relax before the SATs and give them something to look forward to after.

Please make sure children are in school early or on time to ensure smooth transition. We offer breakfast on those 4 days from 8.30am in DT room.

## Things to remember about SATs

SATs focus on what children know about Maths and English.

They will not reflect how talented they are at science, geography, art, PE..., and they certainly won't highlight all of their amazing personal characteristics.

SATs don't tell the whole story.

Their results will say if they did or did not meet a certain standard but not necessarily by what margin. These thresholds change each year according to the overall national performance, so what was classed as 'meeting the expected standard' this year might not be the same as last year.

SATs are only four days out of a whole Primary School career.

In reality, there's one or two papers each day that last 30 to 60 minutes.



Any questions?

