



# CATALYST

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Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Dear Parents/Carers,

All Year 4 pupils in England will complete a Multiplication Tables Check in June. This year the children in England will complete the check between Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

The Government made the check compulsory in 2022. They say: The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

But why are times tables so important? Having rapid recall of times tables makes other areas of maths much easier. Fractions is the most obvious area where learning times tables well is essential. However, every multiplication, division, long multiplication method and short division and long division method require speed and instant recall of times tables while at primary school. At secondary school the needs become even greater. Furthermore, having the tables secure frees up their working memory for newer, more challenging tasks at hand. So learning them now, in year 4, sets children up for a more successful maths career later in their school life.

We are running a Parent Workshop on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to give parents/carers to provide further information on the check as well as tips and tricks to ensure that children are able to use the TT Rockstars programme efficiently and maximise their multiplication skills to support them as they prepare for the MTC in June. As part of the workshop, you will see some children competing in a mini competition involving Times Tables Rockstars.

4A Parents – 1:30pm-2:15pm

4B Parents – 2:15pm - 3pm

Please do still attend even if you are confident using the TT Rockstars programme. Please arrive at the Fortin Close entrance. **Kindly note that this session is for adults only**, we are unable to accommodate non-school age children so please make other arrangements for them while you attend the workshop. Parents/carers will be refused entry if arriving with younger siblings. If you are unable to attend, all resources will be available on the school website.

Kind Regards,

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