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Dear Parents

Multiplication Tables Check

The date of the official Year Four Multiplication Tables Check is fast approaching.

I am writing to remind you that your child's test will take place **between the 1st and 12th June**. These are statutory tests **so please avoid taking holidays in the testing window**.

If you were unable to make either of the MTC meetings that Miss Wiseman and I put on earlier in the year, I have added some, hopefully useful, information below.

The children have been tested regularly over the year. If they are struggling with the speed of the test (six seconds can fly by), they might benefit from some extra practice at home.

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) is a great and engaging place to practise. The games have different purposes:

- Garage is the best game to play first as it dynamically removes tables the child is proficient at and then adds new ones in, with no time pressure. They can also check which facts that have mastered, and how quick they are at answering each fact, by checking the Heat Map:

8	8 × 10	8 × 2	8 × 5	8 × 3	8 × 4	8 × 8	8 × 6	8 × 7	8 × 9	8 × 11	8 × 12
6	6 × 10	6 × 2	6 × 5	6 × 3	6 × 4	6 × 8	6 × 6	6 × 7	6 × 9	6 × 11	6 × 12
7	7 × 10	7 × 2	7 × 5	7 × 3	7 × 4	7 × 8	7 × 6	7 × 7	7 × 9	7 × 11	7 × 12
9	9 × 10	9 × 2	9 × 5	9 × 3	9 × 4	9 × 8	9 × 6	9 × 7	9 × 9	9 × 11	9 × 12
11	11 × 10	11 × 2	11 × 5	11 × 3	11 × 4	11 × 8	11 × 6	11 × 7	11 × 9	11 × 11	11 × 12
12	12 × 10	12 × 2	12 × 5	12 × 3	12 × 4	12 × 8	12 × 6	12 × 7	12 × 9	12 × 11	12 × 12

No data 0 - 1s 1 - 2s 2 - 3s 3 - 4s 4 - 5s 5 - 6s 6 - 7s 7 - 8s 8 - 9s 9 - 10s > 10s

- Jamming is a game where the children can choose which table to practise. Again, without time pressure
- Soundcheck is a replica of the official MTC check with the standard six-second timer



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart" *Colossians 3:23*

If you wish to practise for the test but your child is not quite ready for the six-second test, Mathsframe has an official-style, twenty-five-question platform where you can adjust the timings to ease them in.

Learning tables is a hugely important skill to have mastered as the children move forward in their Maths learning: in the 2025 Year Six SAT arithmetic paper, a huge 31 out of 40 marks required some degree of tables knowledge, whether it be a division, fraction, percentage or BIDMAS question.

If you have any questions about the tests, please do contact the school office and I will get back to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, below is a **link to the government's guide for parents**:

[Multiplication tables check: information for parents](#)

Kind regards

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