

2016 KS2 SATs Results Explained

What is a 'scaled score'?

Your child will have achieved a 'raw' score for maths, reading and GPS based on the number of questions they correctly answered. This is then converted into a 'scaled score'. A score of 100 is required to meet the expected standard.

What does that mean for my child's score?

- If your child has achieved a score of 100, he/she is working roughly at the expected national standard for a Y6 pupil.
- Using the scaled score, the lowest a child can score is 80, with the highest being 120.
- If your child's score is closer to 120, he/she is working beyond (or above) the expected national standard.
- If your child's score is closer to 80, he/she is working below the expected standard.

What is GPS?

GPS is grammar, punctuation and spelling. Sometimes this is called SPaG.

My child scored 97 in reading. What does this mean?

This means that your child is working towards the expected national standards for reading.

My child scored 103 in maths. What does this mean?

This means that your child is working at where he/she is expected to be in maths.

Are this year's SATs results better than in previous years at my child's school?

We cannot compare this year's tests to previous years due to huge changes in National Curriculum since 2014. These are the first test results that really record success with the 'new' curriculum.

Nationally this year, expectations have been raised for schools, compared to previous SATs results years.

What are the national trends?

For 2016, the average standard scaled score for each subject is as follows:

Standard Scores:

- Reading: 103
- Maths: 103
- GPS: 104

When looking at how many children have succeeded in reaching expected standards for reading, writing, GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) and maths, the results are as follows:

- National average for reading: 66%
- National average for GPS: 72%
- National average for maths: 70%
- National average for writing (teacher-assessed): 74%
- Combined national average for reading, writing & maths: 53%
- This year, teacher-assessed writing has the highest attainment nationally.
- Reading has the lowest.
- In previous years, reading attainment for 4b or above was highest.
- In previous years, GPS had the lowest attainment.
- This is a big change because GPS is now recorded as achieving a much higher standard than reading nationally.

How do schools calculate the 'combined' score?

The combined score is not an average of the scaled results. It is a percentage based on how many children have met the expected standards in all three subjects (i.e. reading, writing and maths).