



24th April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

YEAR FOUR: Practice Multiplication Tables Check: 28th April

You will find some information accompanying this letter relating to the National Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) for Year Four pupils, which your child will be undertaking in June. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us to identify if your child may need additional support.

We have spoken to the children about the assessment regularly since September and they have spent time practising for the check. It is an on-screen test consisting of 25 times-table questions. Your child will be able to answer three practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have six seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than ten minutes to complete.

To help your child with this, we are going to conduct a practice test in the same conditions they will complete the official test. This will take place on Tuesday 28th April using a mode on Times Table Rock Stars. This will be in small groups, in a calm and quiet environment. By providing this opportunity, we hope that children will become familiar with the format and timings and feel confident going into the official test later in the summer term.

Both now, in the lead up to the check in June, and then throughout their primary education, it would be extremely beneficial if you could help your child to practise recall of times-table facts. Good tables knowledge helps every child to succeed in almost every maths lesson. To help maintain good tables knowledge, we plan regular, small, teaching sessions at school and the children have time each week on the Times Table Rock Stars platform.

As you are aware, Times Tables Rock Stars work is set weekly as part of home learning. It is important that your child completes the sessions that are assigned, as this supports their progress in multiplication fluency. A copy of your child's TTRS 'heatmap' will be sent home, showing the times tables (including associated division facts), they are already fluent in, as well as those they are still developing a rapid recall of.

If you have any questions about the practice or official check, please see your child's class teacher who will be happy to answer any questions/worries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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