



Upper Key Stage 2

Information and Guidance on the expectations for 2026

Y5/6 EXPECTATIONS

- Homework - Doodle Maths (a few times a week - little and often) bookmark, reading
- PE kits - Wednesdays to Fridays
- Jewellery
- Growth mindset
- Independence

GROWTH MINDSET

Is Freedom

Finds inspiration in others success

Effort is required to build new skills

Perseveres in the face of failures

Accepts criticism

Desires to learn

Builds abilities

FIXED MINDSET

Is Limiting

Avoids challenges

Ignores feedback

Threatened by others success

Desires to look smart

Gives up easily

Fixed abilities

ASSESSMENT

- Assessments throughout the year - NFERs for Y5s
- A test result will not define your child as it will not change their resilience, character or determination to succeed.
- They are end of KS2 SATs and are based on learning from Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.
- Support from the Mental Health in Schools Team.

WHAT WILL BE TESTED?

- Reading – 60 mins
- Spelling – (not timed)
- Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar – 45 mins
- Mathematics
 - - Paper 1: Arithmetic – 30 mins
 - - Paper 2: Reasoning - 40 mins
 - - Paper 3: Reasoning – 40 mins

All tests are externally marked.

Writing will be assessed by teachers. Importance of regular attendance - writing will be missed and grade may be lower as a result.

KEY DATES

SATS WEEK 2025 Week commencing 11th May

Monday 11 th May 2026	Spelling Punctuation and Grammar
Tuesday 12 th May 2026	Reading
Wednesday 13 th May 2026	<i>Mathematics</i> Paper 1 Arithmetic Paper 2 Reasoning
Thursday 14 th May 2026	<i>Mathematics</i> Paper 3 Reasoning

WHAT DO WE DO IN SCHOOL?

- Provide high-quality teaching
- Smaller groupings for Maths and Writing
- Support children through their learning
- Implement interventions when needed
- Work in partnership with parents to help your child achieve the best that they can
- Help children realise their potential

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

- Encourage them to read age related texts regularly – reading widely and often is a key predictor of future success in all subjects
- Talk about what they are reading and read with them sometimes
- Learn times tables & division facts (maths practise during holidays – Doodle Maths/TT Rockstars)
- Encourage your child to have a ‘can do’ attitude and try their best in school
- Partnership with the school