

Assessment Dates 2022-23

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8th May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

Key Stage Two SATs (Year 6)

| Date | Activity |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 9th May 2023 | English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers |
| Wednesday 10th May 2023 | English reading |
| Thursday 11th May 2023 | Mathematics papers 1 and 2 |
| Friday 12th May 2023 | Mathematics paper 3 |

Key Stage One SATs (Year 2)

During week commencing Monday 15th May 2023, children in Year 2 will complete assessments in the following:

- Reading
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Maths

Unlike the KS2 SATs, these tests are not strictly timed as the ability to work at speed is not assessed. Teachers will have the option to stop the test at any point that they feel is appropriate for a particular child.

The results are used by teachers and schools as a way to check against national averages, measuring what has been understood and retained by each child.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

In June 2023, the Year 4 multiplication tables check will be administered for the second time. The check will be administered within the 3-week period from Monday 5th June 2023.

The multiplication tables check is an online test for pupils in Year 4. Pupils are asked to answer 25 questions on times tables from two to 12. They are given six seconds per question, with three seconds rest between each question, so the test should last less than five minutes.

Questions about the six, seven, eight, nine, and 12 times tables are likely to come up most often, as these are the hardest for most children to learn. It's a good idea to focus on these tricky times tables with your child.

Phonics Screening Check

The '2023 Phonics Screening Check' will be taken by all state run primary schools in England in the week commencing Monday 12th June 2023.

The check (otherwise known as the "Year 1 Phonics Screening" or "Phonics Test") is a short phonics assessment initially for children in Year 1. If however, a child does not obtain the expected score of 32 out of 40 (previous academic year expected score), they will be required to take the assessment again as a Year 2.

More information and support materials can be found at:

www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/article/phonics-screening-check