

YEAR 6 SATs 2025 PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS, CARERS & GUARDIANS



WHAT ARE THE SATs?

- SATs are the Standardised Assessment Tests that are given to children at the end of Key Stage 2.
- The SATs take place over four days, starting on Monday 12th May ending on Thursday 15th May.
- The SATs papers consist of:
 - Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Paper 1 Monday 12th May Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 2 - Monday 12th May
 - English Reading Tuesday 13th May
 - Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Wednesday 14th May
 - Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) Wednesday 14th May
 - Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) Thursday 15th May
- Writing is assessed using evidence collected throughout Year 6. There is no Year 6 SATs writing test.



WHEN AND HOW THE SATs ARE COMPLETED

- The tests take place during normal school hours, under exam conditions.
- 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 last longer no longer than 60 minutes:
 - Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Paper 1 (Grammar/punctuation) 45 minutes
 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Paper 2 (Spelling) 15 minutes
 - English 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 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 score ensures an accurate comparison of performance over time.

Scaled Scores range from 80 to 120.

A Scaled Score of 100 or more shows the pupils is meeting the National Standard.

English reading

Raw score	Scaled score
0-2	No scaled score
3	82
4	83
5	84
6	86
7	87
8	88
9	89
10	90
11	91
12	92
13	92
14	93
15	94
16	95
17	95
18	96
19	97
20	97

Raw score	Scaled score
21	98
22	99
23	99
24	100
25	101
26	101
27	102
28	103
29	103
30	104
31	105
32	105
33	106
34	107
35	108
36	108
37	109
38	110
39	111
40	112

Raw score	Scaled score
41	113
42	114
43	115
44	116
45	118
46	119
47	120
48	120
49	120
50	120

Mathematics

Raw score	Scaled score
0-2	No scaled score
3	80
4	80
5	80
6	81
7	82
8	83
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10	84
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Raw score	Scaled score
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83	106
84	106
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104	115
105	116
106	117
107	118
108	119
109	120
110	120

English grammar, punctuation and spelling

Raw score	Scaled score
0-2	No scaled score
3	80
4	81
5	82
6 7	83
7	84
8	85
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10	86
11	87
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Raw score	Scaled score
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Raw score	Scaled score
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66	120
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68	120
69	120
70	120



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.
- Paper 2 consists of a Spelling test only. It should take approximately 15 minutes, although this is not a set amount of time.



SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR: Paper 1

The children have been working hard on developing and securing their knowledge of the technical vocabulary needed in this test.

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.



SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR: Paper 1

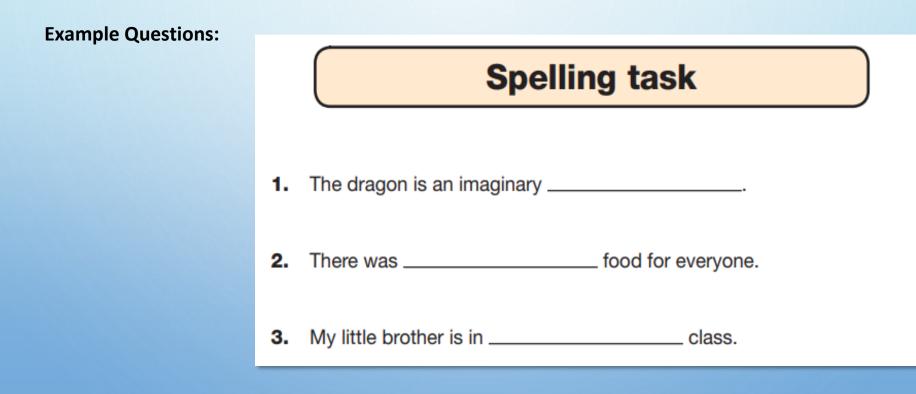
Example Questions:

1	Tick the sentence that must end with a question	n mark. Tick one.						
	The teacher asked them what they were doing I wonder what time the next train arrives Did she play tennis on your team last year He asked if he could use my pen		1 mark	8	Insert a relative pronoun to con e.g. th Everyone loved the music	nat, whi	ich	1 mark
				nas and Lily we nas and Lily we tence is a	re coming to	1 mark		



SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR: Paper 2

Paper 2 is a shorter paper that focuses solely on Spellings.





ENGLISH READING - Tuesday 13th May

There is one reading test that lasts for **60 MINUTES.**

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 comparison within the text.



ENGLISH READING

The reading SATs paper requires a range of answer styles.

Example Questions:

Questions 1-13 are about The Park (pages 4-5)

What is Ajay doing when the post arrives?

Ajay was just about to tuck into his tea and toast dripping in sour rhubarb jam when there was a loud clatter from the letterbox as an important-looking brown envelope landed on the mat. 'Bit early for the post isn't it?' Mum said. 'Ooh, it says Special Delivery.' Mum opened it, and unfolded the letter.

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
1	What is Ajay doing when the post arrives?	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	 just about to tuck into his tea and toast having his breakfast drinking tea. 	

1 mark



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ENGLISH READING

Example Questions:

Bases on text 2: Fact sheet: About Bumblebees



Buzz pollination

Only bumblebees are capable of buzz pollination. This is when the bee grabs the flower and produces a high-pitched buzz. This releases pollen that would otherwise stay trapped inside. Key ingredients in our diet such as tomatoes are pollinated in this way. Many other common foods such as beans and peas would also be harder to produce and much more expensive without British bumblebees.

In what way is <i>buzz pollination</i> more useful than other forms of pollination?				
	_	Qu	. Requirement	Mark
	1 mark	19	In what way is <i>buzz pollination</i> more useful than other forms of pollination?	1m
			Content domain: 2b - retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
			Award 1 mark for reference to either of the following:	
			1. it releases pollen that would otherwise stay inside the flower, e.g.	
			 because it releases trapped pollen that they wouldn't have been able to get out 	
			• it makes a buzz that gets more pollen than other bees do	
			it helps release more pollen.	
			2. key produce is more expensive / harder to get without it, e.g.	
			• it makes some vegetables we eat easier to produce and sell a lot cheaper	
			• it means we can buy more common foods cheaper	
			• it would be harder to grow beans.	



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ENGLISH READING

Example Questions: Based on text 3: Music Box

What impressions do you get of Piper's house?

Give $\ensuremath{\text{two}}$ impressions, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

Impression	Evidence
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Qu.	Requirement		Mark
32	What impressions do you get of Piper's house? Give two impressions, using evidence from the text to support your answer. Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text		Up to 3m
	Acceptable points (impressions) Likely evidence		
	1. it is rickety / old	there are widening cracks in the planks in the ceiling	
	2. it is small / tiny	she wishes she had a bigger work spaceshe has to eat at the same table that she works at	
	3. it is warm / cosy • there is a fire / stove • comfortable nest 4. it is untidy / cluttered • Piston rings, bolts, and cylinders littered its surface 5. it is old fashioned • no electricity / kerosene lamps / cast-iron stove 6. it is isolated • it is situated among fields • to go outside and watch the fields		
	7. it is safe • the storm coming outside is dangerous		
 Award 3 marks for two acceptable points, at least one with evidence. Award 2 marks for either two acceptable points, or one acceptable point with evidence. Award 1 mark for one acceptable point. 			



ENGLISH READING

Since the current testing formation for the SATs began in 2016, there has been a tendency for three types of questions to be the most popular.

In the 2023 reading SATs paper,

- 18% of marks could be gained from answering questions, involving giving and explaining the meaning of words in context (2a Vocabulary);
- 32% of marks could be gained from answering questions, involving retrieving and recording information or identifying key details from a text (2b Retrieval);
- 46% of marks could be gained from answering questions, involving making inferences from a text and justifying inferences with text evidence (2d Inference).

When reading with your child at home try focusing on these types of questions.



MATHS - Wednesday 14th May and 15th May

The Maths assessments consist of three tests.

Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) - Wednesday 14th May

Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) - Wednesday 14th May

Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) - Thursday 15th May

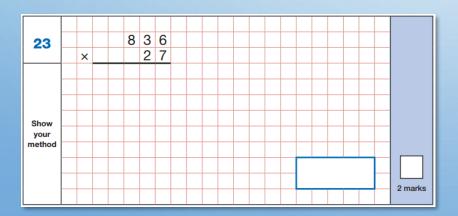




The Maths Arithmetic paper has a total of 40 MARKS.

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.

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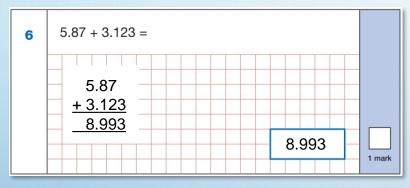


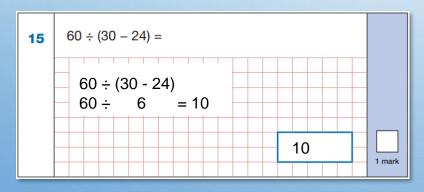
Qu.	Requirement	Mark	Additional guidance
23	Award TWO marks for the correct answer of 22,572 If the answer is incorrect, award ONE mark for a formal method of long multiplication with no more than ONE arithmetic error, e.g. • 836 $\times \frac{27}{5852}$ <u>16720</u> 22602 (error) OR • 836 $\times \frac{27}{5612}$ (error) 16720	Up to 2m	Additional guidance Working must be carried through to reach a final answer for the award of ONE mark. Do not award any marks if the error is in the place value, e.g. the omission of the zero when multiplying by tens: $ \frac{836}{\times \frac{27}{5852}} = \frac{1672}{5852} (place value error) = \frac{1672}{7524} (place value error) = \frac{1672}{754} (place value error) =$
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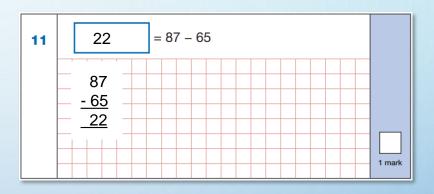


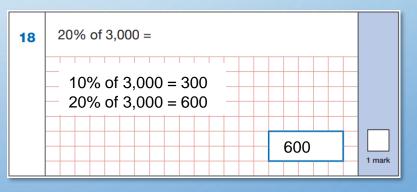
MATHS Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

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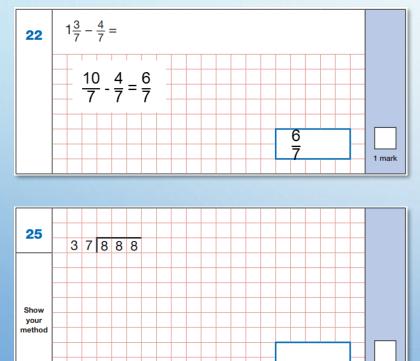




MATHS Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

2 marks

Example Questions:



Qu.	Requirement	Mark	Additional guidance
25	Award TWO marks for the correct answer of 24	Up to 2m	
	If the answer is incorrect, award ONE mark for the formal methods of division with no more than ONE arithmetic error, i.e.		Working must be carried through to reach a final answer for the award of ONE mark.
	 long division algorithm, e.g. 		
	$ \begin{array}{r} 23 r29 \\ 37 [888 - \frac{740}{140} \\ - \frac{740}{140} \\ - \frac{111}{29} \end{array} $		
	OR		
	$ \begin{array}{r} $		
	 short division algorithm, e.g. 2 3 r27 (error) 37 88¹⁴8 		Short division methods must be supported by evidence of appropriate carrying figures to indicate the use of a division algorithm, and be a complete method. The carrying figure must be less than the divisor.



MATHS PAPERS 2 AND 3 (REASONING)

Paper 2 will take place on Wednesday 14th May and Paper 3 will take place on Thursday 15th May. 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.



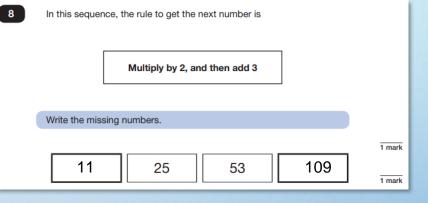
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MATHS PAPERS 2 (REASONING)

Example Questions:

Jack pours some dark paint into a container.

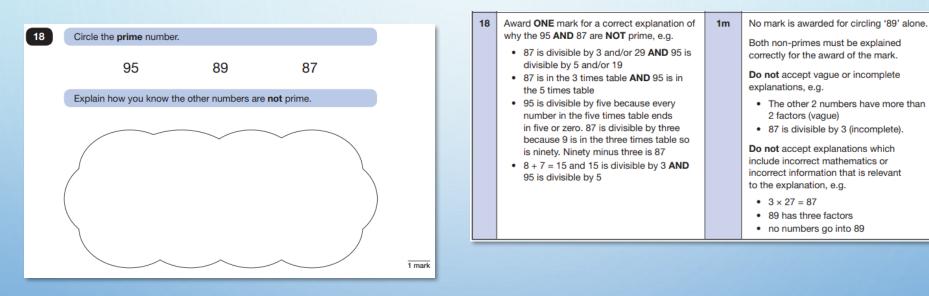






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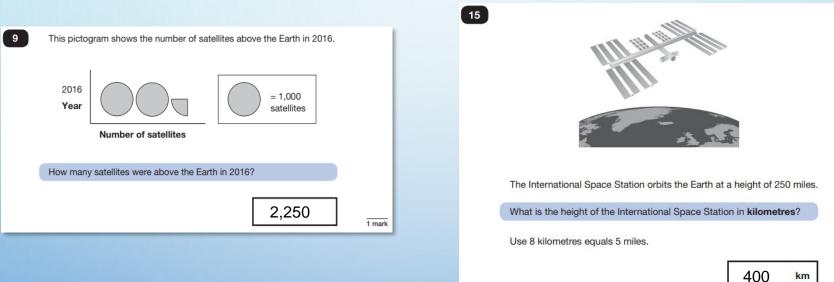
Example Question:





MATHS PAPERS 3 (REASONING)

Example Questions:

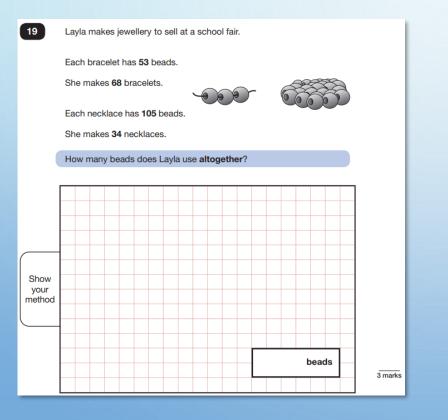


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MATHS PAPERS 3 (REASONING)

Example Question:



Qu.	Requirement	Mark	Additional guidance
19	Award THREE marks for the correct answer of 7,174	Up to 3m	
	If the answer is incorrect, award TWO marks for: • evidence of an appropriate complete method which contains no more than one arithmetic error, e.g. 53 105 $\times -\frac{68}{3504} \times -\frac{34}{3570}$ 2.504 + 2.570 - 7.074		
	3,504 + 3,570 = 7,074 Award ONE mark for: • evidence of an appropriate method with more than one arithmetic error. OR • sight of 3,604 as evidence of long multiplication step (68 × 53) completed correctly. OR • sight of 3,570 as evidence of long multiplication step (105 × 34) completed correctly.		Answer need not be obtained for the award of ONE mark. A misread of a number may affect the award of marks. No marks are awarded if there is more than one misread or if the mathematics is simplified. TWO marks will be awarded if an appropriate method with the misread number is followed through correctly. ONE mark will be awarded for evidence of an appropriate method with the misread number followed through correctly with no more than one arithmetic error.



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD IN PREPARING FOR THE SATs

A positive attitude can make all the difference! Offer as much encouragement and support as possible (but we know you're already doing that!).

Tips:

- Avoid using past papers for practice, as these are typically used in school for SATs preparation.
- Make sure your child attends school every day during SATs week.
- If you have any concerns, talk to me directly instead of worrying your child.
- Encourage your child to speak to a teacher or trusted adult (including you) if they're feeling anxious. Remember, a small amount of anxiety is normal and not harmful.
- Create a quiet, distraction-free space for your child to study or complete homework.
- Encourage outdoor activities and reduce screen time to help them unwind.
- Ensure your child is eating well, staying hydrated, and getting plenty of rest.
- Plan something fun and relaxing for the weekend before and after the SATs. This gives ²⁶



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Further Tips:

- Review key skills like times tables or real-world mental math (e.g., while shopping or cooking). This helps keep revision light and practical.
- As mentioned earlier, avoid using past papers. There are plenty of free or affordable SATs practice materials available for parents.
- If you want to support your child's maths learning at home, many excellent websites offer free Year 6 revision resources, such as BBC Revision or Oak National Academy.



THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT SATs

SATs: Understanding What They Really Measure

SATs primarily focus on what children know about Maths and English. They do not reflect their talents in subjects like Science, Geography, Art, or PE, nor do they highlight the many amazing personal qualities your child possesses.

SATs don't tell the full story.

The results will show whether or not your child met a certain standard, but they won't reveal by how much. These thresholds can vary each year based on national performance, so what qualifies as "meeting the expected standard" this year may be different from last year.

SATs are just four days in a child's entire primary school journey.

In reality, there are only one or two short papers each day, lasting between 30 to 60 minutes.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILD

It's normal for SATs to cause some degree of worry or anxiety, but it's important to recognise when it goes too far.

SATs anxiety should not:

- Affect your child's appetite
- Disrupt your child's sleep
- Change your child's personality
- Lead to panic, tears, or disengagement from lessons
- Be a reason for your child to avoid school

If any of these signs are present, it may indicate that SATs anxiety is becoming excessive and additional support could be helpful. This isn't about taking away the reality of SATs but about helping your 10 or 11-year-old develop the skills to manage the stress in a healthy way.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILD

TELL US

Sometimes concerns present at home and not at school. If you notice a change in your child, talk to the school so that everyone concerned can offer the support needed.

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

Talk to your child about what aspect of SATs concerns them most. If you can help them pinpoint what is bothering them the most, you can take specific steps to help reassure them.

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO TALK TO THEIR TEACHER

SATs are obviously linked to school. Don't be surprised if your child would prefer seek reassurance from teachers over family members.

TRY NOT TO PROJECT YOUR OWN ANXIETIES OR VIEWS ABOUT THE SATS

Children can be very intuitive. If they see that you are anxious, this could add to their own anxieties.



ADVICE FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

- Listen to your teacher.
- The adults you work with want you to do your best.
- Get plenty of sleep and eat well, this will help your brain.
- Read all the questions carefully, this can help avoid silly mistakes.
- Check no pages are stuck together!
- Don't panic. There may be questions you think you can't answer. Take a deep breath. Read it again. You can always move on and go back to it later. It's often better to write something rather than nothing.
- Remember that the Year 6 SATs last for 4 days out of your whole life!

"STAY FOCUSED IN CLASS SO YOU DON'T HAVE LOADS OF EXTRA STUDYING TO DO AT HOME!" YEAR 7 PUPIL'S ADVICE.





Monday May 12th	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday May 13th	Reading
Wednesday May 14th	Mathematics paper 1 (arithmetic) and paper 2 (reasoning)
Thursday May 15th	Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)