

Year 4 Multiplication Tables  
Check (MTC)  
2025



## Important information about multiplication tables check (MTC):

- The MTC determines if Year 4 children can **fluently** recall their multiplication tables.
- They are designed to help schools identify which children require more support to learn their times tables.
- There is no 'pass' rate or threshold which means that, unlike the Phonics Screening Check, children will not be expected to re-sit the check.

## When the check will take place:

- There will be a 2 week window from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 for schools to administer the check.
- There is no set day to administer the check and children are not expected to take the check at the same time.
- All eligible Year 4 children in England will be required to take the check.

## How the check is carried out:

- The check will be **fully digital**.
- Answers will be entered on an i-pad, by pressing digits on an on-screen number pad.
- Usually, the check will take less than **5 minutes** for each child.
- The children will have **6 seconds** from the time the question appears to input their **answer**. (6 seconds per answer means that children must be able to read, recall and enter their response within that time. Whatever is written in the answer box at the end of 6 seconds will be counted as the answer.)
- There will be a total of **25 questions** with a **3 second pause** in-between questions.
- There will be **3 practice questions** before the check begins.

## The check questions:

- Each child will be **randomly assigned** a set of questions
- There will only be **multiplication** questions in the check, not division facts.
- The **6, 7, 8, 9** and **12** times tables are **more likely** to be asked, as these are the hardest for most children to learn. It's a good idea to focus on these tricky times tables with your child at home.
- Reversal of questions (e.g.  $8 \times 6$  and  $6 \times 8$ ) will not be asked in the same check.
- Children will not see their individual results when they complete the check.

## How best to prepare your child for the check:

- Remind them that the check should last no more than 5 minutes.
- If you want to go over times tables, make them fun.
- If you have any concerns, talk to your child's teacher.
- If your child has any concerns, encourage them to talk to a trusted adult (for example, yourself, their teacher).
- If you're looking to support your child further with maths at home, there are lots of good websites with free resources.

## Games to try:

- Climb the stairs counting in multiples
- Play time tables games verbally.
- Listen and sing along to times tables songs.
- Take it in turns to say times tables in funny voices.

- Play maths games online:

**Hit the Button-** <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Snappy Maths <http://www.snappymaths.com/multiplication/multiplication.htm>

Time table games: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/games/>

Maths frame: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

TT Rockstars: <https://ttrackstars.com/>

We really thank you for your support with this matter and wish our Y4 pupils all the best for the upcoming MTC in June 2025.

**Thank for taking the time to read this information.**