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## Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Dear Wonderful Year 4 Pupils, and your equally wonderful families and staff,

At this time of year, I like to write to you to say how proud we are of all of our Year 4 pupils as they prepare for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC).

You have worked so hard throughout the year to build your confidence with your times tables, and we see every day the effort, determination and positivity you bring to your learning. Huge thank you to Mrs Venediktou and Mr Luxon.

The MTC is a short, online check that helps us understand how confidently and quickly pupils can recall their multiplication facts up to  $12 \times 12$ . While this is important, there is something even more important for you to remember:

This check does not measure everything that makes you amazing.

The check cannot see your imagination, your kindness, your teamwork or your creativity. It does not know how you:

- support your friends,
- try again when something feels tricky,
- or ask thoughtful questions that help you learn more.

It also doesn't know if one day you might:

- build incredible structures as an architect,
- care for others as a nurse or doctor,
- design inventions as an engineer,
- explore the world as a scientist,
- or create something wonderful as an artist or chef.

So why do we practise times tables so much?

Because they are a key building block for your future learning.



Knowing your multiplication facts helps you:

- solve maths problems more quickly and confidently,
- understand fractions, division and more advanced maths,
- and feel ready and successful as you move up through school.

It's a bit like learning your letter sounds when you were younger—once you know them well, everything else becomes easier.

(And just like SATs, there is one thing the MTC definitely cannot measure... how brilliantly you can smile at the screen even when it's asking you  $6 \times 8$ !)

We would also like to say a big thank you to all the staff and families who have supported you with practising at home and encouraging a positive attitude towards learning.

The MTC is nothing to worry about—it is simply a chance to show what you know already.

As you approach the check, remember:

- Stay calm
- Take your time
- Try your best
- And believe in yourself

You have already done so well, and we are incredibly proud of you.

“Success is not about being perfect; it is about trying your best and never giving up.”

Yours sincerely



Liz Savage  
Headteacher of Jennett's Park CE Primary



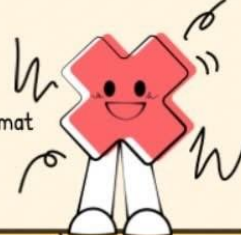
# Multiplication Tables Check

2026  
KS2  
Year 4

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

## WHAT IS IT?

- Children answer multiplication questions up to  $12 \times 12$ , with greater emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables, as these are generally the most difficult to recall
- The check is online and completed on screen
- It contains 25 questions, with 6 seconds to answer each one
- There is a 3-second pause between each question before the next one appears
- Before the check, children can answer 3 practice questions to become familiar with the format
- Each check usually takes less than 5 minutes per child
- There are multiple versions of the check – each question is generated randomly
- There is no official pass mark or threshold



## WHO DOES IT?

- The Multiplication Tables Check is statutory for all Year 4 pupils in England
- Children do not need to re-sit the check if they do not achieve a high score
- Schools will share each child's result with parents or carers

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- The purpose is to see whether children can fluently recall multiplication facts up to  $12 \times 12$
- Secure times table knowledge helps children feel more confident in maths and supports later learning, including division, fractions and problem-solving
- The check helps schools identify children who may need extra support with times tables

## WHEN IS IT?

- In 2026, schools must complete the check between Monday 1st June and Friday 12th June
- Additional time can be used from Monday 15th June to Friday 19th June for children who were absent or unable to complete the check during the main window

## HOW TO HELP AT HOME

**Practise Little and Often**  
Short sessions of 5-10 minutes work best.

**Focus on Quick Recall**  
Children need to answer within a few seconds.

**Practise All Tables**  
Especially 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12.

**Use Games and Quizzes**  
To make practice fun.

**Use Real-life Maths**  
Cooking, shopping and travel can all involve multiplication.

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