2025 key stage 2 national curriculum tests: information for parents



Standards & Testing Agency

What are key stage 2 tests?

If you have a child in year 6, at the end of key stage 2 (KS2) they will take national curriculum assessments in:

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- English reading
- mathematics

Some people refer to these tests as SATs.

The tests help measure the attainment of pupils in relation to the standards set out in the national curriculum, and help teachers and parents identify where pupils may need additional support in a certain subject area. The test results are also used to report publicly on schools' performance via the Department for Education's (DfE) Compare School and College Performance[1] service and to produce national and regional performance statistics.

Your child will sit the KS2 tests on scheduled dates set by the Standards and Testing Agency (STA). If your child is absent on a scheduled test day, they may be able to take any missed test up to 5 school days afterwards. Your child's school must apply for a timetable variation and receive approval from STA to allow for this.

For the academic year 2024 to 2025, the KS2 tests are scheduled to take place from Monday 12 May to Thursday 15 May 2025:

Date	Subject	Test papers
Monday 12 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling	Paper 1: questions Paper 1: spelling
Tuesday 13 May	English reading	English reading
Wednesday 14 May	Mathematics	Paper 1: arithmetic Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 15 May	Mathematics	Paper 3: reasoning

1. www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/

Are there any other assessments?

There are no tests for English writing or science at the end of KS2, but performance in these subjects will be reported as a teacher assessment judgement. Your child's teachers will make this judgement based on your child's overall work and performance in the subject. As with the tests, this will help to indicate if your child needs more support in the subject.

Teacher assessment judgements in English writing may be externally moderated by the school's local authority. This is a collaborative process between the school and local authority moderator, to ensure that judgements are consistent with national standards.

If your child is working below the standards of the national curriculum in one or more subjects, they may be assessed under an alternative teacher assessment – either the:

- pre-key stage 2 standards[2], if they are engaged in subject-specific study
- engagement model[3], if they are not engaged in subject-specific study

Your child's school will inform you if this is the case.

When will my child receive their results?

Schools can view KS2 test results online from Tuesday 8 July 2025.

Your child's school will decide how they issue test results and teacher assessment judgements to pupils and parents, but you should receive them by the end of the summer term.

Your child's school will also discuss your child's overall performance at the end of KS2 with you before the summer holidays and give you the opportunity to raise any questions or concerns you may have about your child's results.

Schools will review test papers and submit marking review applications if they believe the marking scheme has not been applied correctly. In the rare cases where revisions to results are necessary, they are made once the review process is complete at the end of the summer holidays.

The secondary school your child is moving to will also be able to access your child's results. This helps them plan how best to support new pupils on entry.

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2. www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-key-stage-standards-information-for-parents
3. www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-engagement-model-information-for-parents

Further information

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions about the tests and teacher assessment judgements.

For more details, you can also visit www.gov.uk/STA.

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