

Standard Assessment Tests 2015

The SATs tests are an important part of the end of Primary School and are statutory. The papers are sent away for marking, before being returned to school for us to check for accuracy. The tests provide a snapshot of your child's progress at that moment. They cannot be 'passed' or 'failed'; they simply provide a 'level' for your child's attainment.

The KS2 SATs will take place between Monday 11th May and Thursday 14th May 2015. The children will complete the following tests during this week:

- Reading test
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar test
- Two non-calculator Maths tests
- A Mental Maths test

In addition to these tests, some children may be asked to sit the Level 6 tests.

What do the levels actually mean?

By the end of Year 6, the majority of children will achieve a Level 4. Some children may not be quite at this level yet and may be working at Level 3 or below. Others may be working beyond the nationally expected level of attainment and may achieve a Level 5. For some pupils, a Level 3 may be a real achievement. It is worth bearing in mind that achievement is relative based upon the pupils' starting points. A very small percentage may be entered for Level 6 tests which take place during the same week, but this will be discussed with you by your child's class teacher if this is the case.

The tests are carried out in the familiar surroundings of classrooms and our group rooms, with sensitivity and a very positive environment conducive to their learning.

There are a number of ways in which you can help your child, in order to both achieve their best and feel confident as we get closer to SATs:

- Please continue reading with your child every day; reading and understanding the questions is key for these tests and for life!
- Quick mental maths at home, especially of the times tables, is very important. All of the children sitting the papers should know each times table up to 12 by Year 6. Please see Mr Marsh if you need additional support at home with this.
- Encourage them to complete their homework regularly.

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- Check your child can tell the time accurately, so that they have an awareness of how much time is left during the tests.
- Finally, utilise the many fantastic websites for further revision.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/> - fun games and activities for both Maths and Literacy

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/> - a great site for all-round revision

<http://www.spellingcity.com/churchlane/> - a fantastic spelling website set-up by another Year 6 teacher

https://www.cgpbbooks.co.uk/interactive_ks2 - tests and games for all subjects

<http://durham.schooljotter.com/coxhoe/Curriculum+Links> - another great school website with games

TIMETABLE FOR THE WEEK

Date	Level 3-5 Tests	Level 6 Tests
Monday 11 May	English reading test One hour	English Reading Test
Tuesday 12 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling test	English grammar, punctuation and spelling test
Wednesday 13 May	Mental mathematics test 20 minutes Mathematics – Test A 45 minutes	
Thursday 14 May	Mathematics – Test B 45 minutes	Mathematics – Paper 1 30 minutes Mathematics – Paper 2 30 minutes

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does my child have to take the tests?

In short, yes. If the school believes that your child is working within the range of the tests (ie Levels 3-5) then the DfE state that the assessments are statutory

What happens if my child is ill on the day of the test?

If it is something minor, we would suggest for your child to come in and sit the test, before returning home. It can be arranged for your child to take the tests away from other pupils if this is required. For more serious cases where it is clear the child cannot attend school, we apply to the DfE for your child to sit the test on a different day to their peers.

How will the school prepare my child for the test week?

As you would expect from us, we will be supporting your child to achieve all that they can. We will be revising key points in lesson and the children will be learning from previous tests so that they understand the format of the tests. Most importantly, we do expect the children to work hard and do their best, but we will be consistently reminding the pupils that they can only do their best. Remember this is just a marker at one point in time. Your children have been assessed throughout the year and the class teachers have an excellent understanding of your child's abilities.

How can I support my child?

Plenty of rest and a good breakfast certainly help. Hearing from you also that they can 'only do their best' may reassure the children. During the week, try to have as 'normal' a week as possible!

What information will I receive afterwards?

Later in the summer term you will receive your child's test results in reading, maths, and the spelling and grammar test. You will also receive your child's teacher assessment levels in reading, writing, maths and science.

Is this information used by secondary schools?

Yes, however different schools use the information in different ways. Both the SATs results and the teacher assessment results are shared with the secondary schools, along with more general information about your child.

Are the results published?

Individual pupil results are not published. However, the school's overall results (both SATs and teacher assessment) are published by the DfE.