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Introduction

Each year schools are required to submit teacher assessments and test results for pupils at the end of their key stage and for other significant occurrences such as the Phonics Screening Check.

This process can be managed through the key stage wizards in SIMS, ensuring that this important data is maintained within SIMS and that an accurate picture of a pupil's statutory assessment record is compiled.

Course Objectives

The course will cover:

- importing key stage wizards
- setting up the wizards with appropriate pupils
- using the various marksheets available to record the teacher assessments (TAs)
- recording test results
- using additional features on these marksheets
- producing standard key stage reports for parents
- exporting the results
- uploading reports to the document server so that they can be viewed within SIMS.

Overview

The course is an introduction to recording the statutory key stage results in SIMS using the key stage wizards. It will also cover creating reports for parents and exporting results to the required agency.

It will address key stages 1 and 2, the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and the Phonics Screening Check.

Course Requirements

An understanding of how SIMS is used to maintain, and update pupil information is desirable but not essential.

No prior knowledge of SIMS Assessment is required.

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NOTE: This chapter can be ignored if KS1 and KS2 pupils for whom you are returning a key stage assessment are in years 2 and 6 respectively.

For all key stages, if you are also including pupils assigned to other year groups, a user defined group should be created to be used in the wizard.

Step by Step - Creating a User Defined Group

- Select Focus | Groups | User Defined Groups.
- 2. Click **New** to create a new group.
- 3. Insert a suitable name and short name for the group, for example **KS1 2024**.

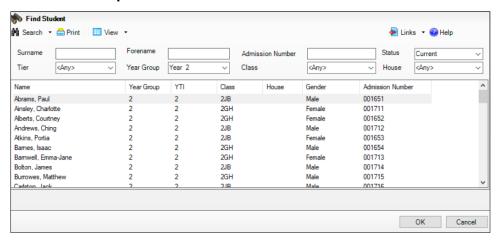
NOTE: Schools may need to create one for each – EYFS 2024, Yr1 Phon 2024, Yr2 Phon 2024 and KS2 2024.

- 4. Select **Active** from the **Active Status** drop-down list.
- Add some notes if required and click Save.
- Select a supervisor by clicking the Current Main Supervisor browser after which the Manage Group Supervisor screen appears. Click Action and click Add Supervisor. The selected member of staff will then be able to access any marksheets created for this group.

7. Make the person a main supervisor by selecting **Main Supervisor** from the **Supervisor Title** drop-down list. Click **OK** twice.



- 10. Move on to the **Membership** section.
- 11. Click the browser to the right of Effective Date Range.
- 12. Choose **Custom Dates** and enter the date appropriate for the key stage timeframe.
- 13. Click **Action** and select **Add student** to add pupils to the group.
- 14. Select the Year Group Year 2 and click Search.



15. Select the pupils required by selecting individuals or in multiples.

NOTE: To select all pupils within the list, highlight the first child in the list and hold down the shift key and select the last child.

To make a non-contiguous selection of pupils, click the first child in the list. Hold down the Ctrl Key and select each pupil as required.

- 16. Click **OK**. The names of these pupils will appear in the field below.
- 17. Click Save.

For other pupils who are being assessed but have been allocated to other years, select the appropriate year and choose these pupils to add to the group which has just been created.

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Importing all Key Stage Packs

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Chapter Introduction

The 2024 key stage resources formed part of the spring software release. These resources can be imported in bulk using the automated **Import Assessment Manager Resources process**.

Ensuring the Spring 2024 Release has been Applied

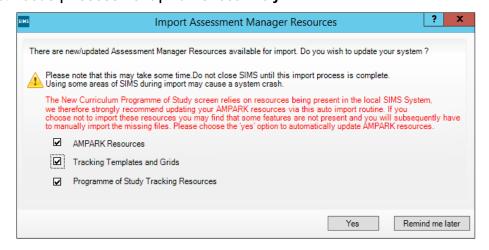
Before continuing with this process, SIMS should be upgraded to version 7.216.

To check which version is currently installed, select **Help | About SIMS.net** on the menu bar. If the correct version is not being used, please log a call and we will help you out.

Step by Step – Initiating the Automated Import Process

The Import Assessment Manager Resources process screen is initiated when you first enter the assessment area.

1. Select Focus | Assessment | Marksheet Entry.



2. Ensure at least the **AMPARK Resources** box is ticked and select **Yes**. This will ensure the 2024 wizards and templates are available for import into SIMS.

NOTE: If you choose to import all resources available please be aware that the process may take some time to complete.

- 3. On completion, an **Activity Log** is displayed. Use the scroll bar to check the import and click **Close**. You can also print and save the log for reference.
- 4. Close the screen.

Step by Step - Check that all Wizards have been Imported Correctly

The automated import will ensure all necessary key stage processes are imported. The next step is required to check that all necessary wizards are in place to manage the processes.

- From the SIMS Home Page select Tools | Performance | Assessment | Wizard Manager.
- 2. All primary schools in England should see each wizard for 2024 as listed below.
 - Key Stage 1 Wizard England
 - Key Stage 2 Wizard England
 - Year 1 Phonics Screening Wizard
 - Year 2 Phonics Screening Wizard
 - EYFS Revised Profile Wizard
 - Key Stage 2 MTC Wizard

NOTE: The Filter will display Incomplete wizards by default. Therefore, if you fail to mark previous year wizards as complete, they may also be displayed.

Step by Step - Manually Importing the Wizards

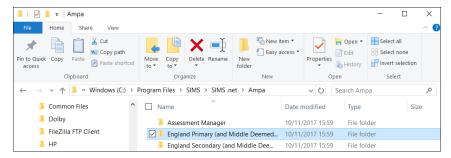
If the process to automatically import the AMPARK resources was not initiated, then the import will need to be completed manually for each key stage wizard one at a time.

For example, at the time of checking the EYFS wizard failed to import. We, therefore, need to complete the following process.

- 1. Select Routines | Data in | Assessment | Import.
- 2. Click field browser.
- 3. Navigate to the **AMPA** folder.

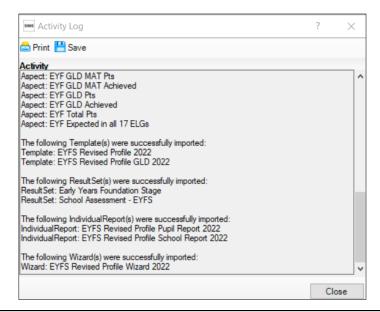
NOTE: The precise location of the AMPA folder varies from School to School. If SIMS is installed locally it is usually C:\Program Files\SIMS\SIMS.net\AMPA or C:\Program Files x86\SIMS\SIMS.net\AMPA.

4. Double-click the England Primary (and Middle Deemed Primary) folder.



- 5. Select Assessment Manager and click Open.
- 6. Highlight EYFS Revised Profile Wizard 2024.
- 7. Click Open.
- 8. Ensure you have the **Overwrite with Default Values** box checked.
- 9. Select Finish and Yes to proceed with the import.

10. On completion, an **Activity Log** similar to the graphic below is displayed. Use the scroll bar to check the import and click **Close**. You can also print and save the log for reference.



NOTE: You will need to repeat the above process for each key stage wizard as required.

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Processing the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Assessments

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Chapter Introduction

This chapter covers the process from beginning to end for the early years' foundation stage, including entering results, printing the reports and exporting the results.

SIMS contains key stage wizards that enable schools to enter their key stage results onto marksheets to:

- record and save each pupil's attainment at the end of each key stage
- export results to the LA and other schools via a CTF
- use the results as part of a tracking system within SIMS Assessment
- produce individual reports for each pupil showing their key stage results
- upload copies of these reports to the document server
- print comparative reports for parents.

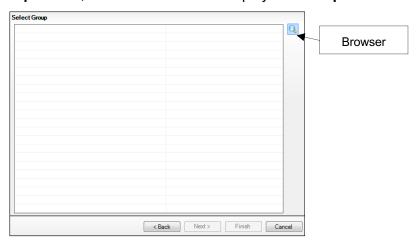
Identify the Early Years Foundation Stage Pupils

If all pupils being assessed are in reception year, continue as below. However, if pupils in other year groups are being included with year R, then a user defined group should be created for use in the wizard – as described in Chapter 1.

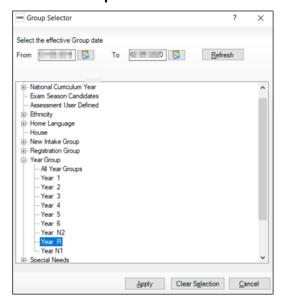
Step by Step – Using the Early Years Foundation Stage Wizards

The EYFS profile wizard enables you to enter results for each assessment section of the foundation stage profile. It is recommended that schools use this wizard to enter results.

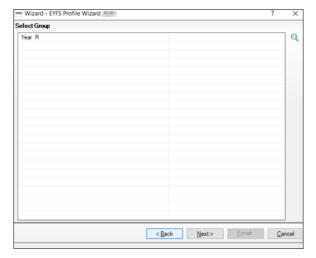
- 1. Select Tools | Performance | Assessment | Wizard Manager.
- 2. Leave the filter on **Incomplete** and click the wizard which is going to be worked on in this case **EYFS Revised Profile Wizard 2024**.
- 3. Click Next.
- 4. From the **Select Group** screen, click the **browser** to display the **Group Selector** dialog.



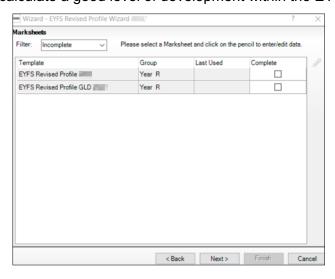
5. Click the + icon next to **Year Group** and select **Year R** or + next to **User Defined Groups** to select the user defined group that was created earlier and click **Apply**. This places the group on the **Select Group** screen.



6. Click Next.



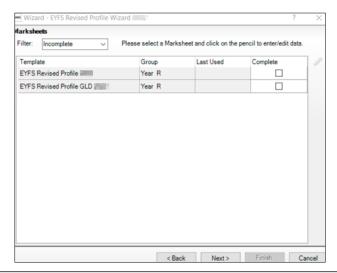
7. There are two marksheets available, as shown in the graphic displayed below. The EYFS Revised Profile 2024 and EYFS Revised Profile Good Level Development 2024. The second marksheet will show data entered within the EYFS Revised Profile 2024 and use this data to calculate a good level of development within the EYFS profile.

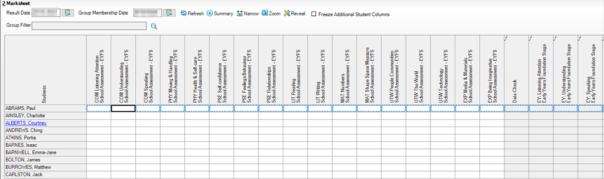


Step by Step - Results Entry

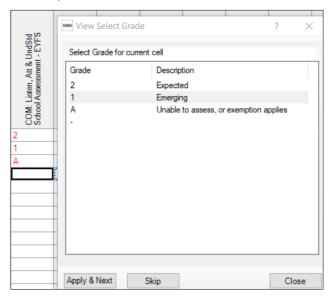
1. Either double-click the EYFS Revised Profile 2024 marksheet or highlight the marksheet and click **Edit Marksheet** (pencil icon).

A marksheet with the year R pupils (pupil list may vary) or previously created user defined group is displayed and columns relating to the seventeen assessments that need to be entered.

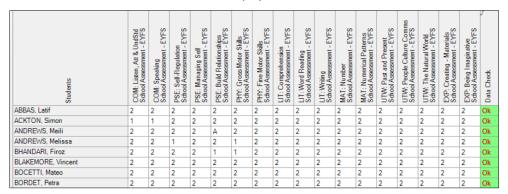




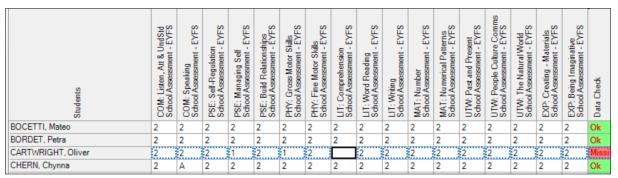
- 2. Type either one of the following grades: **2** (Expected), **1** (Emerging) or **A** (Unable to access or exempt) for each pupil in the appropriate white cells.
- 3. A quicker method of entering grade results is to right-click in the first cell and Select Grade for Cell from the drop-down list, as shown in the graphic displayed below. Drag the View Select Grade dialog box so that this can be viewed with the pupils' names and the Result column. Double-clicking the result for the first pupil places that result on the marksheet and moves to the next pupil. Click Close to close the dialog box and return to the marksheet when complete.



- 4. Each of the white columns without **f** enables the entry of the EYFS level (2, 1 or A as described earlier).
- 5. Once all these columns are completed click **Save**. The columns with *f* in their header will be completed.
- 6. The **Data Check** column is used to check that there is an entry for each area for each pupil.
- 7. Make sure that levels are entered for all pupils.



8. Where a missing result is found, the **Data Check** column will return a value of **Missing Entry** and colour red, as shown in the graphic displayed below.



- 9. To correct a result (even if the result has been saved) just overtype with the correct number and click **Save** again so that the calculations are based on the most recent result.
- 10. Close the marksheet to go back to the EYFS wizard.

Step by Step – Calculating a Good Level of Development (GLD)

Using the data entered as the end of foundation stage attainment, the next marksheet – EYFS Revised Profile Good Level Development 2024 will calculate the GLD.

- 1. Either double-click the EYFS Revised Profile Good Level Development 2024 marksheet or highlight the marksheet and click **Edit Marksheet** (pencil icon).
- 2. The marksheet will display the results entered on the previous marksheet for each area of learning.

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3. Click Calculate. The marksheet will display as per the graphic below.

The process will take each of the 3 prime areas plus literacy and mathematics and calculate who has achieved a GLD in each with a colour code (Achieved – Green, Not Achieved – Red). The final 2 columns will display an total point score and a Y for those children who are expected in all 17 areas.

- 4. Save the data.
- 5. Close the marksheet to go back to the EYFS wizard.

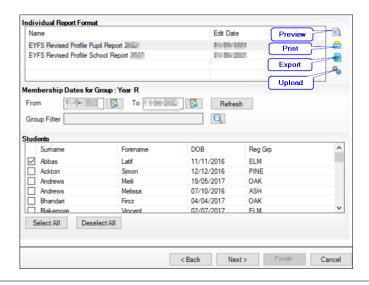
Using the Wizards for Reporting to Parents

When all the results are entered on the marksheets, reports can be produced. The wizard will produce an individual report for each pupil and a school report.

Step by Step – Reporting to Parents

To access and use the reports:

- Select Tools | Performance | Assessment | Wizard Manager (if the wizard is already open – click next and follow bullet point 5).
- 2. Select the EYFS Revised Profile Wizard 2024. Click Next.
- 3. The group selection may be left as it is. Click **Next**.
- 4. When presented with the list of marksheets, click **Next**.
- 5. Select the **EYFS Revised Profile Pupil Report 2024** report. This will produce reports for all the pupils (pupil list may vary) selected from the list below.



Step by Step - Previewing Reports

- 1. Make sure that only one of the pupils is selected and click **Preview Report**. The report will show the pupil's results.
- 2. As Word opens, select Enable Macros/Enable Content if prompted.
- 3. When the preview is displayed, close Word and return to the wizard. Click **No** if asked to save the report.

Step by Step – Printing Reports

- 1. If reports for all pupils are required, **Select All**. If not, go through the list and choose those who are required by selecting the check boxes.
- 2. Click **Print Report**. Reports will be created in Word for those pupils selected.
- 3. Close Word without saving.

Step by Step - Uploading Reports

A copy of each pupil's report can be saved in the document server. This can then be viewed at any time.

- 1. Once reports have been generated you can upload them either individually or in bulk, by clicking **Upload Report**.
- 2. To view the copy, open the **Pupil Details** screen for the pupil and select **Linked Documents** in the **Links** panel. The report will open as read-only.

Step by Step – Printing the 2024 Comparative Report

- 1. Select Tools | Performance | Assessment | Wizard Manager.
- Select the EYFS Revised Profile Wizard 2024. Click Next.
- 3. The group selection may be left as it is. Click **Next**.
- 4. When presented with the list of marksheets, click **Next**.
- Highlight the EYFS Revised Profile School Report 2024 report.
- 6. Select only one pupil and click Print.

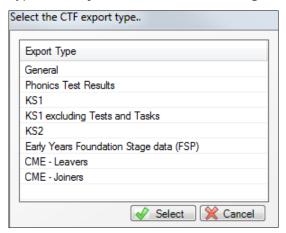
The report is generic and therefore can be printed once and copied for each relevant child.

Exporting Results

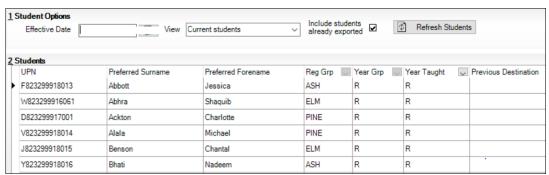
Early years foundation stage results need to be sent to the Local Authority (LA). The LA may ask for results in a Common Transfer File (CTF).

Step by Step – Exporting the Results in a CTF

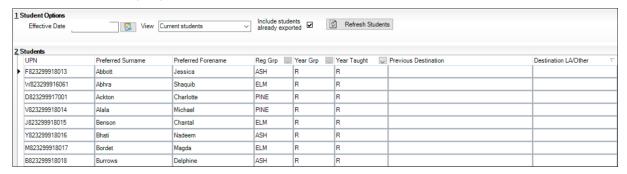
- 1. Click Close to close the wizard and select Routines | Data Out | CTF | Export CTF.
- 2. Select the CTF export type of Early Years Foundation Stage data (FSP).



- 3. The default view displays all current pupils including those who have previously had a CTF created. Ensure the default of **Include students already exported** is active.
- 4. All pupils (list may vary) will be displayed. Click the down arrow to the right of **Year Group** and select **Year R**.

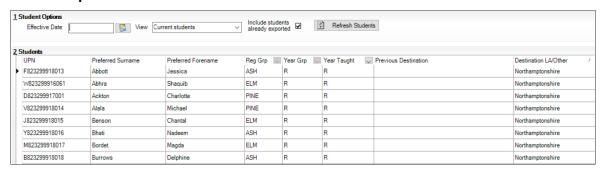


- 5. Right-click in the first cell of the column; **Destination LA/Other cell**.
- 6. Select All to highlight all pupils.



7. Left-click in the **Destination LA/Other cell** for the first pupil and using the down arrow scroll to your **LA Name**. Each pupil will now be marked with the relevant LA.

8. Click Export CTF.



- 9. You will receive a message related to address tidy. Select **Yes** to continue.
- 10. Check the Exception Log file.
- 11. The file is now ready to send via your preferred method of secure transfer, as defined by the LA. Make a note of the file name for your reference.
- 12. Close the export CTF page.

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Chapter Introduction

Following the <u>2017 consultation on primary assessment</u>, end of KS1 assessments are no longer be statutory.

The following KS1 assessments are now optional:

- teacher assessment judgements in English reading, English writing, mathematics and science
- tests in English reading and mathematics (the English grammar, punctuation and spelling test will also remain optional)
- where relevant, using the pre-key stage standards or engagement model

There is no legal requirement for schools or local authorities to report KS1 teacher assessment data back to the DfE and they will not ask schools to do so. There is also no requirement to report results from end of KS1 assessments to parents.

As with other years in which there are no statutory assessments, there is still a requirement for headteachers to provide an annual report to parents or carers about a pupil's general progress in year 2.

Where schools wish to make use of KS1 materials, this chapter covers the processes required for KS1, including entering results, printing the reports and exporting the results.

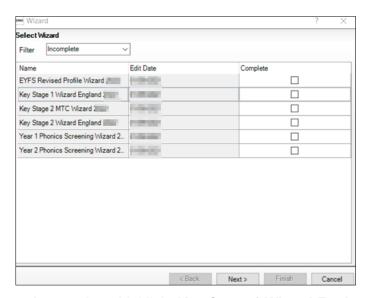
Details of the 2024 key stage requirements can be found in the assessment and reporting arrangements 2024 for each key stage from the DfE website.

Identify the Key Stage 1 Pupils

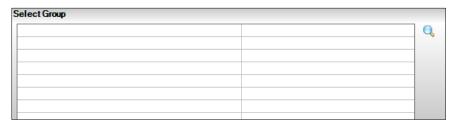
If all pupils being assessed for KS1 are in year 2, continue with the next Step by Step Using the Wizards – Entering Results. However, if there are also pupils assigned to other year groups then a user defined group should be created to be used in the wizard. This was dealt with in Chapter 1.

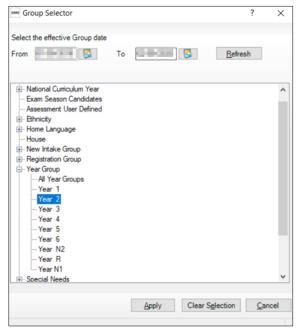
Step by Step – Using the Wizards – Entering Results

1. Select **Tools | Performance | Assessment | Wizard Manager** to display the screen shown in the graphic displayed below. If other wizards have been imported in the past they will also appear in the list.

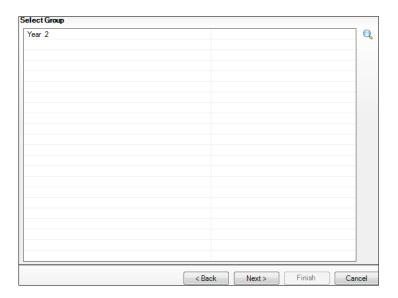


- 2. Leave the filter on **Incomplete**, highlight **Key Stage 1 Wizard England 2024** and click **Next**.
- 3. On the **Select Group** screen click **field browser** to display the Group Selector dialog.



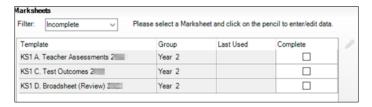


- 4. Click the + next to **Year Group** and select **Year 2** or click the + next to **User Defined Groups** and select the **KS1 2024** group if one has been created (please refer to Chapter 1).
- 5. Click **Apply** to select the required group.



6. Click Next.

The graphic below displays the marksheets available.



The marksheet step of the Wizard shows four marksheets for key stage 1.

KS1 A. Teacher Assessment 2024 is used to record teacher assessments in Reading, Writing, Maths and Science.

The **KS1 C. Tests Outcomes 2024** can be used to enter the results of the curriculum tests that support the teacher assessments.

Marksheet **KS1 D Broadsheet (Review) 2024** is a review marksheet showing the data entered on each of the previous marksheets.

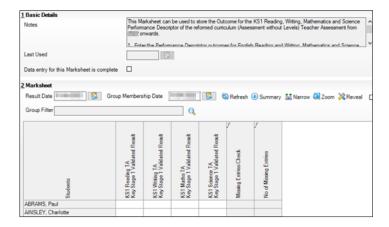
As with the first page of the Wizard you have the option to filter the display to show **Incomplete**, **Complete** or **All** marksheets. The default filter is **Incomplete**.

Results Entry

From the list of marksheets that are shown, select the one required by highlighting it and clicking **Edit**.

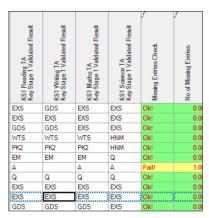
For example, to enter results for KS1 A. Teacher Assessments 2024, highlight the marksheet and click **Edit** on the right of the screen.

A marksheet with the year 2 pupils (or the user defined group created earlier) is displayed, and columns that relate to the assessments which need to be entered. If required, this marksheet may be printed by clicking **Print**.



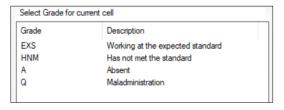
Step by Step – Entering Key Stage 1 Teacher Assessment Levels

- 1. Enter the data for all pupils in the white columns. If an invalid grade is entered, you will be alerted. Results show in red until they have been saved when they turn black.
- 2. Each of the columns with the label Key Stage 1 Validated Result (a result set) will contain the results that will be sent to the LA as the end of key stage assessment.
- 3. All pupil assessment should be entered.

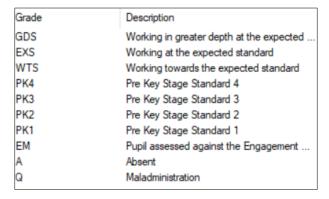


ACCEPTABLE ENTRIES

Science



Reading Writing and Maths



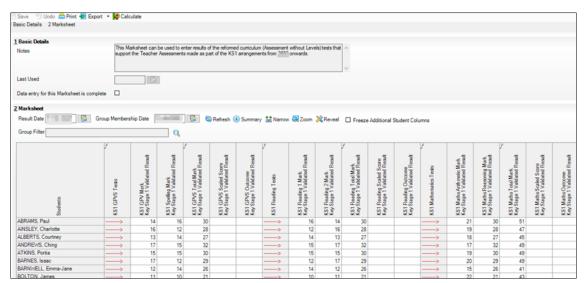
There are two grey columns. Both are formula columns. The first will check for missing entries and display **Fail**. The second will identify the number of failures on the marksheet. All failures need to be addressed.

- 4. Click **Calculate** to identify any failures and amend if necessary.
- 5. When all fails have been dealt with, click **Save** to save the results.

Step by Step – Input Test Outcomes. Marksheet: KS1 C. Test Outcomes 2024

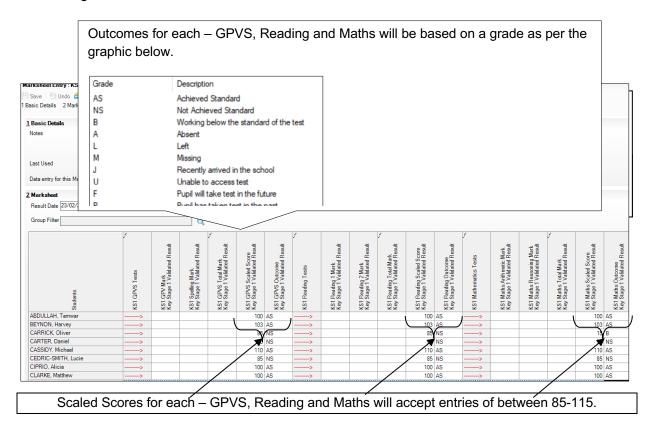
This marksheet contains columns that will enable you to record results of the curriculum tests that support the teacher assessments. The outcomes of these tests will be provided in the form of a scaled score, where a score of 100 represents the standard expected at the end of the key stage, in each of:

- Grammar, Punctuation and Vocabulary
- Spelling
- Reading
- Maths Arithmetic
- Maths Reasoning
- From the wizard select the next marksheet for completion KS1 C. Test Outcomes 2024.



- 2. Columns with *f* in their header can be calculated using a formula. In the example above the GPVS Test consists of 2 columns to record the GPV and Spelling Mark. Once these are completed click **Calculate**, the third GPVS Total Mark Column will be populated with the Sum of the 2 separate GPV and Spelling Marks.
- 3. Enter data into the Mark columns and calculate the Total Mark column.
- 4. Click Save.

5. A scaled score and an outcome also need to be defined. Again, using the graphic below as a guide, enter a scaled score and outcome.



NOTES: The STA have decided that the scale will centre around 100. (For example, the maximum score could be 130 and the minimum 80)

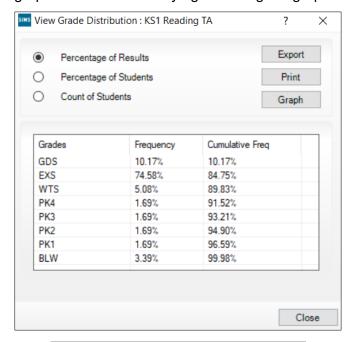
1. On completion click Save.

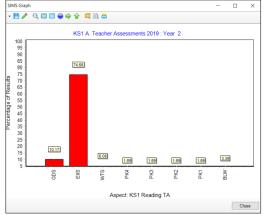
Step by Step – Analysing the Results

- 1. Select the KS1 A. Teacher Assessments 2024 marksheet.
- 2. Click **Summary**. This displays the number of results, the mean and the median grade.

3. Right-click the header of one of the columns that contains results. Select **Show Grade Distribution**. This gives the number or percentage of pupils attaining each grade or the percentage of results. The results can be displayed as a graph by clicking **Graph**.

Different types of graph can be selected by right-clicking the graph and selecting **Gallery**.





Viewing All the Results

Select the **KS1 D. Broadsheet (Review) 2024 marksheet**. This will show a summary of all the results entered. The columns are read-only.

Using the Wizards for Reporting to Parents

Once all the results have been entered on the marksheets, reports can be produced.

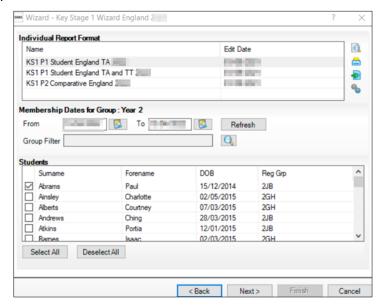
Step by Step - Using the Wizards for Reporting to Parents

- 1. Select Tools | Performance | Assessment | Wizard Manager.
- Select Key Stage 1 Wizard England 2024 and click Next.
- 3. The group selection may be left as it is. Click Next.
- 4. When presented with the list of marksheets, click **Next**.

Step by Step – Printing an Individual Report for Each Pupil

There are two reports available: one to display teacher assessments only and the other to show both teacher assessments and tasks/tests.

 Select report – KS1 P1 Student England TA and TT 2024 which will produce reports for all the pupils selected at the bottom of the screen.



It is possible to preview one of the reports. To do this, ensure only one pupil is checked and click the **Print Preview** icon. The report will display this pupil's results.

As Word opens, a security warning that macros have been disabled may be shown. Click **Options** and enable the content.

When the preview is no longer required, click **Close** to close Word and return to the wizard. Do not save the report.

Step by Step - Printing Reports

- 1. If all pupils are required choose **Select All**. If not, go through the list and select those who are required by selecting the check boxes.
- 2. Click **Print Report** (printer icon). Reports will be printed from Word for those pupils selected.
- Close Word without saving.

Uploading Reports

A copy of each pupil's report can be saved in the document server. This can then be viewed at any time. You do not need to print a second copy to keep with the pupil's records.

Step by Step – Uploading Reports

- 1. Once reports have been generated, they can be uploaded, either individually or by selecting all pupils and clicking **Upload Report**.
- 2. To view the copy, open the **Pupil Details** screen for the relevant pupil and select **Linked Documents** in the **Links** panel on the right. The report will open as read-only.

Step by Step – Viewing an Individual Report

- 1. Ensure there are results entered for one of the.
- 2. Select the KS1 P1 Student England TA 2024 individual report.
- 3. Select the pupil whose report needs viewing.
- 4. Use the **Preview** route to view the report.

Exporting Results

There is no legal requirement to share these results with any other body.

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Processing the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

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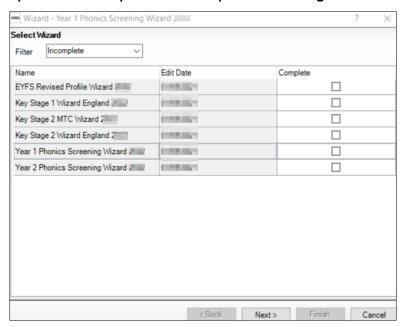
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The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. Pupils who do not achieve the appropriate standard should receive support from their school to ensure they can improve their phonic decoding skills. These pupils will then be expected to retake the phonics screening check the following year.

If all pupils in year 1 are not being assessed, a user defined group should be created for use in the wizard – as described in Chapter 1.

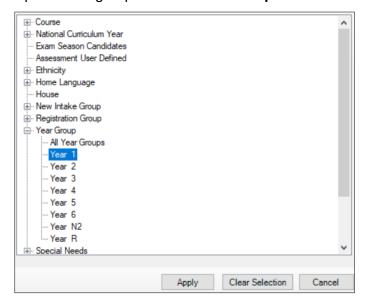
Step by Step - Using the Year 1 Phonics Screening Wizard 2024

1. Select Tools | Performance | Assessment | Wizard Manager.

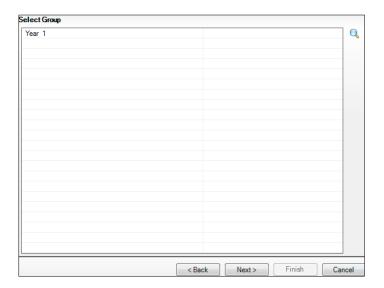


- 2. Leave the filter on **Incomplete** and click the wizard which is going to be worked with; in this case **Year 1 Phonics Screening Wizard 2024**.
- 3. Click Next.
- 4. From the **Select Group** screen, click **field browser** to display the **Group Selector** dialog.

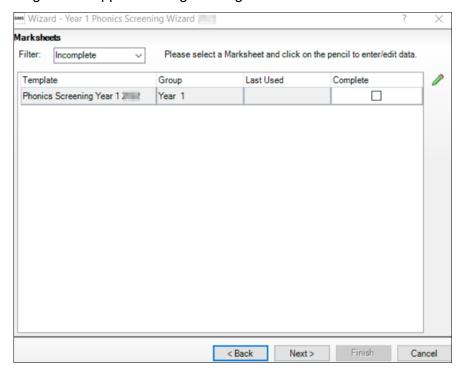
5. Click the + next to **Year Group** and select **Year 1** or the + next to **User Defined Groups** to select the user defined group if one has been created (please refer to Chapter 1) and click **Apply**. This places the group on the **Select Group** screen.



6. Click Next.

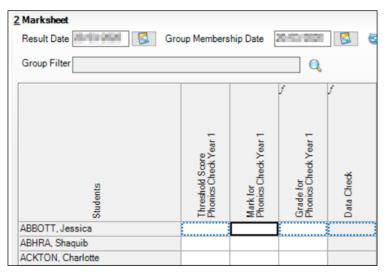


7. The following screen appears listing the single marksheet available.



8. Double-click the marksheet or select the marksheet and click **Edit Marksheet**. **Do not** click **Next** at this stage.

A marksheet with year 1 pupils (or the Yr1 PHON created earlier) is displayed and columns relating to the assessments that need to be entered.



To report phonics screening check results teachers should use the scores associated to the screening check. When the threshold values have been validated by the DfE (see DfE guidance for the timeline), a phonics grade will then be associated to the mark.

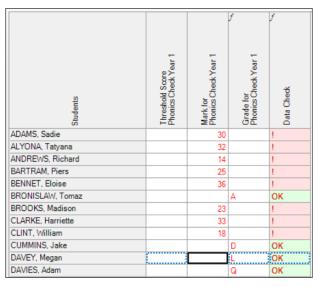
The 'phonics mark' will be the mark from 0-40 for those children who have taken the phonics screening check.

NOTE: For those children who are absent, did not take the check or have left, the mark must be left blank and the phonics grade of A, D or L entered accordingly.

Description	Process	Mark	Phonics Grade
Child took the phonics screening check and met the required standard.	A mark of 0 – 40 is entered from the screening check outcome. The grade will be applied automatically when	0 – 40	Wa
Child took the phonics screening check and did not meet the required standard.	the threshold is released by DfE		Wt
Absent	Leave the Marks column blank and enter the grade as per the list to the right		А
Child did not take the phonics screening check		Leave blank	D
Child has left the school			L
Maladministration			Q

Step by Step – Entering the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Data

- 1. From the marksheet enter a value out of **40** into the **Mark for Phonics Check Year 1** column, or a grade as defined using the table above for reference.
- 2. Click **Save**. The **Data Check** column will show an ! to show that you are awaiting a threshold score to calculate the Phonics Grade. The data check will show **OK only** for those children who did not take part in the check.

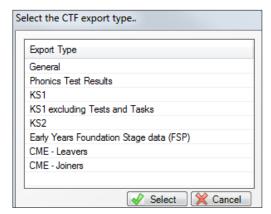


Exporting the Results in a CTF

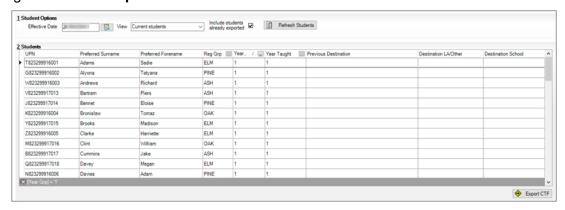
Prior to the threshold mark being released it is a requirement to return the Phonics Check Marks to the LA via a CTF type of "Phonics Test Results".

Click Close to close the wizard and select Routines | Data Out | CTF | Export CTF.

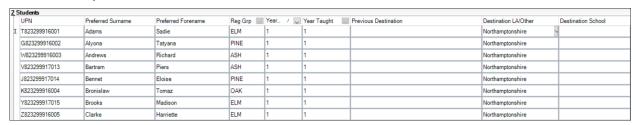
2. Select the CTF export type of **Phonics Test Results**. The CTF will contain export files including phonics data plus the pupil UPN, surname, forename, DOB and gender.



- 3. The default view displays all current pupils including those who have previously had a CTF created. Ensure the default of **Include students already exported** is active.
- 4. All pupils (list may vary) within the school will be displayed. Click the down arrow to the right of **Year Group** and select **Year 1**.



- 5. Right-click in the **Destination LA/Other cell** for the first pupil in the list.
- 6. Right-click in an empty cell to display **Select All**. This will highlight all pupils.
- 7. Left-click in the **Destination LA/Other cell** for the first pupil and using the **down arrow** scroll to your LA name. Each pupil will now be marked with the relevant LA.
- 8. Click Export.

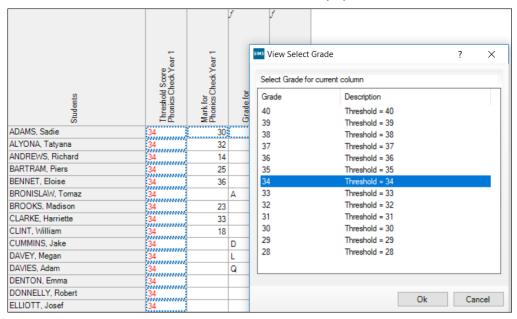


- 9. You will receive a message related to address tidy. Select **Yes** to continue.
- 10. Check the **Exception Log** file.
- 11. The file is now ready to send via your preferred method of secure transfer as defined by the LA.
- 12. Close the export CTF page.

Step by Step – Entering the Threshold Score and Calculating the Outcome

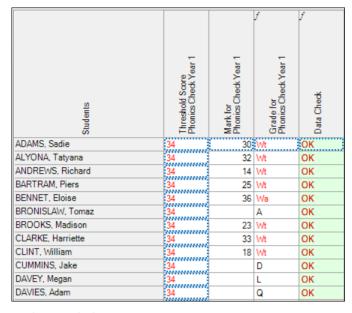
The threshold mark will usually get publish in June (please see the DfE guidance for the timeline). This will be available from www.gov.uk/sta.

- 1. Re-open the Wizard via Tools | Performance | Assessment | Wizard Manager.
- 2. Select the **Year 1 Phonics Screening Wizard 2024** and click **Next** until you get to the marksheet section.
- 3. Open the marksheet.
- 4. Right-click the column heading Threshold Score.
- 5. Choose Select Grade for Column.
- 6. Highlight the **Threshold Score** as defined by the DfE and click **OK**.
- 7. The column will flood fill the threshold score for each pupil.



NOTE: Data used here is an example only.

8. Click Calculate. A phonics outcome grade will be displayed.



9. Click Save to save the marksheet.

- 10. Close the marksheet.
- 11. Exit the wizard.

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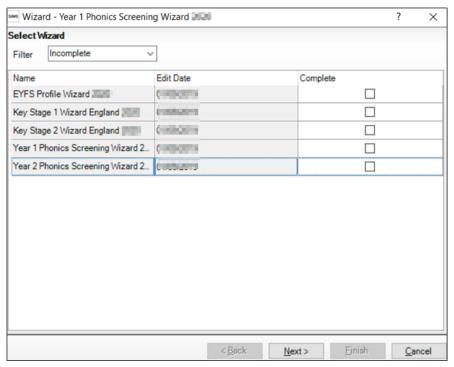
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Where pupils did not achieve the appropriate standard of phonic decoding in Year 1, they will need to be assessed again in summer term.

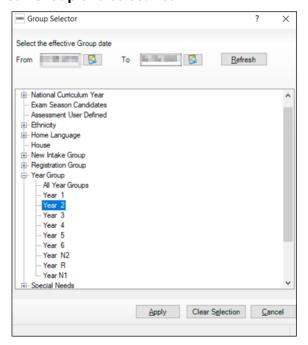
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1. Select Tools | Performance | Assessment | Wizard Manager.



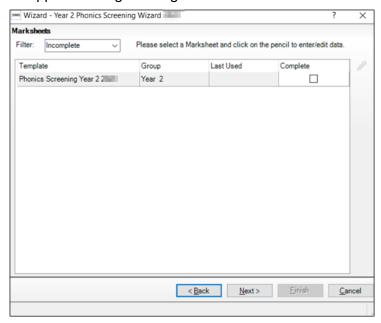
- 2. Leave the filter on **Incomplete** and click the wizard which is going to be worked with in this case Year 2 Phonics Screening Wizard 2024.
- Click Next.
- 4. From the **Select Group** screen, click **browser** to display the **Group Selector** dialog.

5. Click the + next to Year Group and select Year 2.



6. Click Next.

The following screen appears listing the single marksheet available.



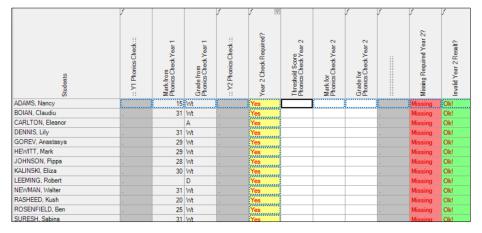
- 7. Double-click the marksheet or select the marksheet and click **Edit Marksheet**. Do not click **Next** at this stage.
- 8. A marksheet is populated with the year 2 pupils and columns relating to the assessments that need to be entered. If year 1 phonics results were entered into the corresponding wizard last summer, they will be displayed automatically.
- 9. We now need to establish who requires the recheck.

10. Click **Calculate** to highlight those year 2 pupils who require a Year 2 re-check. This will be defined by a **Yes** in a **Yellow** box within the **Year 2 check required** column.

Sudents	:: Y1 Phonics Check :::	Mark from Phonics Check Year 1	Grade from Phonics Check Year 1	:: Y2 Phonics Check:::	Year 2 Check Required?	Threshold Score Phonics Check Year 2	Mark for Phonics Check Year 2	Grade for Phonics Check Year 2	f	Missing Required Year 2?	invalid Year 2 Result?
ADAMS, Nancy		15	Wt		Yes					Missing	Ok!
ALALA, Candis			Wa							Ok!	Ok!
BARDEN, Olivia			Wa							Ok!	Ok!
BATEMAN, Vincent			Wa							Ok!	Ok!
BHATI, Aini		35	Wa							Ok!	Ok!
BOIAN, Claudiu		31	Wt		Yes					Missing	Ok!
BROWN, Ingrid		33	Wa							Ok!	Ok!
BROZ, Konrad		38	Wa							Ok!	Ok!
CAIRNS, Matthew		39	Wa							Ok!	Ok!
CANZANO, Michael		36	Wa							Ok!	Ok!
CARLTON, Eleanor			Α		Yes					Missing	Ok!
CARTER, Tom		36	Wa							Ok!	Ok!
CHABAN, Julia		36	Wa							Ok!	Ok!

- 11. Click the filter to the right of the **Year 2 check required** column heading, select **Yes** and click **OK**. This will filter the marksheet to show only those pupils who require data entry for year 2.
- 12. Click the filter to the right of the **Year 2 check required** column heading, select **Yes** and click **OK**. This will filter the marksheet to show only those pupils who require data entry for year 2.





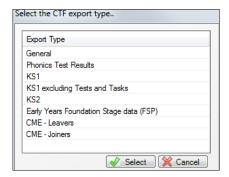
- 13. Type a value of **0 40** into the **Mark for Phonics Check Year 2** column for those pupils who have undertaken a year 2 check **only**.
- 14. Click Save to save the marks.
- 15. Close the marksheet.

Step by Step – Exporting the Results in a CTF

Prior to the threshold mark being released it is a requirement to return the phonics check marks to the LA via a CTF type of "Phonics Test Results".

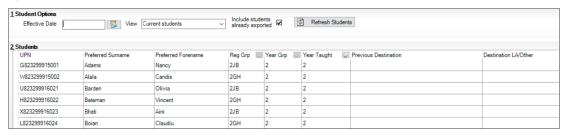
1. Click Close to close the wizard and select Routines | Data Out | CTF | Export CTF.

2. Select the CTF export type of Phonics Test Results.



The default view displays all current pupils including those who have previously had a CTF created. Ensure the default of **Include students already exported** is active.

3. All pupils (list may vary) within the school will be displayed. Click the down arrow to the right of **Year Group** and select **Year 2**.



- 4. Left-click in the **Destination LA/Other cell** for the selected pupil and using the **down arrow** scroll to your LA Name.
- 5. Multiple students can be selected using ctrl and/or shift. Selecting the LA will populate all the selected students.
- 6. Click Export CTF.



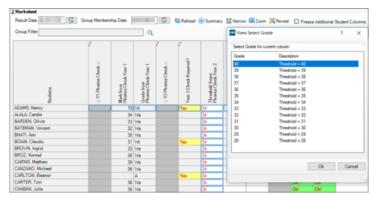
- 7. You will receive a message related to address tidy. Select **Yes** to continue.
- 8. Check the Exception Log file.
- 9. The file is now ready to send via your preferred method of secure transfer as defined by the LA.
- 10. Close the **Export CTF** page.

Step by Step – Entering the Threshold Score and Calculating the Outcome

The threshold mark will be published usually in June (please see DfE guidance). This will be available from www.gov.uk/sta.

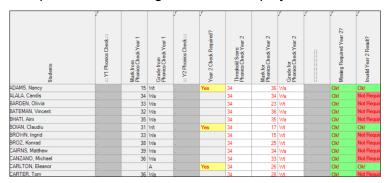
- 1. Re-open the wizard via **Tools | Performance | Assessment | Wizard Manager**.
- 2. Select the **Year 2 Phonics Screening Wizard 2024** and click **Next** until you get to the marksheet section.
- 3. Open the marksheet.
- 4. Right-click the column heading Threshold Score.

- 5. Choose Select Grade for Column.
- 6. Highlight the **Threshold Score** as defined by the DfE and click **OK**.
- 7. The column will flood fill the threshold score for each pupil.



NOTE: Data used here is an example only.

8. Click Calculate. A phonics outcome grade will be displayed.



- 9. Click Save to save the marksheet.
- 10. Close the marksheet.
- 11. Exit the Wizard.

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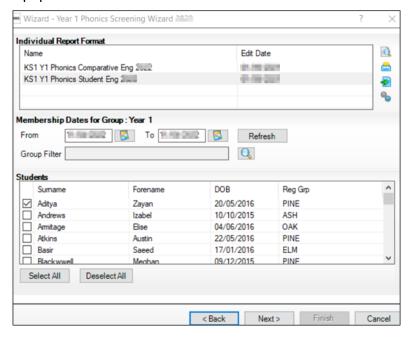
Reports can only be produced when all the phonics screening results have been entered on the marksheets for both year 1 and year 2 pupils. They can only be generated with Word 2003 or above.

Step by Step – Using the Wizards for Reporting to Parents

- 1. Select Tools | Performance | Assessment | Wizard Manager.
- Select the Year 1 or Year 2 Phonics Screening Wizard 2024 as required and click Next.
- 3. The group selection may be left as it is. Click **Next**.
- 4. When presented with the list of marksheets, click **Next**.

Step by Step – Viewing an Individual Report for Each Pupil

- 1. Select the report KS1 Y1 Phonics Student Eng 2024.
- A print preview of one of the reports may be required first, in which case make sure that only one pupil's name has been selected and click the **Print Preview** icon. The report will show this pupil's results.



The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check 2024 Pupil's Results Report consists of two pages.

3. When the preview is no longer required, click **Close** and return to the wizard. If asked to save the report, click **No**.

Step by Step – Printing Individual Reports to Parents

- If all pupils are required choose to Select All. If not, go through the list and select those required by selecting the check boxes.
- Click Print Report (printer icon). Reports will be printed from Word for those pupils selected.
- 3. Close Word without saving.

Step by Step – Uploading Individual Reports to a Pupil's Record

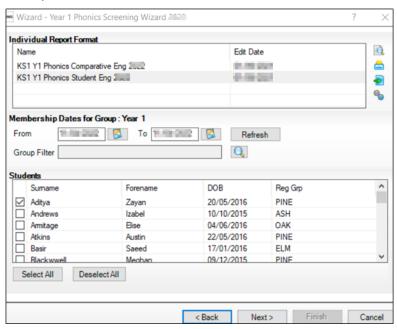
A copy of each pupil's report can be saved in the document server. This can then be viewed at any time. You do not need to print a second copy to keep with the pupil's records.

- Once reports have been generated, they can be uploaded, either individually or by selecting all pupils and clicking **Upload Report**.
- 2. To view the copy, open the **Pupil Details** screen for the relevant pupil and select **Linked Documents** in the **Links** panel on the right. The report will open as read-only.

Step by Step – Viewing a Comparative Report

The **KS1 Year 1 Phonics Comparative Eng 2024** report provides the school results along with the comparative national data in one report.

- 1. Select the report KS1 Y1 Phonics Comparative Eng 2024.
- A print preview of one of the reports may be required first, in which case make sure that only one pupil's name has been selected and click the **Print Preview** icon. The report will show the comparisons.



The Comparative Report is not personalised in any way. It is recommended that you print one report and photocopy it for the number of copies required. NOTE: If you preview the KS1 Y1 Phonics Comparative Eng 2024 report before printing, it is shown in Microsoft Word. You are advised to do this and save the report (as a Word document) into an appropriate area where you will be able to easily locate it again. It is suggested that you save the file with a name such as School Y1 Phonics Results (2024). This will enable you to access a report containing the correct pupils quickly, without having to recreate it via the wizard.

Activity – Year 2 Phonics Reporting

Repeat the process above for the Year 2 Phonics check reporting processes.

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Processing Key Stage 2 Results

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This chapter covers the process required for the end of KS2 including entering results, printing the reports and exporting the results.

Details of the 2024 key stage requirements can be found in the assessment and reporting arrangements (ARA) 2024 for each key stage on the DfE website https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/standards-and-testing-agency.

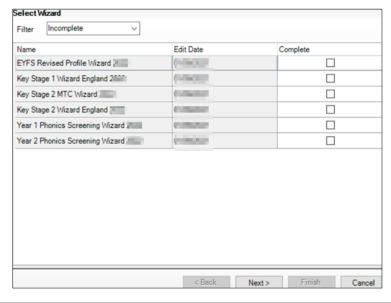
Identify the Key Stage 2 Pupils

If all pupils being assessed for KS2 are in year 6, continue. However, if there are also pupils assigned to other year groups, then a user defined group should be created to be used in the wizard. This was dealt with in Chapter 1.

Step by Step – Creating Marksheets from the Wizard

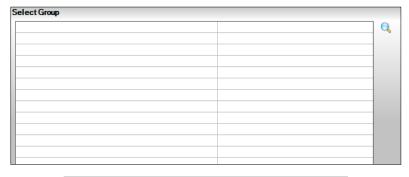
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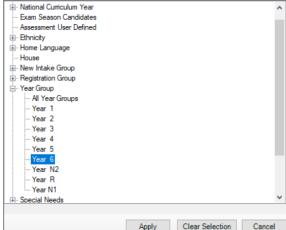
The screen shown in the following graphic is displayed. If other wizards have been imported in the past and not marked as completed, they will appear in the list.



2. Leave the filter on **Incomplete**, highlight the **Key Stage 2 Wizard England 2024** and click **Next**.

3. On the **Select Group** screen click the **field browser**.





- 4. Click the + next to Year Group, select Year 6 or the + next to User Defined Groups, select the user defined group created earlier and click Apply. This places the group on the Select Group screen.
- 5. Click Next.

The wizard now displays the marksheets created from the templates in the imported key stage wizard for the selected group. You can open these marksheets directly from this page, enter, edit and validate results.

The wizard shows three marksheets for key stage 2.

KS2 A. Teacher Assessments 2024

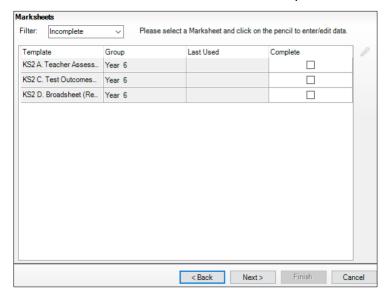
This marksheet should be used to store the Outcome for the KS2 Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science Performance Descriptor of the Teacher Assessment.

KS2 C. Test Outcomes 2024

This marksheet should be used to enter results of the tests that supported the teacher assessments made as part of the key stage 2 arrangements.

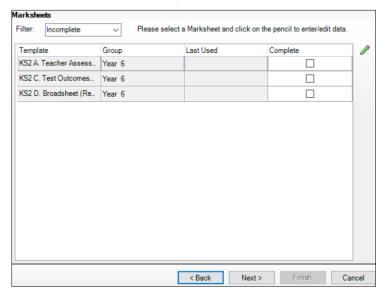
KS2 D. Broadsheet (Review) 2024

This marksheet can be used to review the data entered in the previous two marksheets.

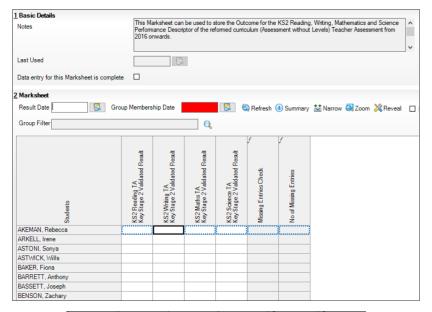


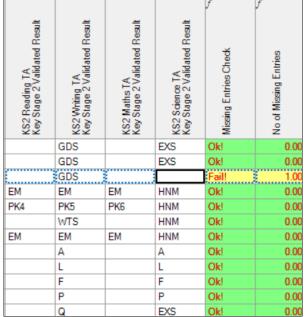
Step by Step – Entering Results

- 1. From the list of marksheets displayed, select the required one to work with by double-clicking it or by highlighting it and clicking **Edit** (pencil icon).
- 2. For example, to enter results for **KS2 A. Teacher Assessments 2024** highlight the marksheet and click the **pencil** to the right of the screen.



A marksheet with the year 6 pupils and columns that relate to the assessments to be entered are displayed.





3. Teacher Assessments need to be recorded for all students in Writing and Science. Reading and Maths needs to be recorded only for those pupils working below the standard of the national curriculum. Enter a level and use the **down arrow** on the keyboard to move to the next pupil. See graphic below for the key stage acceptable entries.

ACCEPTABLE ENTRIES

Reading	Writing	Maths	Science	Grade	Description			
	√			GDS	Working at greater depth at the expected standard			
	√		√	EXS	Working at the expected standard			
	√			WTS	Working towards the expected standard			
			√	HNM	Has not met the standard			
√	√	√		PK6	Pre Key Stage Standard 6			
√	√	√		PK5	Pre Key Stage Standard 5			
√	√	√		PK4	Pre Key Stage Standard 4			
√	√	√		PK3	Pre Key Stage Standard 3			
√	√	√		PK2	Pre Key Stage Standard 2			
√	√	√		PK1	Pre Key Stage Standard 1			
✓	√	√		EM	Pupil assessed against the Engagement model			
✓	√	√	√	Α	Absent			
	✓		√	L	Left			
	✓		√	F	Pupil will take test in the future			
	✓		√	Р	Pupil has taken test in the past			
√	√	✓	√	Q	Maladministration			

Data is displayed in red until they are saved when they turn black.

Instead of typing the marks you can select the appropriate level from a list.

- 4. Right-click in the first cell and **Select Grade for Cell**. This displays a dialog box (this can be dragged, so that the pupils' names and the result column are visible).
- 5. The appropriate assessments can be selected by double-clicking a result for each pupil in turn. Click **Close** to return to the marksheet...
- 6. Click **Save** to save the results.

NOTE: The grey columns are formula columns. They will calculate the overall result from the preceding white column. All pupils must have an assessment entered for writing and science. If not a fail will be displayed until all results are entered.

7. Click **Calculate**. The calculated results will appear in the grey columns and any failures and the number of failures will be shown. Ensure all failures are addressed. Calculate again until all clear.

- 8. Click Save.
- 9. Exit from the marksheet by clicking **Close** at the top right. This will revert to the screen from where the marksheet was originally selected.

Any marksheet can be printed by clicking Print.

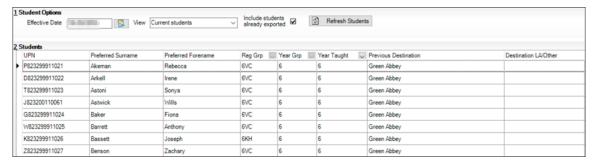
Submitting Key Stage 2 Teacher Assessment to DfE

The teacher assessments are submitted electronically. The LA may require schools to submit directly to the DfE Primary Assessment Gateway or via the LA. Full guidance on submitting data can be found in the current KS2 Assessment and Reporting Arrangements on the DfE website.

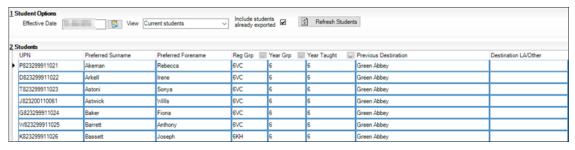
The method of transfer is via the KS2 Common Transfer File (CTF).

Step by Step - Creating a KS2 CTF

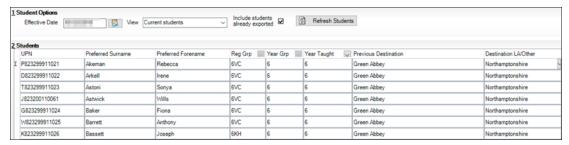
- 1. From the SIMS Home Page, go to the route **Routines | Data Out | CTF**.
- 2. Select Export CTF.
- 3. Highlight the option **KS2**. This will transfer key stage 2 teacher assessments.
- 4. Click Select.
- 5. Ensure the tick is activated in **Include students already exported** and **Refresh Students**.
- 6. Choose the year group Year 6.



7. Right-click in the **Destination LA/Other** cell of the first pupil. Click **Select All**. This will highlight all pupils.



8. Left-click on the **down arrow** in the first cell and a list of agencies will appear. Scroll down to the **National Assessment Agency**.



- 9. Select **Export CTF** and confirm that you wish to continue with the export.
- 10. Make a note of the file name for your reference and click **OK**.

Recording Test Results

The test result will be made available on the Primary Assessment Gateway in line with the dates published the Assessment and Reporting Arrangements. It will be possible to download these result and import them into SIMS.

A marksheet is available containing columns which will enable you to record and view results of the curriculum tests that support the teacher assessments. The tests assess the range of ability that most pupils are expected to demonstrate. The outcomes of these tests will be provided in the form of a scaled score, where a score of 100 represents the standard expected at the end of the key stage. The tests consist of:

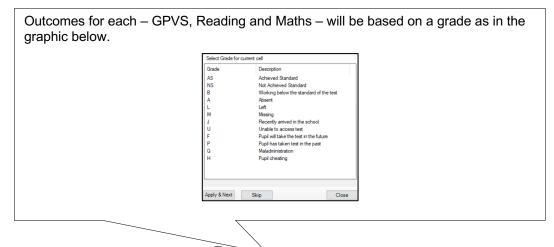
- Grammar, Punctuation and Vocabulary.
- Spelling.
- Reading.
- Maths Arithmetic.
- Maths Reasoning.

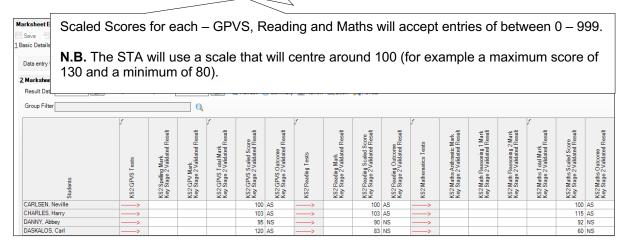
From the wizard select the next marksheet for completion: KS2 C. Test Outcomes 2024.

Step by Step - Entering and Analysing Test Results

- 1. From the wizard select the next marksheet for completion: **KS2 C. Test Outcomes 2024**.
- The marksheet contains data entry columns to enable achievements to be recorded for Spelling Mark, GPV Mark, GPVS Scaled Score, GPVS Outcome, Reading Mark, Reading Scaled Score, Reading Outcome, Maths Arithmetic Mark, Maths Reasoning 1 Mark, Maths Reasoning 2 Mark, Maths Scaled Score, Maths Outcome. For each of the marks columns there are additional formula columns to calculate total marks for GPVS and Maths.

3. Details of acceptable entries for columns are shown below.





- 4. Using the graphic above as a guide, enter a scaled score for each subject and an outcome.
- 5. Click Save.

Activity – Viewing All the Results

Select the KS2 D. Broadsheet Review 2024 marksheet from the key stage wizard. This will show a summary of all the results entered. The columns are read-only.

Using the KS2 Wizard for Reporting to Parents

When all results are entered/imported on the marksheets, an individual report can be produced. There are three student reports; Student England TA 2024 which will contain the TA only; Student England TA and TT 2024 which will contain both TAs and Task/Tests and the KS2 Comparative England 2024 report

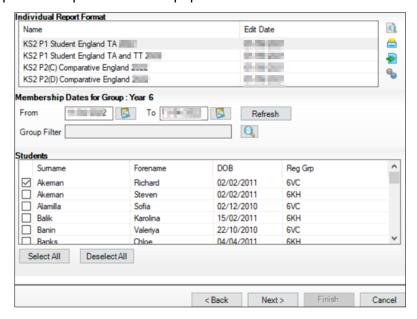
The wizards will produce individual reports for each pupil.

Step by Step – Using the Wizards for Reporting to Parents

- 1. Select Tools | Performance | Assessment | Wizard Manager.
- 2. Select the Key Stage 2 Wizard England 2024 and click Next.
- 3. The group selection may be left as it is. Click **Next**.
- 4. When presented with the list of marksheets click **Next**.

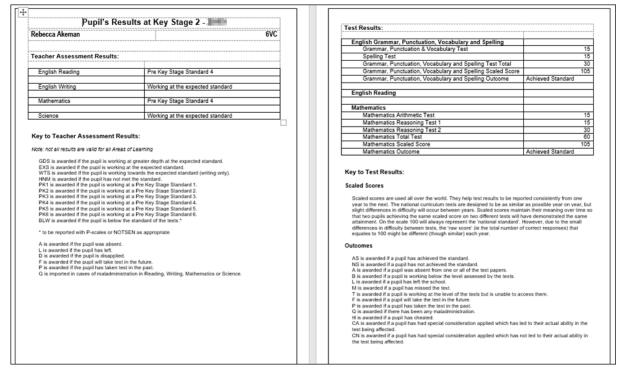
Step by Step – Producing an Individual Report for Each Pupil

1. Select the report – **KS2 P1 Student England TA and TT 2024**. This will allow you to select and produce reports for all the pupils on the list at the bottom of the screen.



Step by Step – Previewing Reports

- 1. Select one of the pupils in the bottom half of the screen and click **Preview Report**. The report will show this pupil's results.
- 2. As Word opens a security warning may be shown, click **Options** and choose to enable the content.



3. When the preview is no longer required, close Word and return to the wizard. If asked to save the report, click **No**.

Step by Step – Printing Reports

- 1. If all pupils are required choose to **Select All**. If not, go through the list and select those required by selecting the check boxes.
- 2. Click **Print Report**. Reports will be printed from Word for those pupils selected.
- 3. Close Word without saving.

Step by Step - Uploading Reports

A copy of each pupil's report can be saved to the document server. This can then be viewed at any time.

- 1. You can upload reports when they have been generated either individually or in bulk, by clicking **Upload**.
- 2. To view the copy, open the **Pupil Details** screen for the pupil and select **Linked Documents** in the **Links** panel on the right. The report will open as read-only.

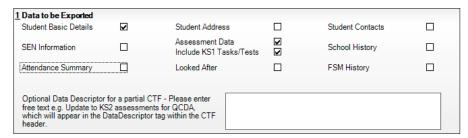
Exporting Results

KS2 results are automatically included in the CTF that should be sent to the receiving secondary school.

KS2 teacher assessments must be submitted to the DfE Primary Assessment Gateway either directly or via the LA. This must be completed by the due date.

Step by Step – Submitting the Completed CTF to Secondary Schools

- 1. The Key stage 2 assessment and reporting arrangement says that mainintained schools must and academies are expected to transfer records between schools using a CTF.From the SIMS Home Page, go to the route **Routines | Data Out | CTF**.
- 2. Select Export CTF.
- 3. Highlight the option **General**. This option will transfer general data along with all key stage 2 results.
- 4. Click Select.
- 5. Ensure the tick is activated in **Include students already exported** and **Refresh Students**.
- 6. Choose the year group Year 6.
- 7. Select all relevant fields and ensure you also include **Assessment Data** and the sub option to **Include KS1 Tasks/Tests**.



- 8. Create a CTF in the usual way, by selecting the pupils for each destination school.
- 9. Use your usual secure file transfer routines to transfer the data to the receiving school.
- 10. Close the export CTF file.

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Multiplication Timetable Check Results

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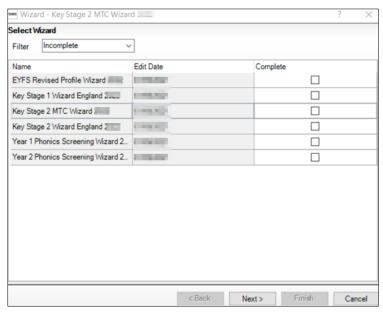
This chapter investigates the recording of results from the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Pupils in year 4 are required to take an online test to check on their times tables. The results of these checks will be supplied by the DfE and can be recorded in SIMS.

Identify the MTC Pupils

If all the pupils taking the MTC are in year 4, continue. However, if there are also pupils assigned to other year groups, then a user defined group should be created to be used in the wizard. This was dealt with in Chapter 1.

Step by Step – Recording MTC Results using the Wizard

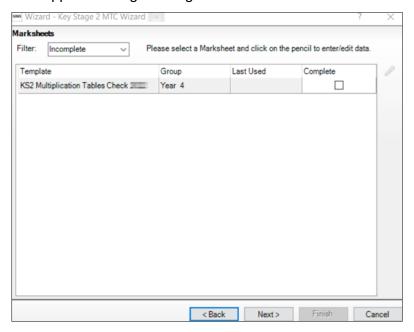
Select Tools | Performance | Assessment | Wizard Manager.



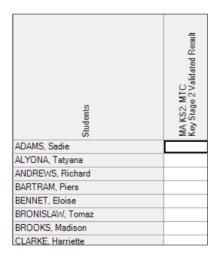
- 2. Leave the filter on **Incomplete** and click the wizard which is going to be worked with, in this case, **Key Stage 2 MTC Wizard 2024**.
- 3. Click Next.
- 4. From the Select Group screen, click field browser to display the Group Selector dialog.
- 5. Click + next to **Year Group** and select **Year 4** or the + next to **User Defined Groups** to select the user defined group if one has been created (please refer to Chapter 1) and click **Apply**. This places the group on the **Select Group** screen.
- 6. Click Next.



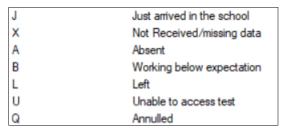
The following screen appears listing the single marksheet available.



7. Double-click the marksheet or select the marksheet and click **Edit Marksheet**. **Do not** click **Next** at this stage. A marksheet for the selected group is displayed with a column to record MTC score



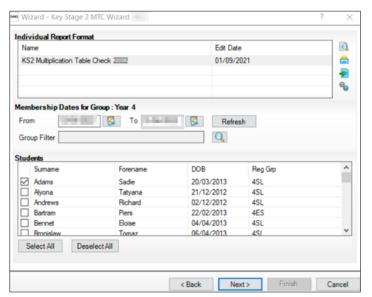
In addition of a marks from 0 to 25 the following grades can be recorded.



8. Enter the required results into the column and save.

Step By Step – Reporting MTC to Parents using the Wizard

- 1. Select **Tools | Performance | Assessment | Wizard Manager** and highlight Key Stage 2 MTC Wizard 2024.
- 2. Click Next through to the individual report page.
- 3. Select KS2 Multiplication Check 2024.



- 4. Tick the pupils required
- 5. Preview, Print, Export or Upload as required.