

Sutton St James Primary School

SAT's and 11+ in Year 6

Meeting for Parents of Year 5

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When do they Happen?

- 11+

Two tests, both in early September 2025
(optional)

SAT's

They happen in May and last for a whole
week (compulsory) **Please do not book
holidays during May 2026 – WC 11th
May.**

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Secondary School 11+ System

- Grammar school / High school run the system.
- The system for the High School and Grammar School are the same.
- LEA is responsible for the parent preference and allocation system for secondary schools.

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NFER Verbal and Non Verbal Reasoning Tests

- The 11+ tests children's inherent intelligence.
- Tests take place at the High/Grammar School in Spalding on two separate Saturday mornings early in September (Saturday 13th – verbal reasoning and Saturday 20th – non-verbal & spatial reasoning).
- Children are given 50 minutes to complete each test.
- The tests are marked by the High/Grammar School.

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Further Information

- You have received an initial letter from the Secondary schools, containing the details of the 11+ tests. You should reply to the High or Grammar school if you would like your child to do the 11+ tests by: Monday 31st March (High School), Monday 31st March (Grammar School).
- If you wish to register your child late then you will need to contact the Secondary School directly.

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- In October you will be notified of the outcome of the 11+. (around the 10th October)
- You will receive Secondary School Preference forms from the LEA. Keep these letters safe and do as instructed on them. Return this form to LEA by the date requested (around the end of October).
- Go and look around the schools before you complete the form.
- Make sure you fill in **3 preferences** by 31st Oct 2025!
- 2nd March 2026 LEA will send out an offer of a school place. You must decide whether to accept the offer and notify county promptly.

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Practise Tests

- Children sit two practise tests at this primary school.
- We are **not allowed** to coach children.
- Practice tests can be bought from W H Smiths and Bookmark in Spalding or downloaded from the Internet.
- The majority of the questions in the verbal reasoning test are word based questions, with a few maths questions.
- Questions in the non verbal test are all pictorial.

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How to help your child

- Encourage children to jot down any workings on the sheet.
- Do not pressure children unnecessarily.
- Children do not have to sit the tests. You should have completed the online registration if you want your child to take the test (Deadline 31st March 2025).

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Please Remember.....

- We are one of very few areas left who operate this type of system.
- Only a small proportion 20% of children get a place at the High or Grammar school.
- Apart from determining which school children can attend the 11+ results do not form part of the children's educational record.
- Children can achieve the same academic results in all schools.
- Passing the 11+ bears no correlation to Maths and English ability.

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Recommended Practice Tests

You can obtain commercially printed practice papers by Letts or GL Assessment. These come in packs, together with a guide for parents and a simplified administration and mark scheme, and are available from W H Smiths and other bookshops or from online retailers. They are similar in format to the actual 11+ tests, although they may contain more or fewer questions than the actual tests. You should buy the Multiple Choice Format, NOT the Standard Format tests:

Non-Verbal Reasoning Pack 1 (Multiple Choice) ISBN 978-0708-72764-5

Non-Verbal Reasoning Pack 2 (Multiple Choice) ISBN 978-0708-72765-2

Non-Verbal Reasoning Pack 3 (Multiple Choice) ISBN 978-07087-2766-9

Verbal Reasoning Pack 1 (Multiple Choice) ISBN 978-07087-2761-4

Verbal Reasoning Pack 2 (Multiple Choice) ISBN 978-07087-2762-1

Verbal Reasoning Pack 3 (Multiple Choice) ISBN 978-07087-2763-8

Bundle of All Verbal 11+ Practice Packs (3 Packs) ISBN 978-070872769-0

Bundle of All Non Verbal 11+ Practice Packs (3 Packs) ISBN 978-0-7087-2770-6

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SAT's (Standard Assessment Tests)

- SAT's are designed to test pupils' knowledge and understanding of the learning they have done throughout KS2.
- SAT's are administered in school by class teachers and papers are sent away to be externally marked and moderated (except writing).
- All children will sit the SAT's, however if you have individual concerns please speak to their teacher.
- SAT results **do** form part of every child's educational record.
- Your child will sit their SAT's during May 2026.

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SATs

English

- Reading paper – 1 hour
- Grammar, Punctuation – 45 minutes
- Spelling – 20 minutes (not timed)
- Writing – Teacher Assessment

Maths

- Arithmetic – 30 minutes
- 2 Reasoning papers – 40 minutes (non calculator)

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- The tests have to be taken on the dates specified.
- Children who are absent are not allowed to sit the test on another day – (some exceptions can be made for severe sickness).
- The precise start times of the tests are left to the schools' discretion, but tests tend to be done in the morning whenever possible.
- If children do not sit the test they are not given a test level, only a teacher assessment level.

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When do you find out how the children have got on?

Schools are notified of the levels that children have achieved in the SAT's in early July. We will send results out to parents as soon as we have them. Parents are invited in to school to discuss their results after this should they wish to.

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Any Questions?

- Please feel free to look at some of the papers (11+ and SATs) that your child will be expected to complete. They are not easy!