

Year 6 SATs 2025 Presentation for Parents, Carers & Guardians

What are the SATs?

- SATs are the Standardised Assessment Tests that are given to children at the end of Key Stage 2.
- The SATs take place over four days, starting on Monday 12th May ending on Thursday 15th May.
- The SATs papers consist of:
- o Grammar, punctuation and spelling (paper 1: GPS) Monday 12th May
- Grammar, punctuation and spelling (paper 2: Spelling) Monday 12th
 May
- Reading Tuesday 13th May
- Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) Wednesday 14th May
- Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) Wednesday 14th May
- Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) Thursday 15th May
- Writing is assessed using evidence collected throughout Year 6. There is no Year 6 SATs writing test.

When and how the SATs are completed

- The tests take place during normal school hours, under exam conditions.
- Children are not allowed to talk to each other from the moment the assessments are handed out until they are collected at the end of the test.
- After the tests are completed, the papers are sent away to be marked externally.
- The results are then sent to the school in July.
- Each test lasts no longer than 60 minutes:
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 1: Grammar/ Punctuation) 45 minutes
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 2: Spelling) 15 minutes
- Reading 60 minutes
- Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) 30 minutes
- Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) 40 minutes
- Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) 40 minutes

Specific arrangements for SATs

- Children with additional needs (who have similar support as part of day-to-day learning in
- school) may be allotted specific arrangements, including:
- Additional (extra) time;
- Tests being opened early to be modified;
- An adult to scribe (write) for them;
- Using word processors independently;
- An adult to read for them (including a translator);
- The use of prompts or rest breaks;
- Arrangements for children who are ill or injured at the time of the tests.
- Pupils with an EHCP are automatically allowed up to 25% additional time (except for the spelling paper, which is not strictly timed). Pupils who use the modified large print or braille versions of the tests are automatically allowed up to 100% additional time.

The results

- Tests are marked externally. Once marked, the tests will be given the following scores:
- A raw score (total number of marks achieved for each paper);
- A scaled score (see below);
- A judgement on if the National Standard has been met.
- After marking each test, the external marker will convert the raw score to a scaled score.
- Even though the tests are made to the same standard each year, the questions must be different. This means the difficulty of the tests may vary. Scaled scores ensures an accurate comparison of performance over time.
- Scaled scores range from 80 to 120.
- A scaled score of 100 or more shows the pupil is meeting the National Standard.
- A scaled score of 110 or more shows the pupil is meeting Greater Depth

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Monday 12th May

Grammar, punctuation and spelling consists of two papers.

- Paper 1 focuses on all three elements (grammar, punctuation and spelling or GPS). The paper lasts for 45 minutes.
- Paper 2 consists of a spelling test only. It should take approximately 15 minutes, although this is not a set amount of time (pupils should be given as much time as they need to complete the test).

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Paper 1 (GPS)

The children will have been working hard with their class teacher on developing and securing their knowledge of the technical vocabulary needed in this test.

This test focuses on:

- Grammatical terms/ word classes;
- Functions of sentences;
- Combining words, phrases and clauses;
- Verb forms, tenses and consistency;
- Punctuation;
- Vocabulary;
- Standard English and formality.

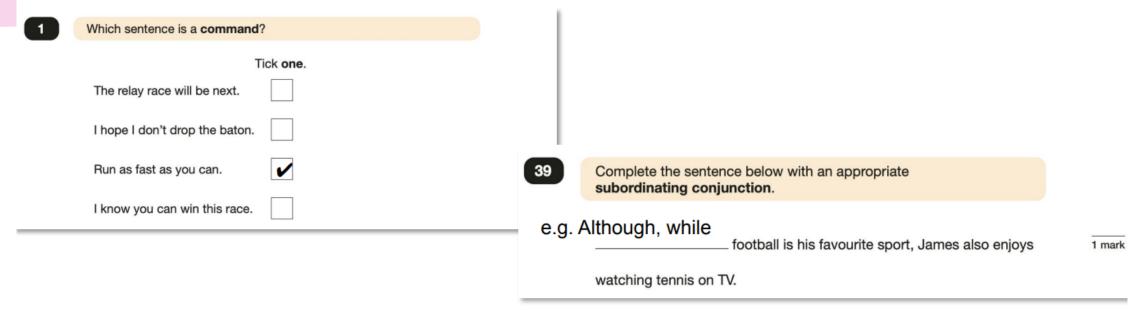
This test requires a range of answer types but does not require longer formal answers.

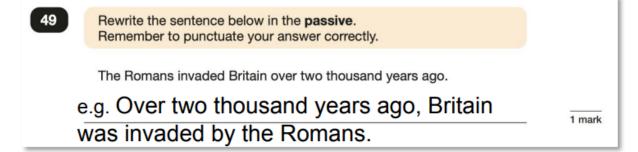
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 Would you like to try a few grammar questions and some Year 6 spelling words?

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Paper 1 (GPS)

Example questions:





Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Paper 2 (spelling)

Paper 2 is a shorter paper that focuses solely on spellings.

Example questions:

Spelling

- 1. There was a _____ in the field.
- 2. I kept in _____ with my old friends when we moved.
- 3. The questions were _____ from one to ten.

2023 Spelling script

Spelling 1: The word is lamb.

There was a lamb in the field.

The word is lamb.

Spelling 2: The word is touch.

I kept in **touch** with my old friends when we moved.

The word is touch.

Spelling 3: The word is numbered.

The questions were **numbered** from one to ten.

The word is **numbered**.

Reading: Tuesday 13th May

There is one reading test that lasts for 60 minutes.

The test is designed to measure if the children's comprehension of age-appropriate reading material meets the national standard. There are three different set texts for children to read. These could be any combination of non-fiction, fiction and/ or poetry.

The test covers the following areas (known as Content Domains):

- Give/ explain the meaning of words in context;
- Retrieve and record information/ identify key details from fiction and non-fiction;
- Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph;
- Make inferences from the text/ explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text;
- Predict what might happen from details stated and implied;
- Identify/ explain how information/ narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole;
- Identify/ explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases;
- Make comparisons within the text.

Parents.....

Would you like to try a few reading questions?

Reading

The reading SATs paper requires a range of answer styles.

Example questions:

Questions 1-12 are about A Noise in the Night (pages 4-5)

Look at the first paragraph.

How can you tell Priya was feeling nervous?

Write two ways.

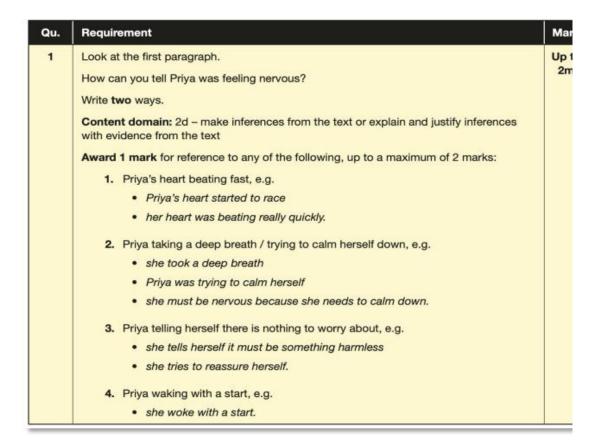
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Priya and her friends are camping near a farm owned by Mr Jones. Earlier in the day, Mr Jones had told the group that sheep thieves had been seen in the area.

A Noise in the Night

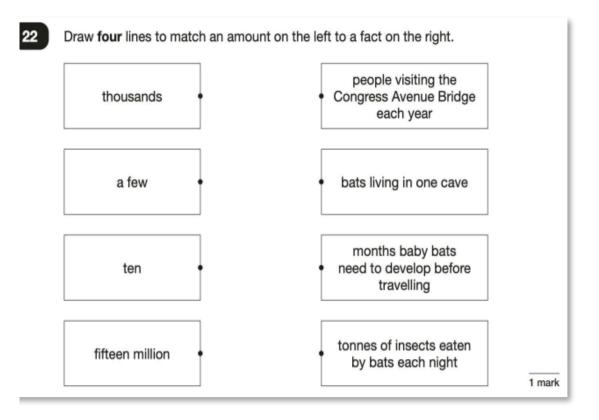
Priya woke with a start, her heart beating fast. Something had disturbed her but she wasn't sure what. Abby was still sleeping quietly beside her, and the night-light glowed, but now she could see things inside the tent, and she realised that the moon must have risen. She took a deep breath, trying to calm herself, but then she heard something rustling outside. It's nothing, she told herself strictly. It's a hedgehog, or a mole. It's something nice and harmless.



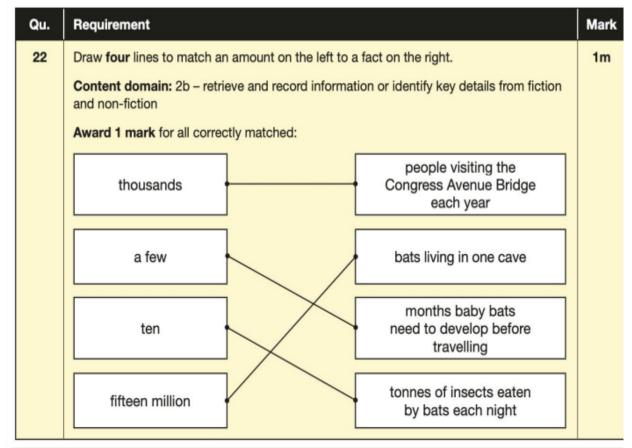


Reading

Example questions: Based on text 2: Bats Under the Bridge



Section 2: Bats Under the Bridge



Reading

Example questions: 3 mark question

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Look at the paragraph beginning: Innis sat up... to the end of the text.

Innis meets the boy. What do you learn about the boy's personality?

Give two things, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

| Personality | Evidence |
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3 marks

Section 3: A Howl at Dusk

| Qu. | Requirement | | Mark | |
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| 38 | Look at the paragraph beginning: Innis sat up to the end of the text. Innis meets the boy. What do you learn about the boy's personality? Give two things, using evidence from the text to support your answer. Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text Award 3 marks for two acceptable points, at least one with evidence. Award 2 marks for either two acceptable points, or one acceptable point with evidence. Award 1 mark for one acceptable point. | | | |
| | Acceptable points (personality) | Likely evidence | | |
| | he is unfriendly / rude / surly | unfriendly eyes 'What's it to you?' strode off without another word didn't bother to look at Innis whilst replying he didn't look at him when he replied. | | |
| | 2. he is independent / brave / calm | he was on his own not concerned he might be walking towards the wolf he didn't seem to be shocked that there was a wolf about. | | |
| | 3. he is curious | the only questions asked were about wolves 'How far?' 'Where exactly?' he stops when Innis mentions the wolf. | | |
| | 4. he is mysterious / strange | he doesn't talk much he wiped the snow off, turned and strode off he appeared out of nowhere he didn't tell Innis much about himself. | | |
| | 5. he is secretive / defensive | he didn't tell Innis anything about himself strode off without another word 'What's it to you?' | | |
| | 6. he is determined / single-minded / self-centred | was only interested in the wolf strode off without another word he only paid attention to what he was interested in he only interacted when he realised that Innis had useful information. | | |

Reading Since the current testing formation for the SATs began in 2016, there has been a tendency for three types of questions to be the most popular.

In a recent Reading SATs paper,

- 18% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving giving and explaining the meaning of words in context;
- 32% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving retrieving and recording information or identifying key details from a text;
- 46% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving making inferences from a text and justifying inferences with text evidence.

When reading with your child at home try focusing on these types of questions.

Maths: Wednesday 14th May and Thursday 15th May

The maths assessments consist of three tests.

- Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes) Wednesday 14th May
- Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes) Wednesday 14th May
- Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes) Thursday 15th May

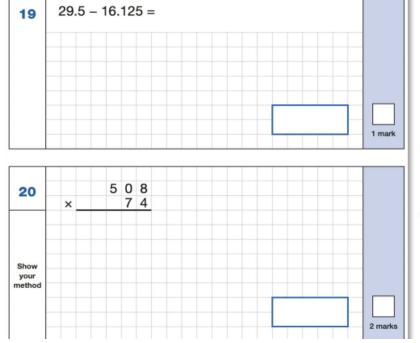
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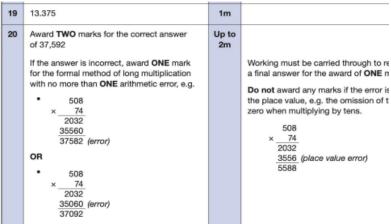
Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

The maths arithmetic paper has a total of 40 marks and lasts for 30 minutes.

The test covers the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, including order of operations requiring BODMAS), percentages of amounts and calculating with decimals and fractions.

Example questions:

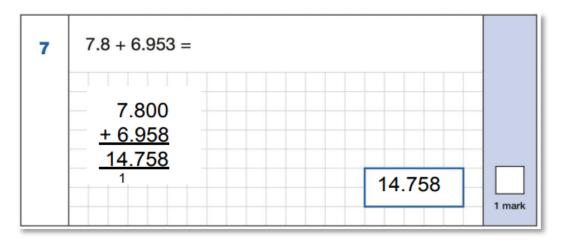


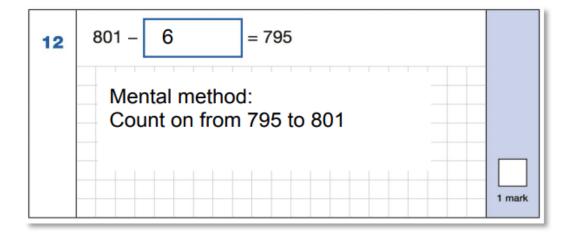


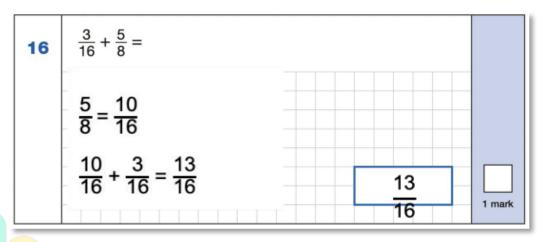


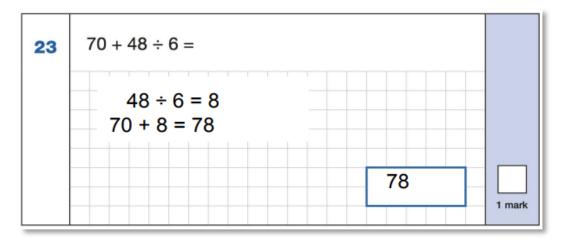
Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

Example 1 mark questions:



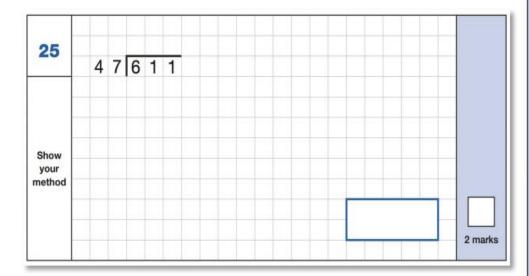






Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

Example 2 mark question:



| Qu. | Requirement | Mark | Additional guidance |
|-----|---|----------|--|
| 25 | Award TWO marks for the correct answer of 13 | Up to 2m | |
| | If the answer is incorrect, award ONE mark for the formal methods of division with no more than ONE arithmetic error, i.e. • long division algorithm, e.g. | | Working must be carried through to reach a final answer for the award of ONE mark. |
| | 15 r 25 47 611 - 470 260 (error) - 235 25 | | |
| | OR 18 (error) 47 611 - 470 141 - 141 - 141 0 3 × 47 | | |
| | short division algorithm, e.g. 1 5r 6 (error) 47 61²⁴1 | | Short division methods must be supported by evidence of appropriate carrying figures to indicate the use of a division algorithm, and be a complete method. The carrying figure must be less than the divisor. |

Maths Papers 2 and 3 (Reasoning)

Paper 2 will take place on Wednesday 14th May and paper 3 will take place on Thursday 15th May.

These tests have a total of 35 marks each and lasts for 40 minutes each.

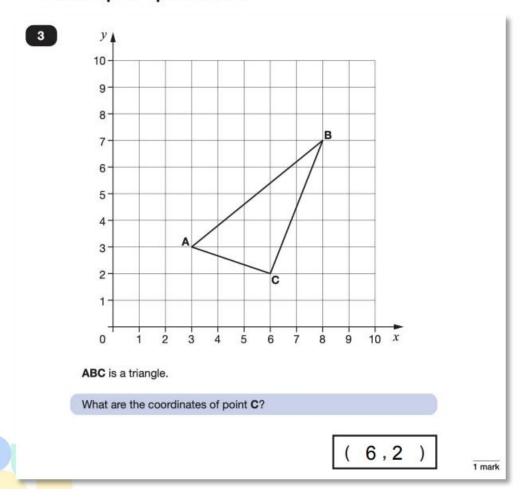
These papers require children to demonstrate their mathematical knowledge and skills, as well as their ability to solve problems and their mathematical reasoning.

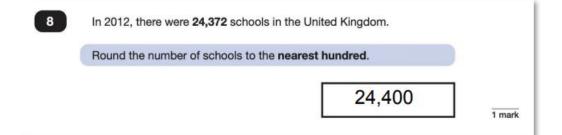
They cover a wide range of mathematical topics from key stage 2 including,

- Number and place value (including Roman numerals);
- The four operations;
- Geometry (properties of shape, position and direction);
- Statistics;
- Measurement (length, perimeter, mass, volume, time, money);
- Algebra;
- Ratio and proportion;
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.

Maths Papers 2 (Reasoning)

Example questions:





Maths Papers 2 (Reasoning)

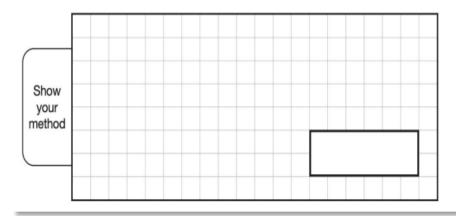
Example questions:

17 The manager of a flower shop orders 4 boxes of red roses.

There are 50 roses in each box.

The manager makes bunches with 6 roses in each bunch.

What is the **greatest** number of bunches that can be made?



Award **TWO** marks for the correct answer of 33

If the answer is incorrect, award **ONE** mark for evidence of an appropriate method, e.g.

• $4 \times 50 = 200$ $200 \div 6 = 30 (error)$

OR

• $50 \div 6 = 8 \text{ r2}$ $(8 \text{ r 2}) \times 4 = 32 \text{ r8}$

OR

2 marks

Award ONE mark for sight of:

33 ¹/₃ OR 33.3 OR 33.33 r OR 33.3
 OR 33 r 2

(as evidence of completing 200 ÷ 6 correctly without interpreting the remainder in context)

Up to

Answer need not be obtained for the award of **ONE** mark.

If the pupil reaches an answer with a remainder and subsequently rounds to the nearest integer value either side, then the method remains appropriate for the award of **ONE** mark, e.g.

• $200 \div 6 = 31 \text{ r8}$

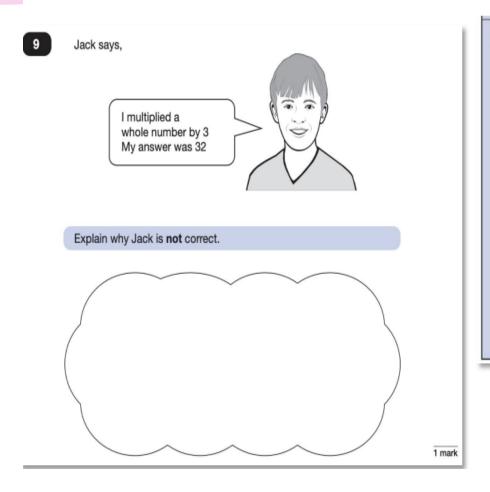
Acceptable rounded answers would be 31 **OR** 32

For the 'sight of' mark, accept equivalent fractions.

Award ONE mark for an answer of 34.

Maths Papers 3 (Reasoning)

Example questions:



Award **ONE** mark for an explanation that recognises that 32 is not a multiple of 3, e.g.

- 32 is not in the 3x table
- 32 ÷ 3 = 10 r2 or 10.66 (which are not whole numbers)
- if you count in multiples of 3 from 0, you won't get 32
- 3 + 2 = 5, 5 is not a multiple of 3 so he is wrong.

OR

For a description that includes one or both of the multiples of 3 either side of 32, e.g.

- if you do 10 x 3 = 30 and 11 x 3 = 33 there is no 32
- $10 \times 3 = 30$ and 32 is 2 away.

Do not accept responses that restate the question, e.g. Jack is not correct because if you multiply 3 by any whole number you will not get 32.

Do not accept vague or incomplete explanations, e.g.

- If you multiply by 3 you will get 30, not 32
- 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33
- · 32 is not a factor of 3

Do not accept explanations which include incorrect mathematics or incorrect information relevant to the explanation.

Maths Papers 3 (Reasoning)

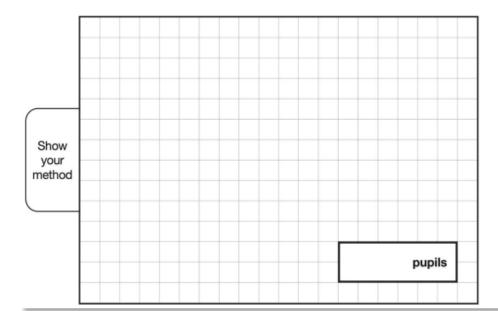
Example question:

There are 25 classes in a school.

Each class has 34 pupils.

62% of all the pupils play a sport after school.

What number of pupils do not play a sport?



3 marks

| Qu. | Requirement | Mark | Additional guidance |
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| 21 | Award THREE marks for the correct answer of 323 | Up to 3m | A misread of a number may affect the award of marks. No marks are awarded if there is more than one misread or if the |
| | Award TWO marks for: | | mathematics is simplified. |
| | An incorrect answer with evidence of an appropriate complete method with no more than one arithmetic error, e.g. | | TWO marks will be awarded if an appropriate method with the misread number is followed through correctly. |
| | 25 × 34 100 <u>750</u> 950 (error) | | ONE mark will be awarded for evidence of an appropriate method with the misread number followed through correctly with no more than one error. |
| | 62% of 950 = 589 950 - 589 = 361 | | Within an appropriate method, if the pupil has rounded appropriately with no more than one arithmetic error, the pupil may be awarded TWO marks. |
| | • 34 × 25 = 950 (<i>error</i>) 95 × 3 = 285 9.5 × 8 = 76 285 + 76 = 361 | | |
| | OR | | |
| | sight of 527 (as evidence of calculating 62% of 850) | | |
| | Award ONE mark for: | | Answer need not be obtained for the |
| | evidence of an appropriate method with more than one error. | | award of ONE mark. |
| | OR | | |
| | sight of 850 (as evidence of the multiplication step completed correctly) | | |

Supporting your child in preparing for the SATs

Firstly, a positive attitude goes a long way. Give them as much encouragement and support as you can (but we don't need to tell you that)!

Tips:

- Don't use past papers as they are used in school to prepare the children.
- Talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns
- Encourage your child to talk to their teacher or a trusted adult (including yourself) if they have any worries. Don't forget that a small amount of anxiety is normal and not harmful.
- Give your child a quiet, distraction free space to complete homework or study.
- Give your child time to go outside and reduce screen time.
- Ensure your child is eating and drinking well and getting a good amount of sleep.

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Advice for Year 6 children from Year 7 children

- Listen to your teacher.
- The adults you work with all want you to do your best.
- Get plenty of sleep and eat well, this will help your brain.
- Read all the questions carefully. This can help you to avoid silly mistakes.
- Don't panic. There may be questions you think you can't answer. Take a deep breath. Read it again. You can always move on and go back to it later. It's often better to write something rather than nothing.
- Remember that the Year 6 SATs last for 4 days out of your whole life!

Things to remember about SATs

SATs focus on what children know about Maths and English. They will not reflect how talented they are at science, geography, art, PE..., and they certainly won't highlight all of their amazing personal characteristics.

SATs don't tell the whole story. Their results will say if they did or did not meet a certain standard but not necessarily by what margin. These thresholds change each year according to the overall national performance, so what was classed as 'meeting the expected standard' this year might not be the same as last year. Your school may be able to provide you with more detailed feedback.

SATs are only four days out of a whole Primary School career. In reality, there's one or two papers each day that last 30 to 60 minutes.

•Any questions?