

KEY STAGE 1 SATS PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

2023



Tranmere Park
Primary School

Introductory Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuXJidYP7-0>

Information for parents

National curriculum tests (SATs) at key stage 1



Standards
& Testing
Agency



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SATS Information

- Your child's class teacher is responsible for judging the standards your child is working at in each subject by the end of key stage 1. To help inform those judgements, pupils sit national curriculum tests (SATS) in reading and mathematics.
- The tests are an additional tool for teachers to help them measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into key stage 2. They allow teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards.
- Our teacher assessment is what counts and what is reported. A test shows what a child can do on one particular day. Ongoing teacher assessment is a far more realistic portrayal of what children can **consistently** achieve.



Why use SATS?

- They are national standardised tests which can be used to moderate judgements about children's ability levels.
- They are well produced materials which the children enjoy using.
- They are useful for analysing strengths and weaknesses and for identifying the next steps needed.
- The Department of Education requires schools to undertake the tests.



When will SATS take place?

- The tests can be taken any time during *May*. Please try to avoid taking time off in *May*.
- We keep SATS low key. We try to make sure that pupils are not aware that they are taking SATS to make it as natural and stress-free as possible.



Testing Arrangements

- Teachers can decide **when** to administer each test.
- Children will take their tests in groups – not as a whole class.
- There is no strict time limit.



How many SATS papers are there?

Subject	Test Paper
English Reading	Short text and questions Long text with separate questions
Mathematics	Arithmetic Mathematical reasoning



Reading

- The reading test consists of two separate papers:
- Paper 1 – consists of a combined reading prompt and answer booklet. The paper includes a list of useful words and some practice questions for teachers to use to introduce the contexts and question types to pupils. The test takes approximately 30 minutes to complete, but is not strictly timed.
- Paper 2 – consists of an answer booklet and a separate reading booklet. There are no practice questions on this paper. Teachers can use their discretion to stop the test early if a pupil is struggling. This test takes approximately 40 minutes to complete, but is not strictly timed.
- The texts will cover a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction.



Maths

- The maths test consists of two separate papers:
- Paper 1: Arithmetic – lasts approximately 25 minutes to complete, but is not strictly timed. It covers calculation methods for all operations.
- Paper 2: Reasoning – lasts for approximately 35 minutes to complete, but is not strictly timed. Pupils will still require calculation skills and questions will be varied including multiple choice, matching, true/false, completing a chart or table or drawing a shape. Some questions will also require children to show or explain their working out.
- The questions will be read to the pupils.



How can I help my child?

- Support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and that they should always just try their best.
- Ensure your child has good attendance at school.
- Enjoy stories together. Read little and often. Discuss the story plot, the characters, predict what will happen and look up definitions of words together.
- Practise quick recall of number facts. Play Times Table Rockstars. Encourage opportunities for telling the time, counting coins and money, look for examples of 2D and 3D shapes, measure quantities and amounts.
- Support your child with weekly 'SATS practice' homework.



When will we get the results?

- Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of key stage 1.
- These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you in your child's end of year report. We will also send a separate letter home in the Summer term indicating their scaled score from the SATs test.

Reading	
Test Result Scaled Score (85-115)	
Teacher Assessment	

Writing	
Teacher Assessment	

Maths	
Test Result Scaled Score (85-115)	
Teacher Assessment	

Science	
Teacher Assessment	



Any questions?

- Please take some time to have a look at the example SATS papers displayed on the tables.
- Please feel free to speak to Miss Elliott or Miss Taylor if you have any questions.

