



A GUIDE TO YEAR 6 SATs 2017

Monday 8th May - Thursday 11th May

Monday 8 th May	Tuesday 9 th May	Wednesday 10 th May	Thursday 11 th May
Reading paper (1 hour)	Grammar (SPAG) (45 minutes)	Maths Arithmetic Paper (30 minutes)	Maths Reasoning Paper 2 (40 minutes)
	Spelling (approx. 15 minutes)	Maths Reasoning Paper 1 (40 minutes)	

KS2 SATs changes

Since September 2015 children in **all years** at Key Stage 1 and 2 have studied the new national curriculum. KS1 & KS2 SATs now reflect the new curriculum.

Assessment and Reporting

Old national curriculum levels (e.g. Level 3, 4, 5) have now been abolished, as set out in the government guidelines. From 2016, test scores were reported as 'scaled scores'. This means it is very difficult to compare the assessment of a previous year with the current year. Parents must be aware that the new curriculum is more rigorous and sets high expectations which all schools have had to work hard to meet since. Be assured that at Gillibrand Primary your child will still be taught with the highest expectations and cover all required elements of the curriculum, similar to previous years.

Scaled Scores

100 will represent the 'national standard'. Each pupil's raw test score will therefore be converted into a score on the scale, either at, above or below 100. The scale will have a lower end point somewhere below 100 and an upper end point above 100. A child who achieves the 'national standard' (a score of 100) will be judged to have demonstrated sufficient knowledge in the areas assessed by the tests. In July 2017, when the test results are published, each pupil will receive:

A raw score (number of raw marks awarded).

A scaled score in each tested subject.

Confirmation of whether or not they attained the national standard

On publication of the test results in July 2017:

- A child awarded a scaled score of 100 is judged to have met the 'national standard' in the area judged by the test.
- A child awarded a scaled score of more than 100 is judged to have exceeded the national standard and demonstrated a higher than expected knowledge of the curriculum for their age.

- A child awarded a scaled score of less than 100 is judged to have not yet met the national standard and performed below expectation for their age.

Higher Attaining Pupils

Previous Key Stage 2 tests were aimed at children achieving Levels 3-5 (with a national expectation to reach at least Level 4). In the past, additional Level 6 tests were produced for children who demonstrated higher than expected attainment, above Level 5. There are no longer any separate tests for the most able children. Instead, each test will have scope for higher attaining pupils to show their strengths.

The Tests

Key Stage 2 SATs take place nationally in the week commencing 8th May 2017.

Statutory tests will be administered in the following subjects:

Reading (60 minutes)

Spelling (approximately 15 minutes)

Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar (45 minutes)

Mathematics

- **Paper 1: Arithmetic** (30 minutes)

- **Paper 2: Reasoning** (40 minutes)

- **Paper 3: Reasoning** (40 minutes)

In previous years, some schools were required to take part in Science testing, consisting of three tests in Biology, Physics and Chemistry. It is not anticipated that any schools will be selected for Science test sampling in the year 2017.

All tests are externally marked. However, as in recent years, writing will be 'Teacher Assessed' internally,

How can parents help?

Encourage your child to be confident about their ability to do well. Support your child in working through the revision guides and the on-line learning resources. Downtime is important - children should not be stopped from living their lives as normal during test week.

- Make sure they get enough sleep leading up to SATs and during the week of the tests.
- Children need to be in school on time during the test week.
- Make sure they eat breakfast and have a healthy snack for break time.
- Make sure they have a water bottle in school.

- Make revision fun in short sharp bursts.
- Explain that the SATs are a way of showing what they know and to just try their best.

Useful websites

ICT Teachers - http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm

The ICT Teachers site has lots of KS2 SATs practice questions.

BBC Bitesize - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/>

Excellent, well-advertised, resources from the BBC covering English, Maths and Science.

Woodlands Junior School - <http://resources.woodlands.kent.sch.uk/>

Sample questions taken from past Key Stage 2 SATs papers, as well as a whole host of interactive tests/quizzes.

Top Marks - <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=20>

Activities for English, maths and science.

Who wants to be a Mathionaire? - <http://www.counton.org/games/mathonaire/>

Maths questions delivered in the style of 'Who wants to be a millionaire?'

True or False - http://www.teachingtreasures.com.au/maths/year_6_maths_true_or_false.htm

Year 6 true or false maths questions