

# Year 4 Multiplication Check - Information for Parents

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a statutory assessment in schools, for children in Year 4, administered in the Summer Term, within a two-week window, **starting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**.

The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables (up to 12 x 12) fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help the school to identify pupils who may need additional support.

## What does the check involve?

The MTC is an on-screen, online check consisting of 25 times tables questions. Your child will answer 3 practice questions before moving on to the official check and will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

The MTC has been designed to be inclusive, which means it is also accessible to children with special educational needs (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL).

## What does the check measure?

The MTC is designed to determine whether Year 4 pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12 x 12. It does not check related division facts.

## How can parents help?

You do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of the usual Y4 routine, continue to practice times tables with your child at home.

After the Easter holidays, we will move away from the paper weekly test to focus on the online, timed tests which replicate what children need to do.

Little, and often practise, using the following resources will be beneficial to help familiarise children with the style of the test and the timed element for each question.

- Maths Frame MTC (<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>) Children are already familiar with this site and can search the correct one using google.
- Times Tables Rockstars (using the soundcheck function)

In school, we encourage children not to press enter after they have inputted an answer but allow the time to count down. This allows them some thinking time between questions and time to correct any typing errors.

## What feedback will parents receive?

Children will receive a score out of 25. Schools will be able to view pupil results. The school will report individual results to parents or carers as part of end of year school report arrangements.