

Chesterton CE Primary School – January 2025

Key Stage Two SATS  
Information Evening For Parents

# What are the SATs?

- ▶ SATs are the Standardised Assessment Tests that are given to children at the end of Key Stage 2.
- ▶ The SATs take place over four days, starting on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May** ending on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**.
- ▶ The SATs papers consist of:
  - ▶ Grammar, punctuation and spelling (paper 1: GPS) – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May
  - ▶ Grammar, punctuation and spelling (paper 2: Spelling) – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May
  - ▶ Reading – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May
  - ▶ Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May
  - ▶ Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May
  - ▶ Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May
- ▶ **Writing is assessed using evidence collected throughout Year 6. There is no Year 6 SATs writing test.**

# Specific arrangements for SATs

Children with additional needs (who have similar support as part of day-to-day learning in school) may be allotted specific arrangements, including:

- ▶ Additional (extra) time;
- ▶ Tests being opened early to be modified;
- ▶ An adult to scribe (write) for them;
- ▶ An adult to read for them (including a translator);
- ▶ The use of prompts or rest breaks;
- ▶ Arrangements for children who are ill or injured at the time of the tests.

*Pupils with an EHCP are automatically allowed up to 25% additional time (except for the spelling paper, which is not strictly timed). Pupils who use the modified large print or braille versions of the tests are automatically allowed up to 100% additional time.*

# When and how the SATs are completed

- ▶ The tests take place during normal school hours, under exam style conditions.
- ▶ After the tests are completed, the papers are sent away to be marked externally.
- ▶ The results are then sent to the school in July.
- ▶ Each test lasts no longer than 60 minutes:
  - ▶ Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 1: Grammar/ Punctuation) – 45 minutes
  - ▶ Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 2: Spelling) – 15 minutes
  - ▶ Reading – 60 minutes
  - ▶ Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) – 30 minutes
  - ▶ Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) – 40 minutes
  - ▶ Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) – 40 minutes

# The results

Tests are marked externally. Once marked, the tests will be given the following scores:

- ▶ A raw score (total number of marks achieved for each paper);
- ▶ A scaled score (see below);
- ▶ A judgement on if the National Standard has been met.

After marking each test, the external marker will convert the raw score to a scaled score. Even though the tests are made to the same standard each year, the questions must be different. This means the difficulty of the tests may vary. Scaled scores ensures an accurate comparison of performance over time.

Scaled scores range from 80 to 120.

A scaled score of 100 or more shows the pupil is meeting the National Standard.

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So what does that  
mean for our Year 6  
pupils?

# Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Grammar, punctuation and spelling consists of two papers.

- ▶ Paper 1 focuses on all three elements (grammar, punctuation and spelling or GPS). The paper lasts for **45 minutes**.
- ▶ Paper 2 consists of a spelling test only. It should take approximately **15 minutes**, although this is not a set amount of time (pupils should be given as much time as they need to complete the test).

# Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Paper 1 (GPS)

The children have been working hard with me developing and securing their knowledge of the technical vocabulary needed in this test.

This test focuses on:

- ▶ Grammatical terms/ word classes;
- ▶ Functions of sentences;
- ▶ Combining words, phrases and clauses;
- ▶ Verb forms, tenses and consistency;
- ▶ Punctuation;
- ▶ Vocabulary;
- ▶ Standard English and formality.



# Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Paper 1 (GPS)

1

Which sentence must end with a **question mark**?

✓  
Tick **one**.

- Do you know how long it took for the trees to grow
- We have planted rose bushes around the trees
- How beautiful the flowers will be
- I will ask my teacher if I can show you

Example questions:

33

Add a **prefix** to the word charge in the sentence below to show that the waiter did not charge too much.

The waiter was careful not to overcharge the customer.

1 mark

47

Rewrite the sentence below in the **passive**.  
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The noise of the traffic disturbed us.

e.g. We were disturbed by the noise of the traffic. 1 mark

# Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Paper 2 (spelling)

Paper 2 is a shorter paper that focuses solely on spellings.

Example questions:

## Spelling

1. Our dogs are \_\_\_\_\_ and full of energy.
2. The swans nested on an \_\_\_\_\_ in the lake.
3. We met a \_\_\_\_\_ writer.

### 2024 Spelling script

**Spelling 1:** The word is **young**.

Our dogs are **young** and full of energy.

The word is **young**.

**Spelling 2:** The word is **island**.

The swans nested on an **island** in the lake.

The word is **island**.

**Spelling 3:** The word is **famous**.

We met a **famous** writer.

The word is **famous**.

# Reading: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

There is one reading test that lasts for 60 minutes.

There are three different set texts for children to read. These could be any combination of non-fiction, fiction and/ or poetry.

The test covers the following areas:

- ▶ Give/ explain the meaning of words in context;
- ▶ Retrieve and record information/ identify key details from fiction and non-fiction;
- ▶ Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph;
- ▶ Make inferences from the text/ explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text;
- ▶ Predict what might happen from details stated and implied;
- ▶ Identify/ explain how information/ narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole;
- ▶ Identify/ explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases;
- ▶ Make comparisons within the text.

# Reading

The reading SATs paper requires a range of answer styles.

Example questions:

**2** Read the paragraph beginning: *They are not hedgehogs...*

**Find and copy one** word that means the same as 'met'.

\_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

<b>2</b>	<p>Read the paragraph beginning: <i>They are not hedgehogs...</i></p> <p><b>Find and copy one</b> word that means the same as 'met'.</p> <p><b>Content domain:</b> 2a – give or explain the meaning of words in context</p> <p><b>Award 1 mark for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>encountered.</i></li> </ul>	<b>1m</b>
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Madagascar is an island country in the Indian Ocean, off the coast of East Africa. It is well known for its range of weird and wonderful wildlife.

Imagine treading through the rainforest in Madagascar and noticing hurried movements in the plants below you. You creep forward to investigate. Suddenly, you see a group of animals unlike anything that you have seen before. Ten of them are sniffing along the ground with long, pointy snouts that look almost like bird beaks. The creatures are quite small – maybe the size of a pet hamster. Their bodies are round and covered with spines like a hedgehog. They are brightly coloured like a bumblebee with yellow streaks running down their backs and legs. On their heads, each of the animals has a crown of bright yellow spikes.

They are not hedgehogs, birds or bumblebees, even if they look like a confused hodgepodge of these animals. You have encountered a family of lowland streaked tenrecs. They are one of many species of tenrecs living in Madagascar.

# Reading

9 Look at the section: **What issues are streaked tenrecs facing?**

What serious problems are streaked tenrecs facing?

Give **two** problems.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

2 marks

9 Look at the section: **What issues are streaked tenrecs facing?**

What serious problems are streaked tenrecs facing?

Give **two** problems.

**Content domain:** 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text

**Award 1 mark** for reference to any of the following, up to a maximum of **2 marks**:

1. deforestation / the destruction of streaked tenrecs' habitat, e.g.
  - *deforestation destroys their habitat*
  - *tenrecs live in the rainforest and it's being destroyed*
  - *the landscape is being destroyed.*

Up to  
2m

5 Draw **three** lines to match each paragraph to its main content.

### Paragraph

The paragraph beginning:  
*Imagine treading through...*

The paragraph beginning: *Both highland and lowland streaked tenrecs are...*

The paragraph beginning:  
*Tenrecs forage...*

### Content

diet

behaviour

appearance

1 mark

5 Draw **three** lines to match each paragraph to its main content.

**Content domain:** 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text

**Award 1 mark** for all correctly matched:

### Paragraph

The paragraph beginning:  
*Imagine treading through...*

The paragraph beginning: *Both highland and lowland streaked tenrecs are...*

The paragraph beginning:  
*Tenrecs forage...*

### Content

diet

behaviour

appearance

1m

Example questions:

# Reading

**26** Look at the whole text.

Write **three** pieces of evidence that show Ned was nervous about Louie's tightrope walking.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3 marks

Example questions:

3 mark question

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
26	<p>Look at the whole text.</p> <p>Write <b>three</b> pieces of evidence that show Ned was nervous about Louie's tightrope walking.</p> <p><b>Content domain:</b> 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text</p> <p><b>Award 1 mark</b> for reference to any of the following up to a maximum of <b>3 marks</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the quotation, <i>You ain't getting up on that?</i></li> <li>2. the quotation, <i>It isn't safe, Louie / You can't just get up on the rope and...</i>, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>he told her that it wasn't safe for her</i></li> <li>• <i>he wasn't sure that it was safe for her to be on it.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>3. the quotation, <i>It's a proper skill / It takes years of practice</i>, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>he pointed out it takes years to master</i></li> <li>• <i>he thought she needed more practice.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>4. the quotation, <i>Shouldn't I stay here? / Just in case you fall?</i>, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>he thought she would fall</i></li> <li>• <i>he wanted to stay beneath the rope incase she falls</i></li> <li>• <i>he offered to help if she fell</i></li> <li>• <i>he was asking if he should stay there</i></li> <li>• <i>he hesitated to move – thinking she would fall.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>5. the quotation, <i>Ned breathed in sharp.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Do not accept</b> reference to the quotation, <i>You better come down.</i></p> <p><b>Do not accept</b> reference to the quotation, <i>He thought it was all one big prank.</i></p>	Up to 3m

# Reading

Since the current testing formation for the SATs began in 2016, there has been a tendency for three types of questions to be the most popular.

In the 2024 Reading SATs paper,

- ▶ 10% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving giving and explaining the meaning of words in context;
- ▶ 38% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving retrieving and recording information or identifying key details from a text;
- ▶ 44% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving making inferences from a text and justifying inferences with text evidence.

When reading with your child at home try focusing on these types of questions.



# When reading with your child...

Example questions to ask at home:

- What does this word mean?
- Which word in this paragraph is the closest in meaning to...?
- What [character] doing when [event] happened?
- True or false questions about a paragraph/ text.
- Why do you [character] did [event]? Can you think of another reason?



# Maths: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

The maths assessments consist of three tests.

- ▶ Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes) – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May
- ▶ Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes) – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May
- ▶ Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes) – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

# Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

The maths arithmetic paper has a total of 40 marks and lasts for 30 minutes.

The test covers the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, including order of operations requiring BIDMAS), percentages of amounts and calculating with decimals and fractions.

Example questions:

<b>19</b>	$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{5} =$	
		<input type="text"/>
		1 mark

<b>20</b>	$\begin{array}{r} 6312 \\ \times 14 \\ \hline \end{array}$	
Show your method		<input type="text"/>
		2 marks

Qu.	Requirement	Mark	Additional guidance
19	$1\frac{7}{15}$ <b>OR</b> $\frac{22}{15}$	1m	Accept equivalent mixed numbers, fractions or the <b>exact</b> decimal equivalent, i.e. 1.46 (accept any unambiguous indication of the recurring digits). <b>Do not</b> accept rounded or truncated decimals.
20	Award <b>TWO</b> marks for the correct answer of 88,368 If the answer is incorrect, award <b>ONE</b> mark for the formal method of long multiplication with no more than <b>ONE</b> arithmetic error, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math display="block">\begin{array}{r} 6312 \\ \times 14 \\ \hline 25248 \\ 63120 \\ \hline 88358 \text{ (error)} \end{array}</math></li> <li><b>OR</b></li> <li>• <math display="block">\begin{array}{r} 6312 \\ \times 14 \\ \hline 24248 \text{ (error)} \\ 63120 \\ \hline 87368 \end{array}</math></li> </ul>	Up to 2m	Working must be carried through to reach a final answer for the award of <b>ONE</b> mark. <b>Do not</b> award any marks if the error is in the place value, e.g. the omission of the zero when multiplying by tens. $\begin{array}{r} 6312 \\ \times 14 \\ \hline 25248 \\ 6312 \text{ (place value error)} \\ \hline 31560 \end{array}$

# Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

**9**  $7.68 + 13.493 =$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7.680 \\ + 13.493 \\ \hline 21.173 \\ \text{1 1 1} \end{array}$$

mark questions:

21.173

1 mark

**11**  $640 \div 8 =$

Mental method:  
Using known fact of  $64 \div 8 = 8$

80

1 mark

**18**  $\frac{5}{12} + \frac{1}{3} =$

$$\frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{12}$$

$$\frac{5}{12} + \frac{4}{12} = \frac{9}{12}$$

$\frac{9}{12}$

1 mark

**21**  $2 + 3^3 =$

$$\begin{array}{l} 3^3 = 27 \\ 2 + 27 = 29 \end{array}$$

29

1 mark

# Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

<b>30</b>	3 4   9 8 6	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> 2 marks
Show your method	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; width: 100px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	

Example 2 mark question:

**30** Award **TWO** marks for a correct answer of 29

If the answer is incorrect, award **ONE** mark for the formal methods of division with no more than **ONE** arithmetic error, e.g.

- long division algorithm, e.g.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 29 \text{ r}6 \\
 34 \overline{) 986} \\
 \underline{- 680} \\
 306 \\
 \underline{- 300} \text{ (error)} \\
 6
 \end{array}$$

OR

$$\begin{array}{r}
 28 \text{ (error)} \\
 34 \overline{) 986} \\
 \underline{- 680} \quad 20 \times 34 \\
 306 \\
 \underline{- 306} \quad 9 \times 34 \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

- short division algorithm, e.g.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2 \ 8 \text{ (error)} \\
 34 \overline{) 98^{30}6}
 \end{array}$$

**Up to 2m**

Working must be carried through to reach a final answer for the award of **ONE** mark.

Short division methods **must** be supported by evidence of appropriate carrying figures to indicate the use of a division algorithm and be a complete method.

The carrying figure must be less than the divisor.

# Maths Papers 2 and 3 (Reasoning)

Paper 2 will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May and paper 3 will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May. These tests have a total of 35 marks each and lasts for 40 minutes each.

These papers require children to demonstrate their mathematical knowledge and skills, as well as their ability to solve problems and their mathematical reasoning. They cover a wide range of mathematical topics from key stage 2 including,

- ▶ Number and place value (including Roman numerals);
- ▶ The four operations;
- ▶ Geometry (properties of shape, position and direction);
- ▶ Statistics;
- ▶ Measurement (length, perimeter, mass, volume, time, money);
- ▶ Algebra;
- ▶ Ratio and proportion;
- ▶ Fractions, decimals and percentages.

# Maths Papers 2 (Reasoning)

5

Write the three missing digits to make this multiplication correct.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \boxed{2} \ 5 \ \boxed{4} \\
 \times \qquad \qquad \ 3 \\
 \hline
 7 \ \boxed{6} \ 2
 \end{array}$$

Example questions:

8

Write a **whole number** in each box to make the statements correct.

One has been done for you.

rounded to the nearest **ten** is 20

 to 

rounded to the nearest **thousand** is 4,000

1 mark

 to 

rounded to the nearest **ten thousand** is 820,000

1 mark



# Maths Papers 3 (Reasoning)

Example questions:

24

$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{5}{6}$  is greater than the value of  $\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{7}{8}$

Explain how you know.

1 mark

24

Award **ONE** mark for an explanation that compares the calculations or relative size of the fractions to indicate relative size of the products, e.g.

$$\bullet \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{5}{6} = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$\frac{5}{12} = \frac{10}{24}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{7}{8} = \frac{7}{24}$$

**OR**

$$\bullet \frac{10}{24} > \frac{7}{24}$$

1m

**Do not** accept responses that restate the question.

**Do not** accept vague, incomplete or incorrect explanations, e.g.

- the result is bigger because it's a half
- shows the products without supporting calculations or further proof, e.g.

$$\frac{5}{12} \text{ is bigger than } \frac{7}{24}$$

**Do not** accept explanations which include incorrect mathematics or incorrect information that is relevant to the explanation.



# Maths Papers 3 (Reasoning)

## Example question:

- 21** 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?

Show  
your  
method

3 marks

**21** Award **THREE** marks for the correct answer of (£)4,655

Award **TWO** marks for:

- an incorrect answer with evidence of an appropriate complete method with no more than one arithmetic error, e.g.  
 $635 \times £27 = £17,045$  (*error*)  
 $£17,045 - £3,180 = £13,865$   
 $£13,865 \div 3 = £4,621.66$

**OR**

- for sight of (£)13,965 (as evidence of two steps completed correctly)

Award **ONE** mark for:

- evidence of an appropriate method with more than one error

**OR**

- sight of (£)17,145 (as evidence of the multiplication step completed correctly).

**Up to  
3m**

A misread of a number may affect the award of marks. No marks are awarded if there is more than one misread or if the mathematics is simplified.

Any appropriate rounding or truncating of the answer does not negate an appropriate method.

Any answer which does not result from correct rounding or truncating implies an additional step not shown.

**TWO** marks will be awarded for an appropriate method with the misread number followed through correctly.

**ONE** mark will be awarded for evidence of an appropriate method using the misread number followed through correctly with no more than one error.

Answer need not be obtained for the award of **ONE** mark.

# SATs Week timetable



- Attendance is essential.
- Breakfast – pupils in school early for toast, cereal, juice, bacon on the last day!
- Music, energisers to help relax and generate endorphins
- Tests not allowed to be in class rooms we will all be in the hall
- Children will be spread out to improve concentration.
- Sweets available for children during the tests.
- Revision sessions for part of the day.
- PE and activities for energy and fun!

# Supporting your child in preparing for the SATs

Firstly, a positive attitude goes a long way. Give them as much encouragement and support as you can!

Tips:

- ▶ Don't use past papers as they are used in school to prepare the children.
- ▶ Attend any SATs meetings at school (or read any literature sent home).
- ▶ Encourage your child to talk to their teacher or a trusted adult (including yourself) about their anxieties. Don't forget that a small amount of anxiety is normal.
- ▶ Give your child a quiet, distraction free space to complete homework or study.
- ▶ Give your child time to go outside and reduce screen time.
- ▶ Ensure your child is eating and drinking well and getting a good amount of sleep.
- ▶ Plan something nice and fun for the weekends before and after SATs. This will help them to relax before the SATs and give them something to look forward to after.

# Supporting your child in preparing for the SATs

Further tips:

- ▶ Keep revision light. Going over key skills (times tables, real world mental maths as you are shopping or cooking) is a good way to keep revision light.
- ▶ As we said before, avoid using past papers. There are plenty of free or inexpensive SATs practice materials for parents available.
- ▶ Have a look at the CPG booklets we have on offer.
- ▶ Encourage the children to complete weekly homework tasks, reading and spellings.
- ▶ Help your child have the best possible attendance at school.

## KEY STAGE TWO TEXTBOOKS – ORDER FORM

If you would like to order any of the books on display this evening, please do so on your ~~Scopy~~ account. We will notify you when the ordering is 'live'.

**Deadline for Ordering: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Title	Codes	Subject	Cost
KS2 SAT Buster 10 minute tests	Product code: E6FRF22	Reading - Fiction	£2.15
KS2 SAT Buster 10 minute tests	Product code: E6FRN22	Reading – Non-fiction	£2.15
KS2 SAT Buster 10 minute tests	Product code: E6S24	Spelling	£2.15
KS2 SAT Buster 10 minute tests	Product code: E6P24	Punctuation	£2.15
KS2 SAT Buster 10 minute tests	Product code: E6G23	Grammar	£2.15
KS2 SAT Buster 10 minute tests	Product code: M6ARI24	Arithmetic	£2.15
SATS Revision Book	Product code: E6FR23	English (Standard Level)	£2.85
SATS Revision Book	Product code: E6HR23	English (Stretch Level)	£2.85
SATS Revision Book	Product code: MLFR23	Maths (Standard Level)	£2.85
SATS Revision Book	Product code: MLHR23	Maths (Stretch Level)	£2.85
SATS Question Book	Product code: M6ARIQ21	Maths - Arithmetic	£3.00
SATS Question Book	Product code: M6RQ21	Maths - Reasoning	£3.00
SATS Question Book	Product code: MLHW23	Maths (Stretch Level)	£2.85
SATS Question Book	Product code: E6FW23	English (Standard Level)	£2.85
SATS Question Book	Product code: E6HW23	English (Stretch Level)	£2.85

\* This only represents some of the range available. If you are interested in resources to support a specific area, please have a look on the CGP website and/or speak to Miss Baxter and we will be happy to add to the school order.

# Things to remember about SATs

SATs focus on what children know about Maths and English.

They will not reflect how talented they are at Science, Geography, Art, PE..., and they certainly won't highlight all their amazing personal characteristics.

SATs don't tell the whole story.

Their results will say if they did or did not meet a certain standard but not necessarily by what margin. These thresholds change each year according to the overall national performance, so what was classed as 'meeting the expected standard' this year might not be the same as last year.

SATs are only four days out of a whole Primary School career.

In reality, there's one or two papers each day that last 30 to 60 minutes.

# Advice for Year 6 children

- ▶ Listen in class and ask questions when you need to
- ▶ The adults you work with all want you to do your best.
- ▶ Get plenty of sleep and eat well, this will help your brain.
- ▶ Read all the questions carefully. This can help you to avoid silly mistakes.
- ▶ Don't panic. There may be questions you think you can't answer. Take a deep breath. Read it again. You can always move on and go back to it later. It's often better to write something rather than nothing.
- ▶ Remember that the Year 6 SATs last for 4 days out of your whole life!
- ▶ Check your work, do not sit there when you are 'done'!!!!

*"Stay focused in class so you don't have loads of extra studying to do at home!" – Year 7 pupil's advice.*