

# Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – Information for Parents 2025



## Important information about the multiplication tables check (MTC):

- The majority of children in Year 4 will participate in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June 2025.
- The MTC determines if Year 4 children can **fluently** recall their times tables up to 12 x 12.
- This is an essential skill for children moving on to the mathematics required for Year 5 and beyond.
- The MTC will also help to identify which children require additional support to learn their times tables.
- There is no 'pass' rate or threshold which means that, unlike with the Phonics Screening Check, children will not be expected to re-sit the check.

## **When the check will take place:**

- There will be a **3 week window** at the start of June 2025, during which time the MTC will take place at school, during the normal school day.
- Before taking the actual MTC, children will also participate in a practice MTC at school. This is so that they are completely familiar with the MTC before they take their actual check.

## How the check is carried out:

- The check is **fully digital** and will be administered on an ipad.
- Children will enter their answers on an on-screen number pad.
- Usually, the whole check will take less than **5 minutes** for each child.
- Every child will have **6 seconds** to answer each question. This is from the time that the question appears on the screen.
- The 6 seconds includes the time available for the child to enter their answer.

## How the check is carried out:

- 6 seconds per answer means that children must be able to read the question, recall their answer and enter their response within 6 seconds. Whatever is written in the answer box at the end of 6 seconds is counted as their answer.
- There will be 25 questions in the MTC, with a 3 second pause between questions.
- There will be 3 practice questions before the check begins.

## The check questions:

- Each child will be **randomly assigned** a set of 25 questions.
- There will only be **multiplication** questions in the check, not division questions.
- The 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables are **more likely** to be asked, as these are the hardest for most children to learn.
- Reversal of questions (e.g.  $8 \times 6$  and  $6 \times 8$ ) will not be asked in the same check.
- Children will not see their individual results when they complete the check.

## **How best to prepare your child for the check:**

- As you will already be aware, staff have been regularly helping the children to learn their times tables since October 2023, when the children were in Year 3. This has particularly been through the Woodloes Tables Championship which children have usually been completing twice a week at school.
- The Year 4 staff are already impressed with the considerable progress that the children are making with both the accuracy and speed of their times tables recall.
- Please continue to support your child to regularly practise their times tables, particularly by using Times Tables Rock Stars, 3 times a week, as detailed in the Year 4 homework.

## **Other ways to practise times tables could include:**

- Climbing stairs or walking along counting in multiples.
- Asking your child a few times tables questions, perhaps focusing on the times table that they are currently learning or a particular fact that they are finding more difficult.
- Listening to times tables songs and perhaps singing along.
- Taking it in turns to say times tables in funny voices.
- Using the internet to access other websites, detailed on the next slide.



## Websites to try at home:

- Times Tables Rock Stars: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>
  - Hit the Button: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
  - Daily 10: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>
  - urbrainy mtc: <https://urbrainy.com/mtc>
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- The urbrainy mtc is very similar to the actual MTC check so we will be practising this regularly in school over the next few months.

## **Specific arrangements for the check:**

Some children who are on the school's SEND register will be eligible for specific access arrangements. These children will still have 6 seconds to answer each question.

Thank you so much for your support with learning times tables. We are already impressed with the progress that the children are making and we wish all of the Y4 pupils all the best for their upcoming MTC in June 2025.

**Thank for taking the time to attend this information evening.**

Any questions?

