



HELP YOUR CHILD ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

Find out how to give your Year 2 or Year 6 child a head start in their SATs preparation and get them set for success in May



We all want our children to soar through SATs. These six essential strategies will help you boost their confidence before the exams; click on each *Find out more* link to read more advice and information on TheSchoolRun.com

1. KNOW: What are SATs?

Your child will take SATs twice during their school career. The first time is in Key Stage 1, when they will have tests in Year 2, at the end of infants (aged 7). KS1 SATs, updated in 2016, are made up of written tests in reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling, and maths. Although the tests are set externally, they are marked by teachers within the school.

The next time your child will take SATs will be in Key Stage 2 in Year 6, aged 11. More formal than KS1 SATs, these written assessments (in English, maths and, in some schools, science) are made up of six different papers. The papers are sent away for marking; the results are known before children leave primary school in July.

FIND OUT MORE:

[KS1 SATs: a complete guide for parents](https://www.theschoolrun.com/KS1-SATs-in-2022) <https://www.theschoolrun.com/KS1-SATs-in-2022>

[Changes to KS2 SATs: what parents need to know](https://www.theschoolrun.com/ks2-sats-in-2022) <https://www.theschoolrun.com/ks2-sats-in-2022>

2. PLAN: Start revision early to avoid last-minute cramming

There's no need to panic about the SATs, which take place in May, as your child's teacher will have been preparing the class throughout the school year, but if you can put aside some time at home to support learning, your child has a much better chance of going into these tests feeling calm and confident.

FIND OUT MORE:

[Help boost your child's confidence about SATs](http://www.theschoolrun.com/practical-tips-for-sats-preparation) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/practical-tips-for-sats-preparation>

[SAT: a six-week action plan](http://www.theschoolrun.com/countdown-sats-your-action-plan) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/countdown-sats-your-action-plan>

[10 top tips for SATs revision](http://www.theschoolrun.com/10-top-tips-sats-revision) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/10-top-tips-sats-revision>

3. GUIDE: A relaxed child is going to be a happier learner

Very few of us look forward to exams, but, with your help, your child's first experience of sitting an externally assessed test can be positive.

FIND OUT MORE:

[Calm your child's fears about SATs](http://www.theschoolrun.com/top-10-ways-calm-your-childs-fears-about-sats) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/top-10-ways-calm-your-childs-fears-about-sats>

[SATs preparation: how play can help](http://www.theschoolrun.com/sats-preparation-how-play-can-help) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/sats-preparation-how-play-can-help>

4. CHECK: What should children know to get great results?

The best way to help your child prepare is to review with them each of the learning objectives they are required to have mastered by the time they sit their SATs test. Watch them as they complete a worksheet on each core area; if they struggle, you'll know this is a topic they could do with some revision on.

FIND OUT MORE:

[KS1 maths SATs advice](http://www.theschoolrun.com/ks1-maths-sats-what-is-tested-in-the-y2-assessments) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/ks1-maths-sats-what-is-tested-in-the-y2-assessments>

[KS1 English SATs advice](http://www.theschoolrun.com/ks1-english-sats-what-is-tested-in-the-y2-assessments) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/ks1-english-sats-what-is-tested-in-the-y2-assessments>

[Your KS2 English SATs revision helper](http://www.theschoolrun.com/sats-revision-KS2-english-helper) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/sats-revision-KS2-english-helper>

[Your KS2 maths SATs revision helper](http://www.theschoolrun.com/sats-revision-your-ks2-sats-maths-helper) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/sats-revision-your-ks2-sats-maths-helper>

For a complete set of worksheets covering KS1 and KS2 SATs learning objectives, follow our revision programme:

[Key Stage 1 SATs Learning Journey](http://www.theschoolrun.com/key-stage-1-sats-learning-journey) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/key-stage-1-sats-learning-journey>

[Key Stage 2 SATs Learning Journey](http://www.theschoolrun.com/key-stage-2-sats-learning-journey) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/key-stage-2-sats-learning-journey>

5. PRACTISE: Test your child with past papers

KS1 and KS2 SATs papers were completely updated to reflect the new primary curriculum in May 2016. **The official past papers for KS1 and KS2 are available for free from TheSchoolRun** (<http://www.theschoolrun.com/sats>), with marking schemes and teachers' tips to help you use past papers effectively.

We also offer extra subscriber-only "mock" papers, written in the style of the new tests, to offer extra at-home practice, as well as "SPAG" (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) assessments and resources.

6. USE EXPERT RESOURCES: TheSchoolRun guides to SATs success

If you liked this mini guide to KS1 and KS2 SATs, you might be looking for even more resources to help you help your child prepare for the Y2 and Y6 assessments.

A beginner's guide to Year 2 tests, the KS1 SATs success learning pack explains everything you need to know about how your child will be tested. There's information on teacher assessment, SATs scores, how the results are used and why you don't need to worry! There are also 26 activities to help support your child's SATs revision at home with games and fun. <http://www.theschoolrun.com/your-guide-to-ks1-sats-success>

For **KS2 SATs**, check out **Your guide to KS2 SATs success**, which is packed with tips, tricks and practical suggestions as well as techniques you can teach your child to help them remember key facts and information. <http://www.theschoolrun.com/your-guide-to-ks2-sats-success>