

Lowe's Wong Anglican Methodist Junior School



Preparation Booklet for
KS2 SATs
April 2014

Key Stage 2 SATs – What Parents Need To Know

All Year 6 children are required to take externally-set assessments in English and maths. The standard papers cover levels 3-5, with level 4 being the expected national average at the end of primary school. Children will sit the following tests:

Year 6 English SATs

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling – Paper 1 comprises 40 to 50 short-answer questions covering grammar, punctuation and vocabulary; Paper 2 is a spelling test with 20 words.
- English reading – one paper based on an unthemed reading comprehension of three to four texts, with a total of 35 to 40 questions.

Year 6 maths SATs

- Mathematics – Paper 1 and 2, each lasting 45minutes, and Paper 3, a 20-minutes mental maths test.

In addition high achieving children may be entered for level 6 SATs papers in the same subjects. The Department for Education (DfE) advises that only children who are expected to achieve a Level 6 should take these tests; if they don't pass, they are awarded the grade from their level 3-5 papers.

When are the 2014 KS2 SAT tests?

The level 3-5 tests take place in the mornings whilst the level 6 tests all take place in the afternoons.

Date	Test	Timings
Monday 12 th May	Level 3-5 English Reading	60minutes
	Level 6 English Reading	10mins Reading, 50 mins to complete the test
Tuesday 13 th May	Levels 3-5 English grammar, punctuation and spelling	Paper 1 short answer questions – 45mins, Spellings 15mins
	Level 6 English grammar, punctuation and spelling	Paper 1 30mins, Paper 2 20mins, Paper 3 10mins
Wednesday 14 th May	Levels 3-5 mental mathematics	20mins
	Levels 3-5 mathematics Paper 1	45mins
Thursday 15 th May	Levels 3-5 mathematics Paper 2	45mins
	Level 6 mathematics Paper 1	30mins
	Level 6 mathematics Paper 2	30minss

Other changes to SATs in 2014:

- A new format and timing (one hour) for the level 3-5 English reading test. There are now three to four unrelated texts to read rather than texts on a single theme.
- Calculators are no longer used in the level 3-5 maths tests
- The percentage of children achieving level 6 will be shown in the school league tables for the first time

Teacher assessment in the KS2 SATs

- Other subjects, including English speaking and listening, are assessed by teachers rather than by children taking a formal written test. This assessment data is then submitted to the DfE, and is subject to moderation.
- Replacing the writing test given previously, your child's teacher will assess their writing composition, so your child's result for English writing will be a judgement of their work across Year 6. Your child's grammar, punctuation and spelling skills will be assessed as part of their writing, but their creativity and writing style will also be evaluated.
- Children's progress, as well as their achievement, will be measured and reported on in school performance tables.
- Teacher assessments will be passed on to secondary schools so they can be used in planning for Year 7 teaching.

School Preparation for the SATs

- All material likely to appear in the tests will have been covered.
- Pupils will continue, to work on past papers to help familiarise them with the layout of the tests; although the Reading Test has changed this year – so they will have had less experience of this new format.
- Readers for maths and grammar tests are allowed if necessary.
- Individual and groups of children have been working in 'booster' sessions to either address 'gaps' in their knowledge, build their confidence or to stretch the more able.
- Homework being set is to practise what your child has been taught in the classroom and is designed to reinforce their learning.

How can you help your child?

- Talk to your child about SATs and tell them not to worry about them (we are doing this too)
- Encourage your child to read daily, both on their own and to you – take the opportunity to talk about the books they are reading for example, the characters, the storylines and encourage them to express their opinions about the book.
- Play mental maths games e.g. revising times tables – on the way home, in the car etc.
- Encourage your child to do their homework.
- Keep everything as normal as possible – stick to a normal routine and keep up their regular out-of-school activities to dilute any feelings that SATs are 'stress-y'.
- Encourage your child to eat breakfast and have a water bottle at school everyday.
- Ensure they are getting plenty of sleep – this is absolutely key to success.