

2018 KS2 SATs results

Reading			
2016	2017	2018	2016 – 2018 improvement
47%	66% (+19%)	66% (0%)	+19%

Writing			
2016	2017	2018	2016 – 2018 improvement
65%	60% (-5%)	79% (+19%)	+14%

GPS			
2016	2017	2018	2016 – 2018 improvement
51%	65% (+14%)	75% (+10%)	+24%

Maths			
2016	2017	2018	2016 – 2018 improvement
36%	62% (+26%)	67% (+5%)	+31%

R/W/M Combined			
2016	2017	2018	2016 – 2018 improvement
30%	45% (+15%)	55% (+10%)	+25%

A higher proportion of primary school pupils in England have reached the expected standards in national curriculum tests, often known as SATs, in maths and English.

In reading, 75% reached the expected standard, compared with 71% last year.

In maths, 76% reached the expected standard, up from 75% last year.

Julie McCulloch, of the Association of School and College Leaders, welcomed the "impressive results" but criticised the pressure created by the tests.

Stress worries

The results showed that 64% of pupils met the expected standard in all of reading, writing and mathematics tests, up from 61% last year.

In writing, 78% reached the expected level, up from 76%. And in grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS), it was 78%, up from 77%.

Ms McCulloch, policy director for the heads' union, said the continuing improvement showed the hard work of pupils and schools, following the introduction of "harder tests" in 2016.

In the first year, the tougher assessments were introduced, only 53% made the grade, which has now risen in two years to 64%.

Please note that these results may be subject to change, and will therefore be updated with the validated results, once the DfE releases further data in the forthcoming academic year.