

Central Primary Year 6 SATs Information 2025

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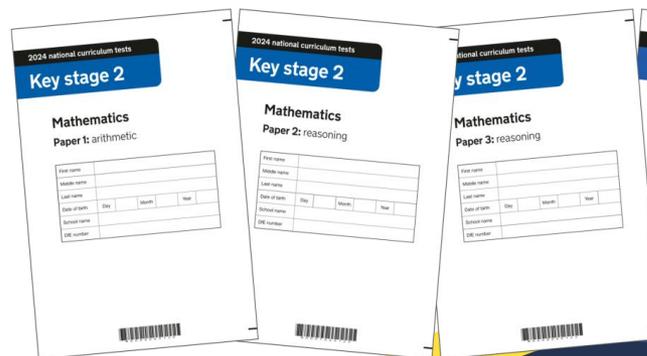
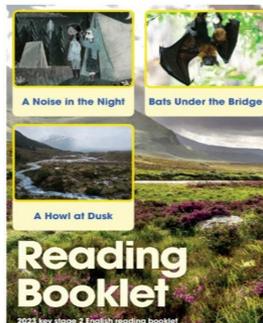
What Are the Year 6 SATs?

The Year 6 SATs are national assessments taken by all pupils in England each May. They check how well children have learned the Key Stage 2 curriculum.

Children will sit tests in:

- Reading
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS)
- Mathematics

There is no test for writing. Instead, writing is judged by teachers using evidence gathered across the whole school year.



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SATs Week Timetable

Key Stage 2 SATs take place nationally in the week commencing
Monday 11th May 2026.

- Children will sit the following national tests:

Monday 11 May	Tuesday 12 May	Wednesday 13 May	Thursday 14 May
Grammar Punctuation and Spelling Paper 1	Reading	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)
Grammar Punctuation and Spelling Paper 2		Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)	

- Writing is assessed using evidence collected by your child's teacher throughout Year 6, so there is no Year 6 SATs writing test.

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Year 6 Reading SAT

*The reading test is one exam paper made up of three separate texts.
Children have 60 minutes to read the texts and answer all the questions.
The paper is worth 50 marks in total.*

*The questions check how well children understand what they have read.
This includes:*

- *Comprehension,*
- *Inference and deduction (working out meaning that isn't directly stated)*

Question types vary and may include:

- *Multiple-choice or selected responses*
- *Short written answers*
- *Longer, more detailed explanations*



Year 6 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling SAT

2023 national curriculum tests

Key stage 2

English grammar,
punctuation and spelling

Paper 1: questions

First name				
Male name				
Last name				
Date of birth	Day	Month	Year	
Subject name				
UIC number				

The GPS assessment is made up of two separate tests:

1. Spelling Test

- Children complete a spelling test of 20 words.
- This takes around 15 minutes.

2. Grammar, Punctuation and Vocabulary Test

- This is a written test lasting 45 minutes.
- It includes short-answer questions, some of which are multiple choice.

The marks from both tests are combined to give one overall score for Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS).

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Year 6 Mathematics SATs

Children sit three maths papers, which together cover all of the Key Stage 2 curriculum.

Paper 1 – Arithmetic

This test lasts 30 minutes.

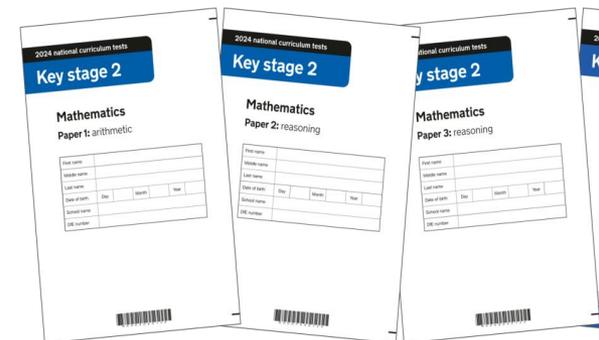
It assesses quick recall of number facts and accuracy in both mental and written calculations.

Questions include addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, as well as work with fractions, percentages and decimals.

Papers 2 and 3 – Reasoning

These papers each last 40 minutes.

They assess children's fluency, reasoning and problem-solving across the full KS2 maths curriculum.



Prioritising Maths Content

<i>Topics Given High Priority</i>	<i>Topics Given Medium Priority</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>Fractions, decimals and percentages</i>● <i>Multiplication and division</i> <i>Multi-step reasoning problems</i>● <i>Number and place value</i>● <i>Fraction/decimal/percentage conversions</i>● <i>Efficient calculation strategies</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>Algebra</i>● <i>Ratio and proportion</i>● <i>Angle reasoning</i>● <i>Measurement conversions</i>

Example Reading Questions

Reading Paper

3

(a) Who knocked on the door?

1 mark

(b) How can you tell this person was in a good mood?

1 mark

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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. _____

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Example Paper 1 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Questions

4

Which sentence must end with a **question mark**?

Tick **one**.

Shall we go round the fitness trail in the park

We could go tomorrow if you like

What I really like is the rope bridge

Let me know what you would like to do

1 mark

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11

Circle the correct **verb form** in each underlined pair to complete the passage below.

William Shakespeare, the famous writer, is / was born in Stratford-upon-Avon in 1564 and later will move / moved to London where he will become / became an actor. Even today, Shakespeare's plays are performed / performed around the world.

1 mark

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Example Maths Questions

3 $10 + \boxed{} = 302$

1 mark

14 $3.005 + 6.12 =$

1 mark

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Understanding SATs Scores

- Each child gets a raw score (marks achieved) and a scaled score.
- Scaled scores range from 80–120.
- 100 = national standard (expected level).
- 110+ = higher standard (greater depth).
- Results show whether your child has met, exceeded, or is working towards the standard.

Specific Arrangements for individual children

Some children require specific arrangements to support them to access assessments to the best of their ability. This will be part of usual classroom practice and not something new to access SATs.

Specific access arrangements include:

- Additional (extra) time;*
- An adult to read for them;*
- An adult to scribe (write) for them;*
- Written or spoken translations of the mathematics papers;*
- The use of prompts or rest breaks;*

How Adults Can Help at Home

Reassurance is key: Encourage your child, remind them there is nothing to worry about, and celebrate their effort.

Good attendance: Being in school every day makes a big difference to confidence and progress.

Homework support: Help your child complete any tasks sent home.

Keep practising the basics: Reading regularly, learning spellings and revising arithmetic skills are all valuable.

Healthy routines: Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and enjoys a healthy breakfast each morning so they can start the day ready to learn.



Supporting Reading at Home

Nurture a love of reading: The most important thing is helping your child enjoy books and stories.

Read together: Sharing stories is just as valuable as listening to your child read aloud.

Talk about what you read: Discuss the plot, characters, feelings, actions and your own reactions. Encourage your child to predict what might happen and share their own opinions.

Explore new vocabulary: Look up unfamiliar words together using a dictionary, the internet or an app.

Value all types of reading: It doesn't have to be storybooks—non-fiction, poems, magazines, newspapers, football programmes and TV guides all count.

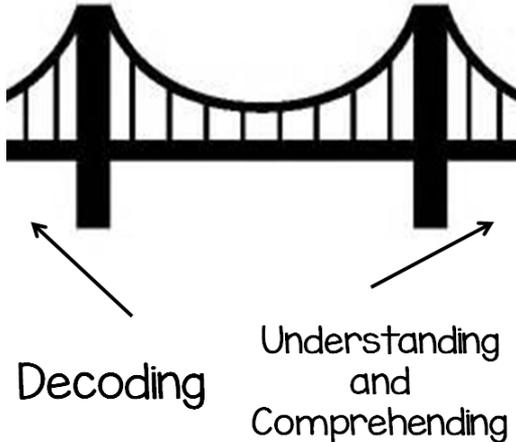
Use your local library: It's free to join, and members can use the BorrowBox app to access free audiobooks and ebooks.



Why Keep Reading With Your Child?

FLUENCY

*the bridge
between...*



As children become more confident readers, it can be easy to assume they no longer need to read with an adult. While independent reading is important, hearing your child read is still highly beneficial.

- *Listening to them read helps build fluency, accuracy and confidence.*
- *Reading to your child is equally valuable, as they hear what fluent, expressive reading sounds like.*
- *Encouraging your child to read a short passage **more than once** can also strengthen fluency and understanding.*

Sharing reading together continues to make a real difference—even in the later years of primary school.

Supporting Writing at Home

- *Practise weekly spellings in fun, engaging ways to help them stick.*
- *Encourage handwriting, giving your child chances to write by hand rather than always using technology.*
- *Create real writing opportunities: letters to family or friends, shopping lists, notes, reminders, stories or poems all help build confidence.*
- *Use a dictionary and thesaurus to check spellings, explore synonyms and broaden vocabulary.*
- *Link reading to writing: Great readers make great writers. When reading together, notice interesting vocabulary, sentence structures and punctuation.*



Supporting Maths at Home

- *Practise multiplication and division facts: Encourage your child to learn these by heart so they can recall them quickly and confidently.*
- *Play mental maths games: Quick-fire addition and subtraction games help build speed and accuracy.*
- *Use real-life maths: Look for everyday opportunities to explore maths together—cooking, measuring, using money, telling the time, or shopping all provide valuable practice.*
- *Support Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS): Regular practice helps strengthen recall. You can use the heatmaps to identify which facts your child needs to focus on.*
- *Use revision resources: SATs revision guides can be a helpful support at home.*
- *Explore helpful websites: Tools such as MathsBot offer free practice, activities and explanations to build confidence.*



Practical Reminders for SATs Week

- Support a calm start to each day and ensure your child arrives at school on time.
- Breakfast Club is available if it helps your child begin the morning positively.
- Please make sure your child brings a water bottle each day.
- PE will take place on Fridays only during this period, so children should wear uniform from Monday to Thursday.
- If your child is unwell and unable to attend, please contact school as soon as possible.
- If you feel your child needs any extra support before or during SATs week, speak to the class teacher so we can help.

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