Year 6 SATS Information for Parent and Carers 2026.







What are the SATS tests?



- The end of KS2 assessments are sometimes informally referred to as 'SATS'. (Statutory Assessment Tests) They are provided for Y6 pupils in England. Not all children will take all the tests; some children may be working below the level of accessing them. If this is the case, we will talk to you about this beforehand.

- SATS week across the country begins on 11th May 2026.
- 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 over a longer period of time.

Pupils will complete SATS test papers in -

- English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (SPAG)
- Reading
- Mathematical Arithmetic (Mathematics paper 1).
- Mathematical Reasoning (Mathematics paper 2&3).

How do the tests take place?

- The tests all take place in normal school time, under test conditions.
- Some children will be sat in the hall and others in the clubroom. This is to help with staff and space.
- Pupils will not be allowed to talk to each other during the tests.
- The completed papers are sent away to be marked externally and results are returned to school in July.

2026 SATS timetable

Don't forget! – SATS breakfast at 8am Monday - Thursday.

KS2 Year 6 SATs Dates - May 2026

Date	Test
Monday 11th May 2026	Grammar & Punctuation test - 45 minutes Spelling Test - 20 minutes
Tuesday 12th May 2026	English Reading Test - 60 minutes
Wednesday 13th May 2026	Mathematics Arithmetics (Paper 1) - 30 minutes Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2) - 40 minutes
Thursday 14th May 2026	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3) - 40 minutes

How are the tests graded?

- 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 or more represents the pupil has met the national standard. The lowest scaled score 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.

- 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.

The Reading Test

- The test assesses whether pupils' comprehension of age appropriate texts meets the national standard. There will be numerous questions on inference, vocabulary an authorial choice.
- 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.



- Questions are focused around the following areas (called '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
- There are a range of answer types, including multiple choice, short one-word answers and longer answers that require a written paragraph.

Examples of the reading test.

9 Look at Anousheh's blog entry for September 27th.

Explain how Anousheh felt about being in space that day.

2 marks

18 *Gentle, and small, and frail*

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
Anousheh Ansari kept an online diary.		
Brushing your teeth in space is a joy.		
Being weightless is endlessly entertaining.		
Tourists can stay on the International Space Station.		

1 mark

25 Circle the correct option to complete each sentence below.

(a) The story is told from the perspective of…

Professor Summerlee. **Lord John.** **Malone.** **Professor Challenger.**

1 mark

The Grammar Punctuation and Spelling Tests



- There are two tests: a short spelling test and a longer paper testing grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.
- The spelling test lasts approximately 15 minutes and pupils will need to spell words in context by filling in the gaps in sentences.
- The grammar, punctuation and vocabulary test lasts for 45 minutes.

- Pupils need a good working knowledge of technical vocabulary used to describe grammatical terms and punctuation marks.

- Questions in the grammar test are focused around the following areas (called 'content domains'):
- Grammatical terms/word classes, functions of sentences, combining words, phrases and clauses, standard English and formality, verb forms, tenses and consistency, punctuation and vocabulary.

- 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.

Examples of the GPS test.

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.



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 <u>where my father works</u>.

Tick **one**.

- as a preposition phrase ☐
- as a relative clause ☐
- as a main clause ☐
- as a noun phrase ☐

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.

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1 mark

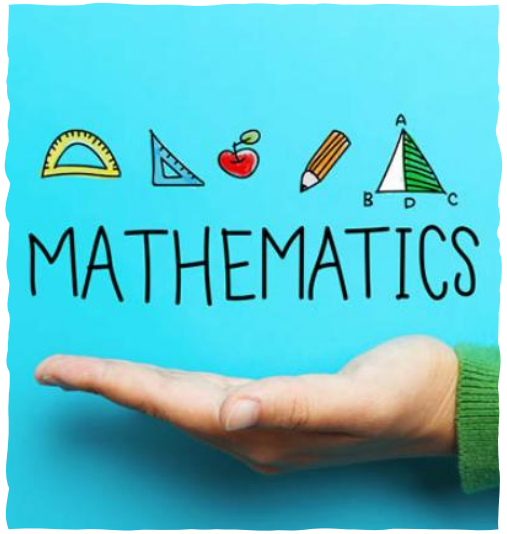
48 Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

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

1 mark

The Maths Tests.

- 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 as well as fractions, decimals and percentages.
- Papers 2 & 3 (reasoning) last 40 minutes each and focus on problem solving, fluency and applying mathematical reasoning.
- Questions cover the following areas (called 'content domains'):
  - Number and place value
  - Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division (calculations)
  - Geometry – properties of shapes
  - Geometry – position and direction
  - Statistics
  - Measurement
  - Algebra
  - Ratio and proportion
  - Fractions, decimals and percentages.

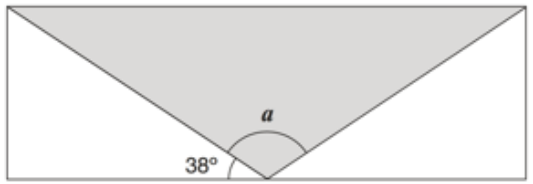


Examples of the Maths test.

21 7,505 ÷ 5 =

1 mark

15 A shaded **isosceles** triangle is drawn inside a rectangle.



Not to scale

Calculate the size of angle ***a***.

19 The area of a rugby pitch is 6,108 square metres.

A football pitch measures 112 metres long and 82 metres wide.

How much larger is the area of the football pitch than the area of the rugby pitch?

ingredients for chocolate ice cream.

cream	400 ml
milk	500 ml
egg yolks	4
chocolate	120 g
sugar	100 g



Stefan has only 300ml of cream to make chocolate ice cream.

How much **chocolate** should he use?

Other Assessments

There is no writing SATS test.

Writing assessments will be formed from judgements made by the teacher, looking at evidence from writing 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.

How you can help!



- Help your child to have early nights and a healthy diet.
- Help your child to have the best possible attendance at school.
- Ensure your child attends booster sessions if they have been invited to join.
- Please speak to a member of staff if you have questions or concerns.
- Help children not to feel worried or pressured about SATS. They only have to try their best, and nothing more. Please reassure children that the SATS should NOT be causing anxiety. Do give lots of praise and encouragement!
- Help children with organising their homework and support their reading for pleasure activities.
- Bring them to the SATS breakfast club…they love it!!