Year Planner for Assessment 2026-2027

	EYFS	Phonics	Optional end of KS1 Tests and Teacher Assessment	Y4 MTC	End of KS2 Tests and Teacher Assessment	Teacher Assessment Optional testing Other Assessment & Analysis Tools PAQ	Tracking & Target Setting
Sep	RBA completed within 6 weeks of pupils starting EYFS. 21/09 onwards - schools can access narrative reports for pupils who have completed both parts of the RBA		14/09 - Optional KS1 Teacher Assessment guidance 2027 published.		07/09 - Data checking exercise opens. 14/09 - Key stage 2 teacher assessment guidance 2027 published 18/09 – Data checking exercise closes	*School to populate with their own procedures and times*	EYFS School-based baseline assessments Renew LANCS Tracker subscription. Targets set if appropriate & used
		"These dates are subject to change. If any changes are needed due to circumstances beyond our control, we will inform schools at the appropriate time in our assessment updates and on GOV.UK " *STA documents*					
Oct		12/10 - 2027 phonics screening check assessment and reporting arrangements published. 12/10 - Form available on the NCA Portal for academies to confirm if they are using a non-geographic local authority for monitoring their phonics screening check 12/10 – Form available on the NCA Portal for schools with no pupils working at the standard of the phonics screening check to decline phonics screening check materials. 12/10 - Schools can order braille versions of the phonics screening check from the national curriculum assessments helpline on 0300 303 3013	12/10 - Optional KS1 tests access arrangements guidance published. 12/10 – 13/11 Form available on the NCA Portal for schools to order modified versions of the optional KS1 tests.		12/10 - 2026-27 Key Stage 2 Assessment and Reporting Arrangements published 12/10 - Access Arrangements guidance published 12/10 – Timetable Variation Guidance published. 12/10 – Forms available on the NCA Portal for schools to place test orders (if required) and order modified tests (if required)	Pupil progress meetings?	Report to Govs
Nov	**06/11 Deadline** – submit RBA Headteacher Declaration Form via DfE sign in	**13/11 Deadline** – schools with no pupils working at the standard of the phonics screening check to decline phonics screening check materials on the NCA Portal	**13/11 Deadline** order modified tests Attend ASS103 - Effective Assessment for End of Key Stage 1: Life after SATS if required	02/11 MTC IT guidance published	02/11 – Forms available on the NCA Portal for schools to confirm the local authority selected for monitoring and moderation – applicable to academies not using their geographic local authority and participating independent schools **13/11 Deadline** – Special schools, PRUs and secure units to place KS2 test orders on the NCA Portal for pupils working at the standard of the tests and able to access them **13/11 Deadline** - participating independent schools to order standard and modified versions of the KS2 tests on the NCA Portal **13/11 Deadline** for maintained schools and academies to order modified versions of the KS2 tests on the NCA Portal – see Standard and modified test material formats Attend ASS184 - Year 6 Effective Preparation for end of KS2 SATS: Understanding the Procedures if required, focus on planning effective use of non-fiction writing to meet the TAF		
Dec					**04/12 Deadline** for participating independent schools to confirm on the NCA Portal that they have a written agreement in place with a local authority for monitoring their end of KS2 tests and external moderation of their KS2 English writing TA, if submitting.	End of term optional / tests & TA. Pupil Progress meetings?	Data entered on school's chosen tracking system
Jan		**08/01 Deadline** - academies to have a written agreement in place with their chosen local authority for monitoring the phonics screening check. **08/01 Deadline** – academies to confirm on the NCA Portal if they are using a non-geographic local authority for monitoring their phonics screening check	Attend ASS103 - Effective Assessment for End of Key Stage 1: Life after SATS if required		January - KS2: registering pupils for the tests guidance published **08/01 Deadline** - for academies to have a written agreement in place with their chosen local authority for monitoring the end of KS2 tests and external moderation of their KS2 English writing TA. **08/01 Deadline** for academies to confirm on the NCA Portal if they are using a non-geographic local authority for monitoring their end of KS2 tests and external moderation of their KS2 English writing TA. Attend LA Access Arrangements training if required ASS132 - Access Arrangements for the End of Key Stage 2: Statutory Assessments in 2027 Attend ASS184 - Year 6 Effective Preparation for end of KS2 SATS: Understanding the Procedures if required, focus on planning effective use of non-fiction writing to meet the TAF		
Feb			Schools attend LA writing moderation workshops if required ASS160 - Year 2 Mid-Year moderation - Supporting teacher judgements		08/02 - Pupil registration form available on the NCA Portal for all schools (including special schools) to complete for the end of KS2 tests – see Registering pupils for the tests 08/02 -Forms available on the NCA Portal for schools to apply for early opening, compensatory marks for spelling, additional time and timetable variations Plan access arrangements in school Schools attend mid-year writing moderation discussions if required ASS146 - Year 6 - Mid-Year Writing Moderation to Support Teacher Judgements Attend LA Access Arrangements training if required ASS132 - Access Arrangements for the End of Key Stage 2: Statutory Assessments in 2027 Attend LA Access Arrangements training if required ASS133 - Access Arrangements for the End of Key Stage 2: Statutory Assessments in 2027; Breakfast Briefings for Experienced Headteacher	Pupil progress meetings?	Data entered on school's chosen tracking system – **if collecting bi-annually.** Report to Govs
Mar		Phonics screening check administration guidance published	Optional KS1 test administration guidance published. Schools attend LA writing moderation workshops if required ASS160 - Year 2 Mid-Year moderation - Supporting teacher judgements		KS2 Test Administration and Special Consideration Guidance published. **05/03 Deadline** – All schools (including special schools) to complete pupil registration on the NCA Portal for the end of KS2 tests **05/03 Deadline** - All schools to submit applications for early opening on the NCA Portal **23/03 Deadline** – complete KS2 test start times via MS form	End of term optional / tests & TA. Pupil progress meeting?	Data entered on school's chosen tracking system
Apr		**20/04 Deadline** – order braille versions of the phonics screening check from the national curriculum assessments helpline on 0300 303 3013 Attend ASS174 - Administering the Phonics Screening Check training, if required Schools attend ASS141 - Year 1 - Writing Moderation to Support Teacher Judgements session if required.	26/4-30/04 – Schools receive optional KS1 modified test materials	26/04 Schools can access the MTC service using DfE Sign-in 26/04 - MTC administration guidance published	**19/04 Deadline** - Schools to submit applications for compensatory marks for spelling for the end of KS2 tests on the NCA Portal 26/04 - Forms available on the NCA Portal, within each online attendance register form, for schools to submit notifications of a scribe, transcript, word processor or electronic or technical aid in an end of KS2 test. 26/04 – 30/04 Schools receive their initial consignment of KS2 test materials and stationery items. Check number of packs & store securely. Keep delivery note. Train teachers/support staff on access arrangements	Deadline - Spring sign-up for PAQ	
May		Attend ASS174 - Administering the Phonics Screening Check training, if required **14/05 deadline** – complete phonics screening check start times via MS form 17/05 - 21/05 Schools receive phonics screening check materials	May – STA recommended optional KS1 test administration window. 04/05 Optional KS1 test materials and mark schemes available to download from the NCA Portal – see Ordering and downloading test materials 04/05 Raw score to scaled score conversion tables and compensatory marks for spelling available to download from the NCA Portal		04/05-21/05 LA carry out monitoring visits to a sample of schools 10/05 – 13/05 Schools administer the KS2 tests – see Key stage 2 test timetable for 2026 10/05 GPS Paper 1 and Paper 2. 11/05 English reading test. 12/05 Maths Paper 1 and Paper 2 13/05 Maths Paper 3. 10/05 Attendance register forms for English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 and English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2 available for schools to submit on the NCA Portal 10/05 Pupil cheating forms available on the NCA Portal 11/05 Attendance register form for English reading available for schools to submit on the NCA Portal 12/05 Attendance register forms for mathematics Paper 1 and mathematics Paper 2 available for schools to submit on the NCA Portal 13/05 Attendance register form for mathematics Paper 3 available for schools to submit on the NCA Portal 13/05 KS2 headteacher's declaration form (HDF) available for schools to submit on the NCA Portal 13/05 Special consideration application form available for schools on the NCA Portal 14/05 Local authorities begin informing schools if they will receive an external moderation visit for English writing TA. 17/05 Form to submit TA data available for schools and local authorities on the NCA Portal Attend ASS187 - Year 6 Making and moderating judgements against the Teacher Assessment Framework (writing) sessions to support final judgements if required **20/05 Deadline** - schools to submit additional time applications for the end of KS2 tests. **20/05 Deadline** – schools to submit timetable variation applications. **20/05 Deadline** - schools to submit whole cohort special consideration applications. **21/05 Deadline** – schools to submit aid notifications if pupils used a scribe, transcript, word processor, or electronic or technical aid in an end of KS2 test. **21/05 Deadline** - schools to submit attendance register forms on the NCA Portal **21/05 Deadline** - submit applications for individual pupil special consideration. 21/05 KS2 test materials and mark schemes available to download from GOV.UK. **21/05 Deadline** – schools to notify STA on the NCA Portal if a pupil cheated in an end of KS2 test. **28/05 Deadline** – schools to submit the KS2 HDF on the NCA Portal		
Jun	**RECOMMENDED 23/06 Soft Deadline** – submit EYFS profile data to LA. **30/06 HARD Deadline -** submit EYFS profile data to LA.	07/06-25/06 LA carries out monitoring visits on a sample of schools 14/06 Phonics screening check materials (excluding braille) & HDF available on the NCA Portal 14/06 – 18/06 Schools administer the phonics screening check 21/06 - 25/06 Timetable variation week for pupils who were absent for the phonics screening check 28/06 Phonics screening check materials and threshold mark published on GOV.UK. **RECOMMENDED 23/06 Soft Deadline** – submit phonics check data to LA. **29/06 HARD Deadline** – submit phonics check data to LA.	01/06 – optional KS1 test materials and raw score to scaled score conversion tables available on GOV.UK. Schools attend LA writing moderation workshops if required ASS801 - End of Key Stage 1 moderation discussions	07/06 -18/06 MTC administration period 07/06-25/06 – MTC HDF available to schools on the MTC service 21/06-25/06 Schools administer the MTC to any absent pupils or where administration has been delayed due to technical difficulties **25/06 Deadline** schools to ensure pupils have completed the MTC or have been recorded as not taking the check, and to submit their MTC HDF on the MTC service by 5pm 28/06 MTC results available on MTC service for schools submitted HDF.	Attend ASS187 - Year 6 Making and moderating judgements against the Teacher Assessment Framework (writing) sessions to support final judgements if required 07/06 – 29/06 Local authorities undertake external moderation of KS2 English writing TA **RECOMMENDED 23/06 Soft deadline** – submit KS2 teacher assessment on the NCA Portal **29/06 HARD Deadline** – Headteachers to submit KS2 TA data on the NCA Portal	Pupil progress meetings?	

Jul	Report EYFSP to parents.	**02/07 Deadline** schools to submit the phonics screening check HDF on the NCA Portal Schools access Lancashire ROSE to check the phonics data submitted to the LA Report phonics results to parents.	Schools attend LA writing moderation workshops if required ASS801 - End of Key Stage 1 moderation discussions 09/07 Optional submission of KS1 data to LA - for inclusion in LSIP	09/07 Optional submission of MTC data to LA - for inclusion in LSIP	06/07 KS2 test results and marked script images available on the NCA Portal for KS2 schools 06/07 KS2 test results available on the NCA Portal for local authorities, multi-academy trusts (MATs) and key stage 3 (KS3) schools with a year 7 intake 06/07 KS2 raw score to scaled score conversion tables available on GOV.UK. Check test papers for marking errors. **16/07 Deadline** – schools to submit marking review applications on the NCA Portal by 11:59pm Report KS2 tests & TA results to parents. 08/09 Marking review outcomes returned to schools on the NCA Portal	End of term optional / tests & TA. Pupil Progress meetings? Report to parents for all pupils.	Data entered on school's chosen tracking system. Report to Governors
Sept					08/09 – Marking review outcomes returned to schools on the NCA Portal		

Hyperlinks to key websites: Standards & Testing Agency National Curriculum Assessments Portal LANCS Assessment – Twitter