

Multiplication Tables Check

Year 4 Parent Information Meeting 2026

What is the *MTC*?

A look at the statutory check for all Year 4 pupils.

The Purpose of the Check

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is an annual assessment to determine if Year 4 pupils can recall their times tables fluently.

- Ensures foundational math skills are secure.
- Helps schools identify pupils needing extra support.
- Prepares children for future curriculum demands like long multiplication and fractions.

| Strict Timing

6

Seconds Per
Question

The Rapid Recall Format

Pupils have just 6 seconds to read, solve, and type their answer. There is a 3-second pause between each question to allow them to refocus.

This ensures they are using **instant recall** rather than counting on fingers or repeated addition.

The Test Format



Digital Experience

The check is entirely on-screen. Children will use tablets or computers to input their answers using a keypad or keyboard. No paper or pencil is allowed during the test.



25 Questions

Each child receives a random set of 25 questions. They start with 3 practice questions to get comfortable with the interface before the official check begins.

Curriculum Focus

CHART

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

0-12 Times Tables

Questions cover the full range of tables taught up to the end of Year 4.

Weighting

There is a slightly greater emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times tables.

Multiplication Only

The check only assesses multiplication, not the related division facts.

Supporting Every Learner



Visual Adjustments: Font size and color contrast settings can be changed to suit individual needs.



Next Button: For some children, the 3-second pause can be replaced by a manual 'Next' button to pace the session.



Scribe Assistance: An adult may input the answers for children with specific physical or motor requirements.



Audio Support: Audio versions are available for pupils who may struggle with reading the on-screen digits.

| Reporting Results

No Pass or Fail

Unlike some other assessments, there is no official "pass mark" or threshold for the MTC. It is simply a measure of current fluency.

We will share your child's total score (out of 25) with you in their end-of-year school report.

The results allow us to plan transition support for Year 5 .

How You Can Help?

Supportive strategies for home practice.

Top Tips for Home Practice



Little and Often

3 to 5 minutes of practice daily is far more effective than one long session per week. Keep it light and quick!



Stay Positive

Praise effort over accuracy. Building confidence is key to reducing anxiety around timed tasks.



Make it Fun

Use songs, games, and apps. Turn it into a family challenge or use "Soundcheck" on TTRS for a real simulation.

Recommended Resources

Resource Name	Why Use It?	Access
TT Rockstars (Soundcheck)	Mimics the real test format exactly.	School Login Provided
Mathsframe MTC	Great for practicing with the 6s timer.	Free Online
Timestables.co.uk	Structured learning for individual tables.	Free Online
Hit the Button	Excellent for general number fluency.	App Store / Web
Daily 10	Excellent for general number fluency.	Free Online

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Timestables.co.uk	Times tables games - Learn them all here!
Hit the Button	Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds
Daily 10	Daily 10 - Mental Maths Challenge - Topmarks

Any Questions?