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Year 4 Multiplication Check

Dear Parents and Carers,

As your child is in year four, they will sit the multiplication tables check in June 2026. This is a national assessment for all year four pupils.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us to identify if your child may need additional support.

The multiplication check is an online test consisting of 25 times tables questions. The questions are only multiplication and will go up to 12x12. Your child will have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. There is no pass or fail mark, however you will be informed of your child's score out of 25 at the end of the academic year.

2023 national statistics show that children, who scored 25/25 in the year four multiplication check, scored highly in their year six maths SATs. Children, who scored less than 20 in the year four multiplication check, were not as likely to achieve the expected standard in the year six maths SATs. Therefore, quick recall of all times tables is essential for success in the year six maths SATs papers.

The children will practise throughout the year so they are familiar with the approach of the check using one of the games on the Times Tables Rockstars website.

The best way to learn times tables is with regular practice and we hope you will continue to support your child with this at home. Times tables are already part of their weekly homework and you can also help by:

- Asking questions such as "What's 7 x 8?"
- Reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc.)
- Using apps and games e.g. [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk)
- Singing times tables songs
- Encouraging your child to play on 'Soundcheck' on Times Tables Rockstars