



Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

A guide for parents and carers • June 2027

What is the Multiplication Tables Check?

A short online check

25 multiplication questions appear on screen. Children have 6 seconds for each question.

About 5 minutes

Children first get 3 practice questions. The actual check should take no longer than about 5 minutes.

What it measures

It checks fluent recall of multiplication facts up to 12×12 . It is not a test of broader mathematical problem-solving.

When will it happen in 2027?

Mon 7 June



Check window opens

June



School chooses the day/time

Fri 18 June



Two-week window closes

What will children be asked?

Examples

$7 \times 8 = ?$ • $9 \times 6 = ?$ • $12 \times 4 = ?$

A useful distinction

Knowing that $7 \times 8 = 56$ quickly is different from working it out from scratch each time.

The important bit

The questions are designed to test instant recall. Children do not need to show their working.

No pass mark

There is no national 'pass' threshold for the MTC. Scores indicate how fluent a child is with multiplication facts.

What should Year 4 children know?

- Recall multiplication and division facts for tables up to 12×12 .
- Use multiplication facts to support mental calculation and problem-solving.
- Recognise connections between related facts — for example, $6 \times 7 = 42$ and $42 \div 7 = 6$.
- Use known facts to work out less familiar facts.
- By the end of Year 4, the national curriculum expects pupils to have memorised tables up to and including the 12 times table.

Multiplication Times Table workshop

On the 13th November we will explain the check further and explore ways in which you can support your child. This will take place after you have spent time in your child's classroom. We will look forward to seeing you then.