

End of KS2 assessment -SATs and all that jazz!-

Complete the sentence below with the **past perfect** form of the verb in the box.

The teacher told the class that he _____ not to
give them any homework.

↑
to decide

_____ mark

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How is your child assessed at the end of primary school (KS2)?



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1. 6 national curriculum tests in May
 - Grammar and Punctuation (1 test)
 - Spelling (1 test)
 - Reading (1 test)
 - Maths (3 tests)

These tests are commonly referred to as 'The SATs'

2. Ability in Writing - assessed by us across 6 pieces of independent work completed during the year.
3. Science - teacher judgement submitted in June.

When are the SATs this year?



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Date	Tests
Monday 11 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions
Monday 11 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 12 May	English reading
Wednesday 13 May	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
Wednesday 13 May	Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 14 May	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

How long are the tests?

- English grammar, punctuation & spelling - Paper 1 = 45 minutes. 50 questions. 50 marks available.
- English grammar, punctuation & spelling - Paper 2 = 15 minutes. 20 spelling words. 20 marks available.
- English Reading Paper = 60 minutes. 3 different texts that increase in difficulty. 3 sets of questions.c.40 questions in total. 50 marks available.

How long are the tests?

- Maths Paper 1 = Arithmetic. 30 minutes. 36 questions. 40 marks available.
- Maths Paper 2 = Reasoning. 40 minutes. c.20 questions. 35 marks available.
- Maths Paper 3 = Reasoning. 40 minutes. c.20 questions. 35 marks available.

Where do the children do the tests?

Most children will sit the tests in one of the year 6 classrooms.

A few will be in other quiet side rooms.

We are not using the hall this year.

Usual exam conditions apply - we have been practising these!

How are we preparing the children for the SATs?

- Overall, we try to keep things calm and as low-key as possible.
- We are well prepared and by May our carefully planned lessons and revision will mean that the children are ready.
- The CGP homework books help to keep topics ticking over that we may not spend a lot of time revisiting prior to May.

How can you help?

- Lots of encouragement.
- Low pressure.
- Early bedtimes.
- Attendance.
- CGP books.
- Continue to use the CGP Homework books.

How and when do you find out the results?

- The test papers are couriered away and **externally marked**.
- We receive the results in early July.
- End of year reports will be emailed to you towards the **end of the Summer term** as usual. A second email will contain the assessment results.
- The teacher judgement **for Writing** will be either: working towards the expected standard OR working at the expected standard OR working at greater depth within the expected standard.
- The teacher judgement **for Science** will be either working towards the expected standard or working at the expected standard.

How and when do you find out the results?

- The results for the GPS, Reading and Maths SATs tests will be given as a scaled score **between 80 and 120.**
- A scaled score of 100 or more = met the expected standard.
- A scaled score of 99 or below = not met the expected standard.
- **BUT** for some children a score of 90 may be a wonderful result. For others a score of 105 may be disappointing.
- Progress and outcomes are individual.

You will also receive comparative data - % achieving the EXS in the school and nationally + average scaled score in school and nationally for the SATs.

Why do SATs matter?

1. They give you and the children an understanding of ability, knowledge and progress in some key areas at the end of primary school.
2. They inform secondary schools about individuals' attainment.
3. They provide the government with data about how all 10/11 year olds are performing at a regional and national level.
4. The results are used to report publicly on schools' performance.

What happens after SATs?!

Once the SATs are finished we will definitely celebrate on the Friday!

Then we will focus on Writing and Science teaching and judgements.

And in amongst this, we have much to look forward to as well:

- Junior Citizens - 23rd March
- Leavers' photographs - 21st May
- Bikeability - w/c 8th June
- Gillotts transition day - 2nd July
- The Show! - 7th July (afternoon and evening)
- Sports Day - 5th June
- Final leavers' assembly for parents - 16th July
- Last day of term - 17th July

A final thought ...

These are just tests at one point in your child's education journey; they do not measure how kind they are, their attitude to their learning and their improved confidence.

They do not measure talents in art, sport, drama, singing and caring for others - these are just as important as the children move on from Trinity.

Thank you for your support.

Questions ...?



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