



Monday 19th May 2025

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check June 2nd - 13th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to inform you that, as part of the National Curriculum, the Government introduced a "Multiplication Tables Check" for Year 4 children, which has been in place since June 2020. This check aims to assess whether children know their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. We have been preparing the children for this check since the beginning of the school year.

Why is learning the times tables important?

In primary school, knowing the times tables is essential for quick mental calculations and effective problem-solving. It also lays the groundwork for many key topics in Years 5 and 6, such as division, fractions, and percentages.

Details of the Check:

- **Dates:** The check will take place between June 3rd and June 13th, 2025.
- **Format:** The test is done online using a laptop or iPad.
- **Duration:** It will last no longer than 5 minutes.
- **Content:** There will be 25 questions, with children having 6 seconds to answer each one. The questions will be simple multiplication problems (e.g., "3 x 4 = ?") and will focus on the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times tables.
- **No Division or Problem-Solving:** The check is focused solely on multiplication.

We understand that, like us, you want to ensure your child feels calm and supported, rather than anxious about the check. The Government has deliberately referred to it as a "check" rather than a "test" or "exam" to emphasize its supportive and low-pressure nature.

Supporting Your Child:

To ensure your child feels confident and prepared, please ensure they arrive at school by **8:30am during the first two weeks back after the half-term break**, as we will be practicing daily using iPads and laptops. Here are some simple ways to support your child at home:

- Ask questions such as, "What's 7 x 8?"
- Recite times tables together (e.g., "4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8," etc.).
- Use apps and games (this website is a fantastic resources to help prepare your child to recall their times tables quickly: <https://urbrainy.com/mtc/test#>)
- Sing times tables songs (many are available online).

For further information about the Multiplication Tables Check, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Ebenezer, Shazmin or David at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

David Hodges, Senior Deputy Headteacher