

Welcome to the Year 6 SATs talk



What are SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests) for?

SATs help teachers learn more about the strengths and weaknesses of individual students in relation to a subject.

Teachers use the tests to measure how well each child is doing in relation to their peers, both in their school and across the country.

The results can also show how a child has changed and improved from one Key Stage to another; comparisons between the most and least able children help teachers to see which children need additional support.

The SATs results are important for both the school and your child. Secondary schools use the SATs results to predict their future GCSE grades.

Does my child have to take the tests?

In England, the Key Stage 2 tests are compulsory for all primary school students in Year 6.

What do the tests involve?

Children are tested only on what they have been learning at school.

The tests take place in the week commencing Monday 11th May 2019.

Your child will sit quietly (in exam conditions) in either their usual classroom or a quiet room.

It is really important that they are in school every day this week!

Monday 11 th	Tuesday 12 th	Wednesday 13 th	Thursday 14 th	Friday 15 th
Spelling and Grammar	Reading	Maths Papers 1 and 2	Maths Paper 3	Science

Teacher assessment will cover speaking and listening and English writing composition, so your child's result for English writing will be a judgement of their work across Year 6.

This will be submitted on or around the **26th June 2019**. Their portfolio of writing may be moderated by county moderators between the end of May and this date.

Year 6 English SATs

The KS2 Reading SATs test is one paper based on reading comprehension of usually three texts, with a total of up to 50 questions and takes an hour.

The KS2 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling SATs test (informally known as the SPAG test) covers sentence grammar, punctuation, vocabulary and spelling.

- Paper 1 is made up of 40 to 50 short questions covering punctuation, spelling and vocabulary and takes 45 minutes.
- Paper 2 is a spelling test with 20 questions and takes approximately 20 minutes (but can take as long as the children need).

Year 6 Maths SATs (total of 3 papers)

- Paper 1 is an arithmetic test with about 40 questions and takes 30 minutes.
- Papers 2 and 3 are reasoning tests and each take 40 minutes.

How will your child be helped to prepare for the tests?

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- Your child will have covered all the tested subjects in the classroom.
- We often use past papers and sample papers so children can practise the kind of questions they may need to answer, and in the kind of environment in which they'll complete the test. This will help your child feel more comfortable with the tests, and teach them good exam-taking habits which they can use throughout their education.
- Some children will be offered additional learning opportunities in school to support them with any specific areas for development.
- For the first time we are offering parent and child booster sessions – to give you tips on how to support your child's learning.
- Individual access arrangements are made if needed.

Parent and Child Booster Sessions

Aims:

1. To show you the way in which we teach different aspects of the curriculum, so that you can use the same strategies at home.
2. To give you an idea of the 'pitch' of the curriculum we are teaching in our lessons.
3. To allow you an opportunity to see the kinds of questions the children will answer in a SAT.
4. To allow you to ask any questions about the curriculum content.

Dates

All sessions run from 2.45 – 3.15pm

Session Title	Date
Arithmetic	28.11.19
Maths Reasoning	9.1.20
Reading comprehension and fluency	23.1.20
Successful Spelling	11.2.20
Grammar and writing	27.2.20

CGP papers

CGP create educational resources to support children with their learning.

At the back of the room, there are examples of packs made by CGP to help support children with their learning and prepare individuals for the SATs. These booklets are of a similar format to the SATs papers.

These can be purchased today at a reduced fee or you may choose to visit their website to browse additional educational resources.

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/School>

Preferably payment to be made online, but if not exact money please or a cheque made payable to Killigrew Primary School.

Schoolcomms is now set up for parents to pay for the books/papers. The final day to order books/papers is Monday 2nd December 2019.

SATs results

You will get a copy of your child's SATs results alongside the end of year school report.

This can sometimes be confusing as you may get a raw score alongside a scaled score.

The comparison of the raw score and the scaled score changes every year dependent on how the children perform nationally.

For example one year's reading SAT had a 'pass mark' for age related expectations of 26 **raw score** and this had a **scaled score** of a 100.

English reading	
Raw score	Scaled score
17	93
18	94
19	94
20	95
21	96
22	97
23	97
24	98
25	99
26	100
27	100
28	101
29	102
30	103
31	103
32	104
33	105

English reading	
Raw score	Scaled score
34	106
35	107
36	108
37	108
38	109
39	110
40	112
41	113
42	114
43	115
44	116
45	118
46	119
47	120
48	120
49	120
50	120

Raw score – the number of marks your child got in each paper

Scaled score – a converted score based on your child's raw score that allows results to be compared year on year

So your child's sheet may look like this:

Reading

Working towards age related expectations may look like this:

Score 19

Scaled Score 96

Working towards age related expectations

Or if your child is working at age related expectations it may look like this:

Score 26

Scaled Score 100

Working at age related expectations

Or if your child is working at greater depth it may look like this:

Score 37

Scaled Score 113

Working at greater depth

Ways to help your child prepare

- CGP booklets for rehearsal
- Attending the parent and child revision sessions
- Spelling practise daily - homework and also using the colour coded spelling patterns and statutory word lists which can be found on - <http://www.killigrew.herts.sch.uk/parents-area/forms-information/>
- Reading at home(20 minutes a day)- reading a variety of genres (please see recommended reading list)
- Completing all homework to a high standard
- Ready for school (equipment, learning attitude, not tired)

SATs breakfast

During the week commencing 11th May, we will have an open door policy where children are welcome in school from 8:20am. We will provide a variety of juices and a small breakfast pastry. This will be an opportunity for children to socialise, relax and ask any additional questions that they might have.

Week of SATs and weekend before

We encourage all children to continue to enjoy all their regular activities and keep their week as normal as possible. Children will be feeling tired; therefore, sleep is of great importance before the week begins and during the week of the SATs.