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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**, which all children in **Year 4** across England will take later this term.

The Multiplication Tables Check is a short online assessment introduced by the government to ensure children have a secure understanding of their multiplication tables. It focuses on times tables facts up to **12 × 12** and measures how quickly and accurately children can recall these number facts. A strong knowledge of multiplication tables is an important foundation for many areas of mathematics, including division, fractions, problem solving, and more complex calculations in later years.

The check consists of **25 multiplication questions**, which the children will answer on a computer or tablet. For each question, children will have **6 seconds** to enter their answer, with a short pause between questions. The test is designed to be straightforward and low-pressure, giving children the opportunity to demonstrate the multiplication knowledge they have been developing throughout primary school.

In school, we will carry out the check during the national testing window in a calm and supportive environment. Children will complete the check individually using school devices, with staff on hand to help with logging in and instructions. We will ensure the children feel prepared and confident before taking part, and we will continue practising multiplication facts in class as part of our regular maths lessons.

You can support your child at home by encouraging regular practice of multiplication tables in fun and manageable ways, such as quick-fire questions, games, songs, or online practice tools as well as completing their weekly 20 sessions on TTRS.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop confidence and fluency in mathematics. If you have any questions about the Multiplication Tables Check, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Date of the testing window are included below:

- Administration Window:** Monday 1 June – Friday 12 June 2026
- Absence/Catch-up Window:** Monday 15 June – Friday 19 June 2026

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Gowers
Year 4 Leader

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