

Walton Priory Middle School  
Year 6 SATs May 2024  
Key Information for Parents



We understand that the SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) can be a topic of curiosity and concern for both you and your child. This booklet is designed to provide you with a clear understanding of what the SATs are, what they include, and how you can support your Year 6 child as they prepare for these important assessments in May 2024.

**What Are SATs?**

SATs are national standardised tests that assess your child's knowledge and skills in key subjects, including English and Mathematics. These tests are a part of the Key Stage 2 (KS2) assessment process, helping to gauge your child's progress and attainment in these subjects.

**When Are the SATs Taking Place?**

The SATs for Year 6 children take place in May 2024 on the following dates:

<b>Monday 13th May 2024</b>	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test (SPaG): Paper 1 - Short Answer Questions Paper 2 – Spelling
<b>Tuesday 14th May 2024</b>	English Reading Test: Reading Booklet and Associated Answer Booklet
<b>Wednesday 15th May 2024</b>	Mathematics: Paper 1 - Arithmetic Test Paper 2 – Reasoning
<b>Thursday 16th May 2024</b>	Mathematics: Paper 3 – Reasoning

It's important that your child attends school regularly and on time during this period to ensure they are well-prepared.

**What Do the SATs Include?**

**English Writing Assessment:**

Throughout the academic year, students are subject to continuous assessment by their teachers. The assessment methodology does not rely on standardised tests.

**English Reading Assessment:**

The English Reading examination consists of a single 60-minute paper, containing three distinct texts. These texts encompass a blend of both fictional and non-fictional content, accompanied by questions designed to evaluate analytical and interpretative skills. The examination is structured to assess a student's comprehension of both fictional and non-fictional literary works. It places particular emphasis on the following core competencies:

The ability to elucidate word meanings within their contextual framework.

The capacity to make logical inferences from the text.

Proficiency in retrieving pertinent information from the given text.

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**English Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar (SPaG) Assessment:** The SPaG assessment serves to evaluate a student's grasp of fundamental grammar rules, punctuation conventions, and spelling proficiency. It comprises a combination of multiple-choice and written questions. The assessment consists of two components:

A 45-minute paper dedicated to general spelling, punctuation, and grammar, referred to as "Grammar, Punctuation, and Spelling (Paper 1)." This paper has a variety of response formats, including the identification of missing capital letters, multiple-choice questions, and single-word responses. Longer, formal responses are not required.

A brief, approximately 15-minute paper solely focused on spelling. This section is not strictly timed, typically lasting around 15 to 20 minutes. During this segment, teachers dictate a word, present it in a sentence context, and then repeat the word. Students are afforded ample time to transcribe the correct spelling of the designated word.

**Mathematics Assessment:**

**Arithmetic Paper:** The mathematics arithmetic paper carries a total of 40 marks and evaluates students on their proficiency in the four fundamental operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division), including the application of the order of operations (BIDMAS). Additionally, it assesses the ability to work with percentages, decimals, and fractions.

**Reasoning Papers (Papers 2 and 3):** Paper 2 and Paper 3 comprise mathematics reasoning assessments, each worth 35 marks. These assessments necessitate students to demonstrate their comprehensive mathematical knowledge and problem-solving capabilities. They encompass an extensive range of mathematical topics from key stage 2, including but not limited to:

- Number and place value, incorporating Roman numerals.

- The four fundamental operations.

- Geometry, covering properties of shapes, positions, and directions.

- Statistics.

- Measurement, encompassing length, perimeter, mass, volume, time, and monetary concepts.

- Algebra.

- Ratio and proportion.

- Fractions, decimals, and percentages.

**How Can You Help Your Child Prepare for SATs?**

**Provide a Quiet Study Space:** Create a dedicated study area at home where your child can concentrate and complete homework and revision.

**Encourage Regular Revision:** Encourage your child to revise a little each day rather than cramming at the last minute. Consistent revision helps reinforce learning.

**Use Past Papers:** Access past SATs papers, which are available online, to familiarise your child with the format and types of questions they may encounter.

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Set Realistic Goals: Help your child set achievable revision goals and celebrate their progress along the way.

Provide Emotional Support: Offer emotional support and reassurance, emphasising that SATs are just one part of their educational journey.

Remember, SATs Are Not the Only Measure of Success. While SATs are an important assessment tool, they do not define your child's worth or future. It's essential to maintain a positive and encouraging attitude throughout the preparation process. Focus on your child's progress, effort, and well-being.

If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming SATs or your child's preparation, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Head of Year. We are here to support your child every step of the way.

We thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education.

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**Useful Links**

**Websites that you may find useful to support your child with revision for their SATs tests:**

**KS2 Year 6 SATs Papers** – Offers all past papers up to 2019 with mark schemes: [KS2 Year 6 SATs Papers \(satspapersguide.co.uk\)](https://www.satspapersguide.co.uk)

**BBC Bitesize** - Offers a wide range of interactive resources, including videos, quizzes, and practice tests for English and Maths: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

**TheSchoolRun** - Provides SATs practice papers, worksheets, and revision tips for both parents and children: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/>

**Primary Homework Help** - Offers free resources for English and Maths topics, including interactive games and worksheets: <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/>

**IXL Learning** - Provides a wide range of practice exercises for English and Maths organized by topic and grade level: <https://www.ixl.com/>

**Topmarks** - Offers free educational games and activities for various subjects, including Maths, English, and Science: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

**SATs Companion** - Offers SATs revision materials for KS2 students, including practice papers and video lessons: <https://satscompanion.com/>

**Maths Frame** - Provides interactive Maths games and activities, specifically designed to help with SATs revision: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/>

**Primary Resources** - Offers a wide range of free teaching resources and worksheets for English and Maths: <http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/>

**CGP Books** - CGP offers a range of SATs revision guides and practice papers, which you can purchase online or find in bookstores: <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/>

**The National Oak Academy** - Provides a collection of free lessons, quizzes, and resources aligned with the National Curriculum: <https://www.thenational.academy/>

*Remember that it's essential to balance revision with relaxation and downtime to ensure your child stays motivated and stress-free during the SATs preparation period. These websites offer valuable resources to support your child's learning journey, but it's equally important to maintain a healthy and positive approach to revision.*