



Forest Hall Primary School

Information for Parents on End of Key Stage Two Tests 2026

What are the SATs?

- Statutory Assessment Tests
- In the final year of primary school, skills in Maths and English are assessed through a series of external tests.

How are the children assessed?

- There are two types of assessments:
 - tests
 - teacher assessments
- Formal tests are taken in Reading, Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation, and Maths.
- Teacher assessment is used to judge whether children have reached the required standard in Writing and Science.
- Results are fed into local and national data, and are fed to your child's secondary school.
- Their raw test scores will be converted into scaled scores.
- 100 will always be the required standard.

What does teacher assessment involve and is it different from testing?

- Tests are marked externally and returned to school with a raw score and a scaled score.
- Schools and parents will be told whether each child has reached the required standard.
- Teacher assessment draws together everything the teacher or teachers know about a child, including observations, marked work and school assessments.
- Teacher assessment is not a 'snapshot' like tests.

- There are 3 standards in Writing:
 - Working **towards** the expected standard
 - Working **at** the expected standard
 - Working **at greater depth** within the expected standard

- There are 2 standards in Science:
 - Working **at** the expected standard
 - Has not met the standard

What do the tests involve?

ENGLISH (reading comprehension)

- The English reading test consists of:
- a reading booklet containing around three texts. The texts will not be around a single theme and they will be arranged in order of difficulty, with the simplest text first.
- a reading answer booklet of **approximately 36 questions (totalling 50 marks)**
- Children are given one hour to read the reading booklet and to answer the questions in the answer booklet. They should refer back to the texts in the reading booklet throughout the test.

ENGLISH (Grammar, punctuation and spelling - GPAS)

- This is a statutory test of English grammar, vocabulary, punctuation and spelling.
- Paper 1 – short answers (45 mins)
- Paper 2 – spelling (15 mins) – not strictly timed

These are example questions:

<p>What is the grammatical term for the underlined part of the sentence?</p> <p>Charlie <u>spilt his juice</u>, but it didn't go on his shirt. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>My friend was tidying the classroom. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>an adverbial <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Today the children done their school play. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>a main clause <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The teachers was going to send a letter next week. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>a noun phrase <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>a subordinate clause <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Which sentence is written in Standard English?</p> <p>Two sports teams come to our school yesterday. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>My friend was tidying the classroom. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Today the children done their school play. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The teachers was going to send a letter next week. <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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MATHS

The mathematics tests consist of:

Paper 1: arithmetic test (30 minutes)

Paper 2: reasoning paper (40 minutes)

Paper 3: reasoning paper (40 minutes)

- Children's marks from all three tests are added together to calculate a total score out of 110.
- This is turned into a standardised score.
- Teachers may read questions in both written papers to pupils if asked.
- Calculators are not to be used in any of the tests.

Example questions from Paper 1:

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Example question from Papers 2/3:

Jack has £400

He spends 35% of his money on a new bike.



How much does Jack spend on his new bike?

When do the tests happen?

Mon. 11th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling: Paper 1 – questions Paper 2 - spelling
Tues. 12th May	English reading
Wed. 13th May	Maths: Paper 1 – Arithmetic Paper 2 - Reasoning
Thurs. 14th May	Maths: Paper 3 - Reasoning

How is SATs week organised?

- We can determine at what time tests begin.
- All children must sit the tests at the same time.
- Test papers can only be opened 1 hour before the tests begin.
- Tests are taken in classrooms, with any displays that may help covered over.
- Children are divided into groups for test administration to ensure they are properly supported and feel secure.
- The LA monitor a selection of schools per year.

What help can the children have?

- In the reading test, children must read the text and questions by themselves.

- In maths and the GPAS test, teachers can read questions to any child who asks.
- Teachers can encourage, but not guide or explain questions.
- Some children can be given up to 25% extra time if they have identified learning needs. This has to be applied for in advance.

How can parents help?

- Ensure children are completing homework tasks.
- Encourage children to do a little extra regularly to push themselves on – reading, spelling, maths games such as Times Tables Rock Stars or Eedi maths.
- It is essential that your child knows their times tables with quick recall and can complete mental calculations at speed.
- Encourage your child to read and discuss a variety of texts e.g. stories, letters, posters and newspaper reports.
- Revision books will be given to children, please make sure they are used. The supporting pupil workbooks can be ordered from school.
(Please do not use previous SATS papers (unless they are pre-2020) as we will be using these in school.)

How can I help my child prepare?

- Be aware of what they are doing through informal conversation. If they are worried about anything, please let the teachers know if possible.
- Reassure your child but also encourage them to try their hardest at all times.
- Encourage children to become independent learners – take responsibility for their learning.
- Try to provide a setting where they can revise without distractions.
- It is important to balance homework and revision with something your child enjoys.
- A balance of healthy eating and a good night's sleep will always be helpful.

If you have any queries, please contact me through the school office and I will call you back. Thank you for your support.

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