

# End of KS2 Assessments (SATs) 2026



# What are the SATS tests?

- The end of KS2 assessments are sometimes informally referred to as 'SATS'.

| Date                  | Activity   |
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| Monday 11 May 2026    | English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 and 2 |
| Tuesday 12 May 2026   | English reading  |
| Wednesday 13 May 2026 | Mathematics Papers 1 and 2                               |
| Thursday 14 May 2026  | Mathematics Paper 3                                      |



# How do the tests take place?

- Take place in normal school time.
- Children are in test conditions.
- The papers are sent away to be marked externally.
- Results are returned to school in July.
- The tests vary in length.



## How are the tests graded?

- **Scaled scores are used.**
- **A score of 100 represents the national expected standard. The lowest score is 80 and the highest is 120.**



# The GPaS 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**.



## Spelling Test Example

The \_\_\_\_\_ fixed Mum's car.

I like most flavours of ice cream, but my \_\_\_\_\_ is  
for chocolate.

\_\_\_\_\_ is one of the main food groups.

Giant pandas have \_\_\_\_\_ appetites.

We acted out a \_\_\_\_\_ in drama.



# The GPaS Tests

## Example questions

Tick one box in each row to show whether once is an **adverb** or a **conjunction**.

| Sentence  | Adverb | Conjunction |
|---|--------|-------------|
| I've only been to France <u>once</u> with my family.                |        |             |
| <u>Once</u> I arrived in Paris, I tried to speak French.            |        |             |
| My accent really improved <u>once</u> we had been there a few days. |        |             |



# The Reading Test

- The test assesses whether pupils' comprehension of age appropriate texts meets the national standard.
- There will be questions on inference, vocabulary and retrieval.
- 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, (these could be fiction, non-fiction or poetry).



# The Reading Test

## Example questions

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

Explain how Anousheh felt about being in space that day.

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2 marks

18 *Gentle, and small, and frail*

How do these words make the reader feel about the snail?

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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.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brushing your teeth in space is a joy.                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Being weightless is endlessly entertaining.           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tourists can stay on the International Space Station. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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 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.
- Papers 2 & 3 (reasoning) last **40 minutes** each and focus on problem solving, fluency and applying mathematical reasoning.



# The Maths Tests

## Example questions

A band holds a concert for charity.

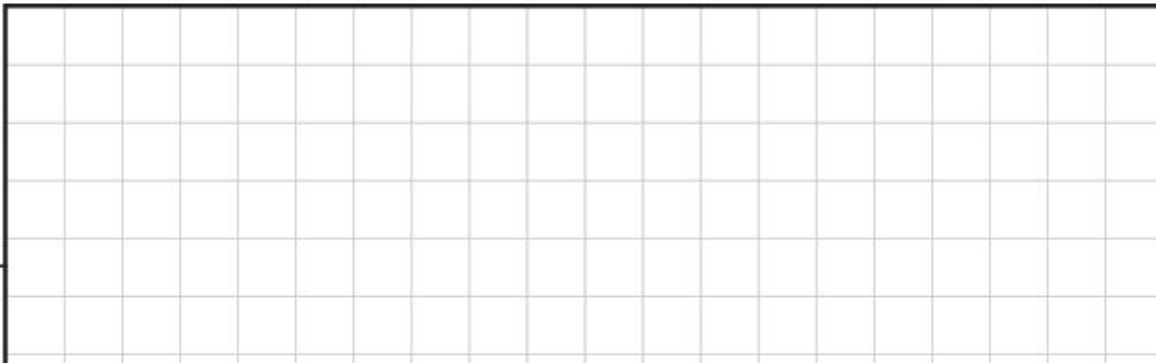
The tickets cost £27 each.

They sell 635 tickets.

They pay £3,180 to use the hall.

They give one-third of the **remaining** amount to charity.

How much money does the band give to charity?



A large grid for writing the answer, consisting of 20 columns and 10 rows.



# Writing

- **There are no SATs in writing.**
- **Writing assessments will be formed from a collection of the child's writing over the course of the year.**
- **Writing is moderated with other professionals locally and nationally.**



## How can I help my child?

- Help children not to feel worried or pressured about SATS.
- All that is asked is that they try their best.
- Help children with organising their homework and support their reading for pleasure activities.
- Help them to have early nights and plenty of sleep.
- Make sure they are having a healthy diet.
- Help your child to have the best possible attendance at school.
- Please speak to a member of staff if you have questions or concerns.



**If you are looking for books for your child to read, but aren't sure where to start, this site has lots of recommendations. If you click on the book, several of them have the first chapter that you can download and sample.**

**[lovereadng4kids recommended](#)**



## Easter Break

We will send home packs to help with revision, keeping all of the content fresh in their minds.

Please encourage your child to complete these independently as often as they can.

**They should not take more than 10 minutes at a time.**

All children will benefit from **reading as often as possible for an extended period of time (at least 30 minutes in one sitting)**. This helps to sustain and build reading stamina which is essential for the tests and as they move forward in their school career.

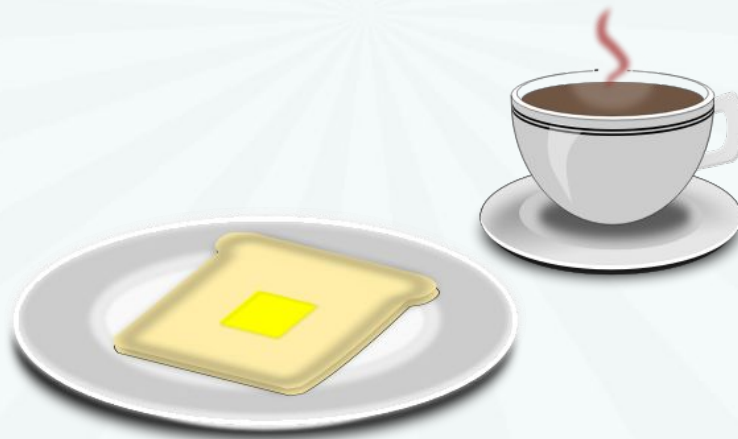


## **Year 6 SATs Breakfast Club**

**During the week of SATs we will run a breakfast club for all Year 6 pupils.**

**This will be free of charge.**

**We'd like all children to attend - even if they don't want the breakfast.**



**The children do not need to bring anything in especially. We will provide all stationery for them.**

**Children need to come in school uniform all week, but they can wear trainers.**



**If you have any questions,  
please contact us, via the school  
office, and we will be happy to  
help.**

