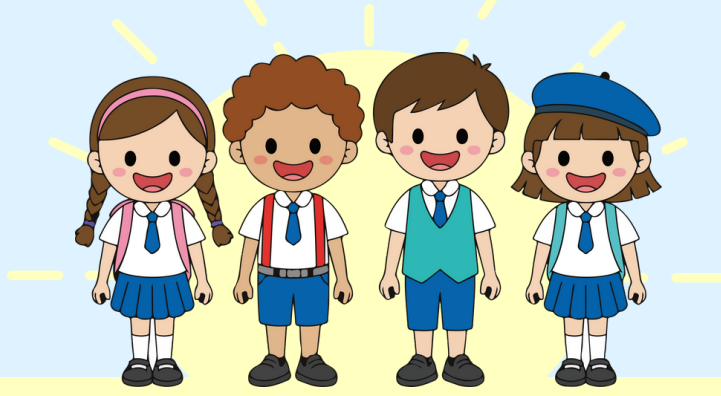




Why are year 6 SATs important?

Are you a parent/carer of a child in Year 6?
Tenax Schools Trust Y6 Teachers want you to know the following:

Improved GCSE outcomes

Achieving at the expected level/above expected level in Y6 means that you are more likely to achieve grade 5 or above in GCSE English and Maths.

DfE statistics show that students in the high-KS2 group had dramatically better outcomes than those in the low group. High-attainers in Y6 had roughly a 96% rate of 5+ in GCSE Eng & Maths, vs 15% among low-attainers.



Higher lifetime earnings

Higher Y6 attainment is associated with higher lifetime earnings. It is equivalent to a 13.8% increase in lifetime earnings (DfE July 2025).

Supports schools

SATs results are used to evaluate and compare the performance of schools, providing insights into the effectiveness of their teaching and curriculum. In our trust we use this information to support all of our schools with good practice- schools sharing their expertise.

Positive adult experiences

72% of adults with no criminal convictions reached the expected standard at Y6, this compares with 37% of those with those who are in the criminal justice system. (Office for National Statistics, 2022)

It's a statistic that surprised us- but is worth sharing, because doing well in Y6 is a protective factor in later life.

Benefitting pupils and schools



Most people see SATs as more important for the school than the individual child. But there are advantages for both.

In writing this, we are hoping to share with you why we think SATs are important.

SATs serve several purposes.

Overall, they are designed to:

- **Assess achievement:** SATs help measure a student's academic progress and achievement in key subjects such as English and Maths.
- **Inform school performance:** SATs results are used to evaluate and compare the performance of schools, providing insights into the effectiveness of their teaching and curriculum.
- **Support accountability:** SATs contribute to the accountability of schools, ensuring that they meet educational standards and deliver quality education.
- **Inform teaching practices:** Teachers use SATs results to identify areas where students may need additional support or challenge, aiding in personalised instruction.
- **Facilitate transition:** SATs results can be used to give a clear indication of what children know and understand to their secondary school. Knowing this helps schools plan for pupils learning.

We would encourage all Tenax parents to talk to your Y6 class teacher to find out how you can support your child to get ready for SATs and the transition to secondary school.

Your child's teacher will have information on your child's strengths and next steps in learning. Finding out this information will enable you to support your child in the best way possible.

**From Tenax
Year 6 Teachers**



**Thank you for
reading this and
come and talk to
us soon!**