



Key Stage 2 SATs 2022

St John's Highbury Vale





Supporting your child through SATs

During SATs week it is very important that your child is eating and sleeping well. We would encourage that you limit the amount of screen time your child has also.

Free breakfast will be offered every morning of SATs week. Children will be encouraged to arrive into school early to eat breakfast with each other.

Direct any questions or concerns you have about SATs to your child's teacher, rather than worry your child with them.

Encourage your child to talk to their teacher or another adult they trust if they express persisting anxieties about SATs.

Plan something nice and fun for the weekends before and after SATs – this will help your child start the week well and also give them something to look forward to when they are finished.





Assessment and Reporting

As of 2014, the 'old' national curriculum levels (e.g. level 3, 4, 5) were abolished as set out in government guidelines.

The 2014 curriculum is rigorous and sets noticeably higher expectations than previous curricula, which is why all schools have had to work hard to meet and adapt to it since its introduction.

Since 2016, test scores have been reported as 'scaled scores'.





Scaled Scores

What is meant by 'scaled scores'?

- 100 will always represent the 'national standard'.
- Each pupil's raw test score will therefore be converted into a score on the scale, either at, above or below 100.
- The scale will have a lower end point somewhere below 100 and an upper end point above 100.
- A child who achieves the 'national standard' (a score of 100) will be judged to have demonstrated sufficient knowledge in the areas assessed by the tests.
- Each pupil receives:
 - a raw score (number of raw marks awarded);
 - a scaled score in each tested subject;confirmation of whether or not they attained the national standard.





Scaled Score Examples

On publication of the test results in July:

- a child awarded a scaled score of 100 is judged to have met the 'national standard' in the area judged by the test;
- a child awarded a scaled score of more than approximately 109 is judged to have exceeded the national standard and demonstrated a higher than expected knowledge of the curriculum for their age;
- a child awarded a scaled score of less than 100 is judged to have not yet met the national standard and performed below the expectation for their age.



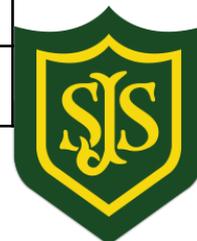


During SATs Week

We have to follow a strict timetable so it is imperative that your child attends, is well rested and on time.

The children are encouraged to come to school half an hour earlier in order to get settled and relax before we begin to get ready for tests at 9am. We will be open from 8:30 from Monday to Thursday and will provide cereal bars, fruit and juice.

Monday 9 th May	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
Tuesday 10 th May	Reading Comprehension
Wednesday 11 th May	Maths 1 & 2 (Calculation & Reasoning)
Thursday 12 th May	Maths 3 (Reasoning)
Friday 13 th May	Picnic in the Park (all day)





More information about SATs?

SATs focus on what they know about Maths and English. They won't reflect how individual children are performing in Science, Geography, Art or PE, and they certainly won't highlight positive personal characteristics such as kindness and integrity.

SATs results don't always tell the whole story. The results will say they DID or DIDN'T meet a certain standard, but not necessarily by what margin. Additionally, the thresholds tend to change each year according to overall national performance, so what was classed as 'did meet the expected standard' in 2016 may have been considered as 'did not' in 2015. Your school may be able to provide you with more detailed feedback, so don't let your child see SATs as a simple case of 'pass' or 'fail'.

SATs for one week. In reality it's just one or two papers lasting 30-60 minutes. You can't emphasise enough the importance of keeping that in perspective.





Advice for Year 6 Children

- Listen to what your teacher says.
- Your teacher is cheering you on and wants you to do your best.
- Make sure you get plenty of sleep and stay well fed – sleep and food help keep the brain moving.
- Read the questions carefully. This can help to avoid any silly mistakes!
- Don't worry if there's something you can't answer. Take a deep breath! You can always move on and go back later but it's better to write something rather than nothing.
- Keep in mind year 6 SATs are just one week of your entire life!





Thank you

