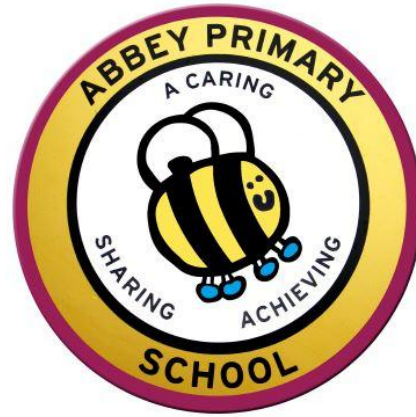




Key Stage 2 SATs

Meeting for Parents and Carers

29.01.26

The Tests

- Key Stage 2 SATs will take place nationally in the week commencing **Monday 11th May 2026**.
- Statutory tests will be administered in the following subjects:
 - **Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling**
 - Paper 1: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (45 minutes)
 - Paper 2: Spelling (approximately 20 minutes)
 - **Reading (60 minutes)**
 - **Mathematics**
 - Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes)
 - Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes)
 - Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes)
- All tests are externally marked, and we may be visited by an external assessment invigilator to quality assure our delivery and administration of the tests.
- Writing will be 'Teacher Assessed' internally. An external moderation by the Local Authority may also take place.

'SATs Week' Timetable 2026:

Monday 11 th May 2026	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling - Paper 1 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling - Paper 2
Tuesday 12 th May 2026	English - Reading
Wednesday 13 th May 2026	Maths - Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths - Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 14 th May 2026	Maths - Paper 3 (Reasoning)
Friday 15 th May 2026	<u>NO SATs Papers on this day!</u> 🎉

'Breakfast Club' for Year Six pupils will take place during SATs week.

Access Arrangements

- For pupils with additional needs, there are various access arrangements that can be applied for pupils with additional needs. *E.g. Children who find it difficult to work in silence and/or concentrate for long periods of time may be allowed extra time and/or rest breaks and will complete the test in a different room (with an adult) so they can read questions aloud etc.*
- However, applications are externally assessed, and we cannot guarantee the children will qualify for extra time or other such arrangements.
- If these arrangements apply to your child, we will discuss these with you prior to SATs week.

Scores

- Pupils are given a 'raw score' which is the total amount of marks achieved.
- Test scores are then reported as 'scaled scores' which the government set for each individual test (based on its difficulty).
- A 'scaled score' of 100 represents the 'national standard'.
- Each pupil's raw test score will be converted into a score on the scale, either at, above or below 100.
- Using the scaled score, the lowest a child can score is 80, with the highest being 120.
- A child who achieves the 'national standard' (a score of 100) will have met the 'Expected' standard for the end of KS2.
- Each pupil receives:
 - 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.

Examples:

On publication of the test results (early July 2025):

- Children awarded a scaled score between 80 and 99 will not have met the expected standard and will have performed below the expectation for their age. They will be assessed as 'Working Towards the Expected Standard'.
- Children awarded a scaled score of 100 or above will have met the 'expected standard' for Key Stage 2. They will be assessed as having 'Met the Expected Standard'.
- Children awarded a scaled score of 110 or above will have met the 'higher level' standard (usually described as 'Greater Depth') for Key Stage 2. They will be assessed as working at a 'Greater Depth within the Expected Standard'.

		2025	2024	2023
Raw score needed to achieve the EXP standard (100)	GPS	35 / 70	35 / 70	36 / 70
	Reading	28 / 50	27 / 50	24 / 50
	Maths	58 / 110	54 / 110	56 / 110

GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling)

- The *GPS* tests consists of two papers. The first paper is 45 minutes and will test the children's knowledge of grammar and punctuation, spelling knowledge is also taken into account. The second paper is a spelling test of twenty words from the KS2 curriculum
- A total of 70 marks are available (50 marks on the first paper, 20 marks on the second).
- Most questions are multiple choice or selected response; others require the children to write a sentence, or an explanation.
- Children will be given opportunities to practise different types of questions in lessons.

Reading

- The reading test consists of a single test paper with three unrelated reading texts. Children are given 60 minutes in total, which includes reading the texts and answering the questions.
- A total of 50 marks are available.
- Questions are designed to assess the comprehension and understanding of a child's reading.
- During the reading paper, a range of reading skills are thoroughly tested (e.g. retrieval, vocabulary choices, prediction, sequencing, summarising, inference, making comparisons).
- Some questions are multiple choice or selected response; others require short answers, and some require an extended response or explanation. Children will be given opportunities to practise different types of questions in lessons.

Mathematics

Children will sit three tests.

Paper 1: Arithmetic

- 30 minutes (40 marks)
- Calculation methods for all operations (+ - $\times$ $\div$), including fractions, percentages and decimals.

Questions gradually increase in difficulty.

Papers 2 and 3: Reasoning and Problem Solving

- 40 minutes (35 marks each)

Pupils will still require calculation skills but will need to answer questions in context and decide what is required to find a solution.

How to Help your Child

- First and foremost, support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and they should always just try their best. Praise and encourage!
- Ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school.
- Support your child with any homework tasks.
- Reading, spelling and arithmetic (e.g. times tables) are always good to practise.
- Talk to your child about what they have learnt at school and what book(s) they are reading (the character, the plot, their opinion etc.).
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep and a healthy breakfast every morning!

Homework

- Year 6 children will complete weekly homework in CGP books (purchased by school):
 - One piece of reading comprehension homework
 - One piece of homework for Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
 - One piece of maths homework (continued from the Autumn Term)
- The expectations for reading at home, Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars remain the same.
- Year 5/6 Curriculum spelling words (listed in reading diaries). Please encourage your child to practise these words at home on a regular basis.
- Homework will always be set on a Friday and be due in the following Wednesday.
- Homework Club.

**Thank you for attending the SATs
meeting and supporting your children.**



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QUESTIONS?