

Assessment Dates 2026–27

A parent and carer guide to key assessment dates

Throughout the year, children complete a range of assessments to help teachers understand what they know, what they can do and where they may need further support or challenge. During assessment weeks, children from year 1 to year 6 will complete tests in reading and mathematics, while writing will be assessed by their teacher throughout the year. Children in Reception are assessed by their teacher against the Early Learning Goals.

Assessment is an important part of learning, but it is only one way we understand how children are progressing. Teachers use assessment information alongside classwork, observations and day-to-day learning to decide what children need next. The statutory assessments in EYFS, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 are not intended to define a child. We will continue to support children to approach assessments positively and confidently.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Key assessment dates

Date / week	Assessment	Children	What this means	Reporting
7–11 December 2026	Autumn assessment week	Year 1–Year 6	Children complete their normal end-of-term assessments. These help teachers plan for the spring term.	A report will be shared via Insight Tracking.
19–23 April 2027	Spring assessment week	Year 1–Year 6	A further set of assessments helps teachers measure progress and identify next steps.	A report will be shared via Insight Tracking.
21–25 June 2027	Summer assessment week	Year 1–Year 6	End-of-year assessments help teachers review progress and prepare information for the next stage of learning.	This data will inform your child's end-of-year report, which will be shared via Insight.

Year 6 – important assessment dates

Date	Assessment	A little more information	Reporting
24–28 August	Year 6 SATs mock assessments	Arithmetic and reading assessments to baseline the children.	This data is available on request.
5–9 October 2026	Year 6 SATs mock assessments	Practice assessments in reading and arithmetic.	This data will be shared at parents' evening.
7–11 December 2026	Year 6 SATs mock assessments	Reading, maths and grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS).	A report will be shared via Insight Tracking.
22–26 February 2027	Year 6 SATs mock assessments	Further practice in preparation for the statutory assessments.	A report will be shared via Insight Tracking.
19–23 April 2027	Year 6 SATs mock assessments	Reading, maths and GPS, as part of the spring assessment period.	A report will be shared via Insight Tracking.
10–13 May 2027	Year 6 SATs	Statutory assessments: Monday – GPS; Tuesday – reading; Wednesday – arithmetic and reasoning; Thursday – reasoning.	A report will be shared via Insight Tracking on Tuesday 6 th July (predicted date).

Year 1 – Phonics Screening Check

Date	Assessment	A little more information	Reporting
28 September–2 October 2026	Year 1 phonics mock	A practice check to help children become familiar with the format.	A report will be shared via Insight Tracking.
22–26 February 2027	Year 1 phonics mock	A further practice check during the spring term.	A report will be shared via Insight Tracking.
19–23 April 2027	Year 1 phonics mock	Further practice as part of the spring assessment week.	A report will be shared via Insight Tracking.
14–18 June 2027	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	The statutory phonics screening check. Schools complete it during this national assessment window.	A report will be shared via Insight Tracking once the official pass mark is announced on Monday 21 st June (predicted date).

Year 4 – Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Date	Assessment	A little more information	Reporting
28 September–2 October 2026	Year 4 MTC baseline	An initial check to see how confidently children are recalling multiplication facts.	A report will be shared via Insight Tracking.
11–29 January 2027	Year 4 MTC mock	A practice check to support preparation for the statutory assessment.	A report will be shared via Insight Tracking.
5–16 April 2027	Year 4 MTC mock	A further practice opportunity before the statutory check.	A report will be shared via Insight Tracking.
7–18 June 2027	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	The statutory multiplication tables check. Children complete it during the national assessment window.	A report will be shared via Insight Tracking on Monday 21 st June (predicted date).

Please note: assessment dates may be subject to change where necessary.