

St Andrew's Maghull CE Primary

**Optional
End of Key Stage 1
Assessments 2024
Parent Information**



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What are end of key stage 1 assessments?

- Key stage 1 covers year 1 and year 2. Previously, schools have been legally required to report end of key stage 1 assessment results to the government.
- From the 2023-2024 academic year, end of key stage 1 assessments are non-statutory. Schools can choose whether they wish to use assessment materials or not and there is no requirement to report any results.
- The Standards and Testing Agency (STA) will continue to provide materials and guidance for optional end of key stage 1 assessments.
- The optional test will cover English reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling and mathematics.



What are end of key stage 1 assessments?

- As the assessments are optional schools can choose how and when to use any test materials to assess children's knowledge at the end of key stage 1 (year 2).
- Assessing children in English and maths helps teachers to understand each child's attainment and identify any gaps in learning.
- Some schools will support the development of optional test papers by trialling them each spring – we have used previous SATs papers in Autumn and Spring terms.



What are children tested on?

At St Andrew's, we will be testing children on:

- English reading
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- Mathematics



What are children tested on?

Maths

Paper 1 - Arithmetic (20 minutes)

Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, including finding fractions.

Paper 2 - Reasoning (35 minutes)

Solving problems and reasoning. 5 questions are read aloud and children have 30 minutes to answer the rest of the questions independently.



What are children tested on?

English Reading

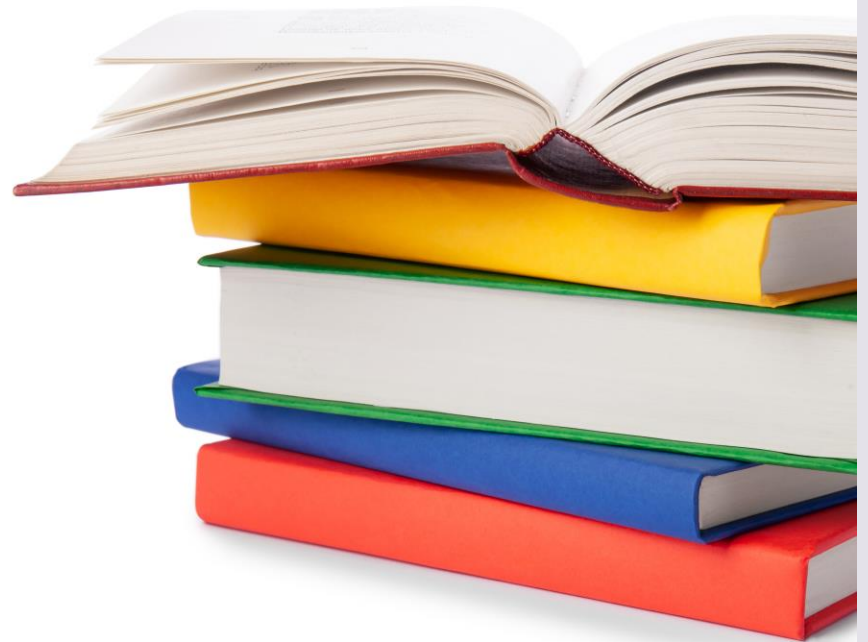
Both reading papers contain a variety of texts which increase in difficulty. Paper 2 is more challenging than paper 1.

Paper 1 (30 minutes)

Short sections of text for the children to read with questions underneath for them to answer.

Paper 2 (40 minutes)

A reading booklet with texts and a question booklet to record answers in.



What are children tested on?

English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Paper 1 - Spelling (15 minutes)

The children have a booklet of sentences with missing words. The teacher reads out the sentences and children write in the correct spellings of the missing words.

Paper 2 - Grammar, punctuation and vocabulary (20 minutes)

A question and answer booklet which tests children's knowledge of grammar and punctuation rules, as well as their vocabulary.



When and how do they happen?

At St Andrew's, we will administer the optional tests during the month of May.

- All subjects will be tested across the following weeks;

6th – 10th May

20th – 24th May



When and how do they happen?

- We will not tell the children they are being tested or call them tests.
- The children will work on the assessments in their own classroom / learning areas in smaller groups to allow them to space out. Children not taking part in the assessment at that time will be on their usual timetable.
- The assessments will be timetabled across the weeks to prevent the children feeling overwhelmed. To them, it will be like a usual English or maths lesson.



What happens with the results?

- Optional test results are not routinely shared with parents or published; they inform overall teacher assessments.
- Teacher assessment can include all the work a child has done in key stage one and the test result merely supports this judgement.
- The school will use these teacher assessments as part of our internal data tracking.
- Teacher assessments of pupil attainment will be shared with parents on the children's end of year reports.



How can I help my child?

Make sure they go to bed at a reasonable time, have a good breakfast and arrive at school on time during the assessment weeks.

Listen to your child read daily. Ask questions and talk about what they have read. Make sure they understand what they are reading.

Use online activities like TT Rockstars and Letter Join to practise skills at home.

Support your child to complete any home learning tasks, such as **spelling activities, reading comprehensions and maths sheets.**

