



Key Stage 2 SATs 2026

Tuesday 14th April 2026

Assessment papers



- All children sit the same papers
 - Questions get progressively more difficult
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
 - Paper 1 focuses on grammar and punctuation (45 minutes)
 - Paper 2 focuses on spelling (20 words)
- Reading Comprehension
 - 60-minute paper
 - Three texts, increasing in difficulty
- Maths
 - Written arithmetic paper (Paper 1): 36 questions in 30 minutes
 - Two reasoning papers (Papers 2 & 3): 40 minutes each

Timetable



	Monday 11th May	Tuesday 12th May	Wednesday 13th May	Thursday 14th May
9.00 – 10.00	English Grammar, punctuation and spelling (Paper 1: short answer questions) <i>45 mins</i>	English Reading Comprehension <i>60 mins</i>	Mathematics Paper 1: Written arithmetic <i>30 mins</i>	Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning <i>40 mins</i>
11.00 – 12.00	English Grammar, punctuation and spelling (Paper 2: spelling) <i>c. 15 mins</i>		Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning <i>40 mins</i>	

Results: raw and scaled scores



- Scaled scores
 - Children's raw scores in the tests will be converted into a standardised, scaled score
 - A scaled score of 100 will represent age expectation for the end of year 6
 - A scaled score of 110 is regarded as meeting the 'higher' standard (120 is the maximum possible scaled score)
 - The conversion tables will be confirmed after SATs, as they are based on the performance of children – nationally – in the tests this year (although last year's conversions provide some degree of guidance)

“We need to wait until pupils have taken the tests and the tests have been marked before we can set the national standard and the rest of the scale.”

(Standards and Testing Agency Guidance)

Results: example of conversion



The 2025 thresholds in Reading Comprehension were as follows:

- **Raw score** of 28/50 was converted to a scaled score of 100
 - This was the threshold for the **Expected standard** (EXS)
 - **Raw score** of 40/50 was converted to a scaled score of 110
 - This was the threshold for the **'Higher' standard**
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2025 pupil examples: Reading comprehension

- Pupil A achieved a **raw score** of 33/50
 - This was converted to a scaled score of 104
 - ...meaning they had achieved the **Expected standard** (EXS)
- Pupil B achieved a **raw score** of 46/50
 - This was converted to a scaled score of 117
 - ...meaning they had achieved the **'Higher' standard**

Results: publication



- Results published in early July
- Each pupil registered for the statutory tests will receive:
 - Their scaled score
 - Confirmation of whether or not they have attained the national standard

Teacher Assessment



- Relevant statutory teacher assessments will be included in the end-of-term report
- In Science, there are two assessment categories:
 - Has met the expected standard (EXS)
 - Has not met the expected standard (HNM)
- In Writing, there are three assessment categories:
 - Working at greater depth within the expected standard (GDS)
 - Has met the expected standard (EXS)
 - Working towards the expected standard (WTS)

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- The children will be well prepared
- They are used to being tested
- There will be time between tests
- Revision of key topics throughout year
 - Maths: ongoing review of topics over course of Year 6
 - English: reading and SPAG focus
 - Easter revision booklets handed in this week
- They are not 'put under pressure'
- SATs breakfast on Monday 11th May – further details to follow

SATs week



- Please ensure that children:
 - are on time for school
 - have a reading book
 - go to bed at a sensible time
 - have a good breakfast
 - keep to their normal routine
- During SATs week, we ask that parents/ carers call or email to notify the school of illness or absence **by 8:30am on the day of absence.**
- Emails should be sent to the following address: absence@kings.richmond.sch.uk

Thank you for coming

