Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Monday 19th January 2026



Multiplication Tables Challenge

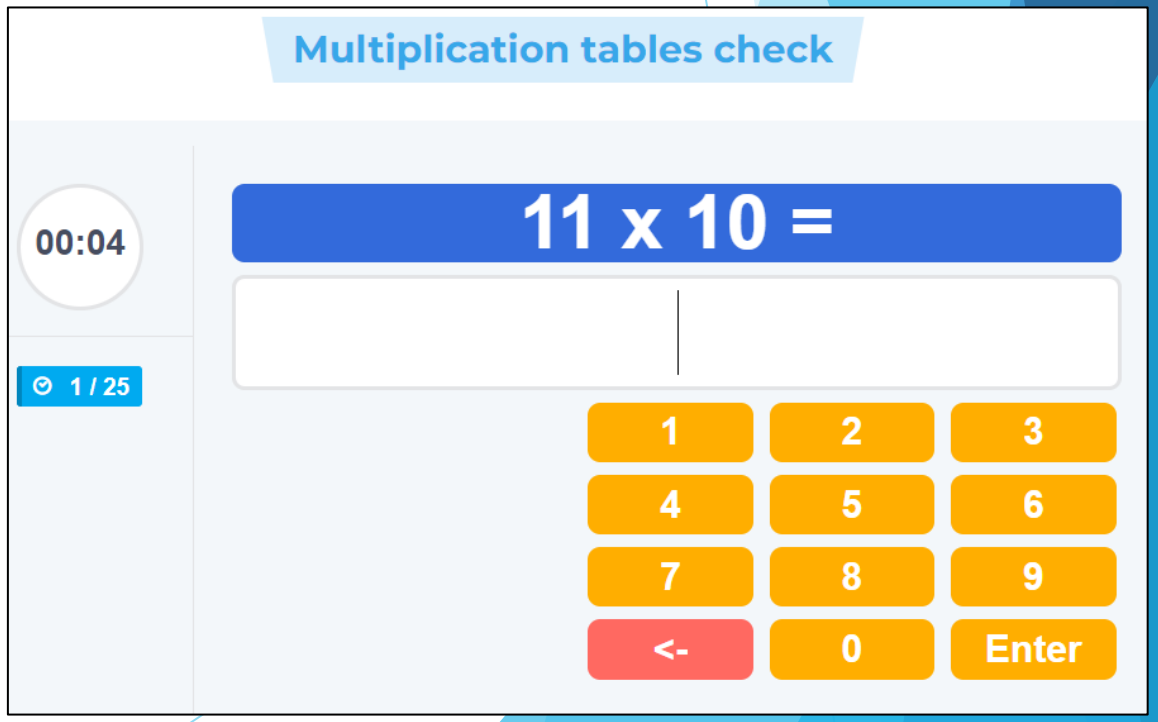
How well do you know your multiplication tables?

How fast can you answer the following questions?

Use the camera on your phone to scan the QR code.

This will take you to: www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/

Click start and complete the questions.



Aims of this workshop

- To understand what the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is and what the expectations are.
- To understand how, when and why the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) will be administered.
- To understand how times tables are taught and practised in Year 4.
- To provide you with ideas and resources you can use at home.

MTC Fact or Myth?

The MTC is a test of maths ability

Myth

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The MTC includes facts up to 12 x 12

Fact

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Children must answer instantly or they fail

Myth

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The MTC includes division questions

Myth

MTC Fact or Myth?

The MTC helps teachers identify who needs extra support.

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The questions appear in a random order.

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MTC Fact or Myth?

Children can skip a question and come back to it later.

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The MTC helps teachers understand how fluent pupils are with times tables.

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Practising times tables little and often helps prepare for the MTC.

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There is a pass mark.

Myth

MTC Fact or Myth?

The MTC is designed to be short.

Fact

National Curriculum Expectations

Year Group	Expectation
Year 1	Count in multiples of **2, 5 and 10**. Recall and use all **doubles to 10** and corresponding halves.
Year 2	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the **2, 5 and 10** times tables including recognising **odd and even numbers**.
Year 3	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the **3, 4 and 8** times tables.
Year 4	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for tables up to **12 x 12**
Year 5	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to **12 x 12**
Year 6	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to **12 x 12**

What is the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)?

The **Multiplication Tables Check** is a statutory check for all Year 4 pupils across England.

The purpose is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently up to 12x12.

This skill is essential for future success in Mathematics.

The MTC helps us, as a school, to identify pupils who have not yet mastered this skill and provide additional support in UKS2.

How is the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) administered?

The MTC is an on-screen digital check consisting of 25 times table questions. This are timed questions.

Children will have 3 practise questions before taking the actual check.

They will have 6 seconds to answer each question. There is a 3 second pause between questions. The check will last no longer than 5 minutes.

Each question is presented in the format _ x _ = ____

Aylward arrangements for the MTC

Along with yourselves, we do not want children to be worried or stressed out about the MTC.

Confidence and familiarity with times tables matter more than pressure and speed.

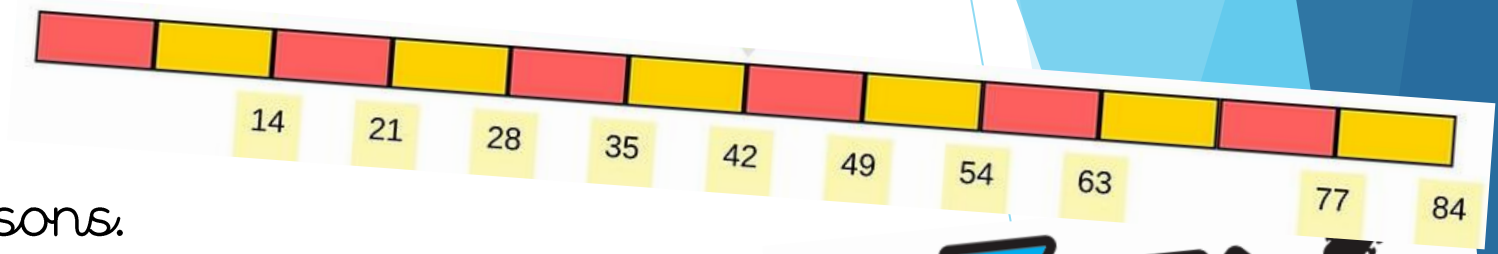
Children have 6 seconds to answer each question!

At Aylward, the MTC is completed in small, informal groups or 1:1 with a familiar adult if that puts them more at ease.



How we practise and learn times tables at Aylward

- Times table revision through counting games and step counting.
- Fortnightly times table checks
- Using key times table facts in lessons.
- Multiplication games
- Termly TTRS Competitions (Y2-Y4)
- OUMTC on TTRS:
  - 12th January - 30th January 2026
  - 27th April - 15th May 2026
- Times table tracker and visits from Mrs Kelly.







Strategy Sharing

There are several strategies that help children build number sense, rather than just rote memory.

Can you explain these what these strategies are?

Use what you know
Square numbers first
Commutativity (The Commutative Law)
Near multiples

Strategy Sharing

Near multiples

Work out 9x facts using the 10 times table.

Work out 6x facts using the 5 times table.

How can you help at home?

All that we ask is that you continue to encourage your child to practice their times tables..

When helping at home:

- Keep it practical
- Be supportive
- Keep it child-centred.

There are lots of practical ideas and online games to help.




Times tables
game: Fingers!



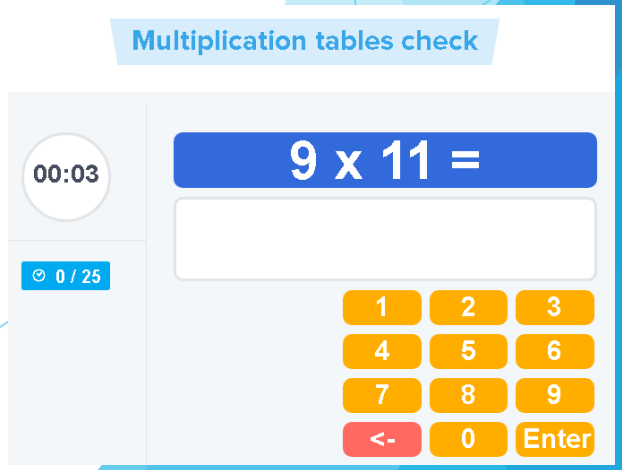
Hit the Button: An interactive online game.
https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button



Daily 10: 10 multiplication questions, write down the answer.
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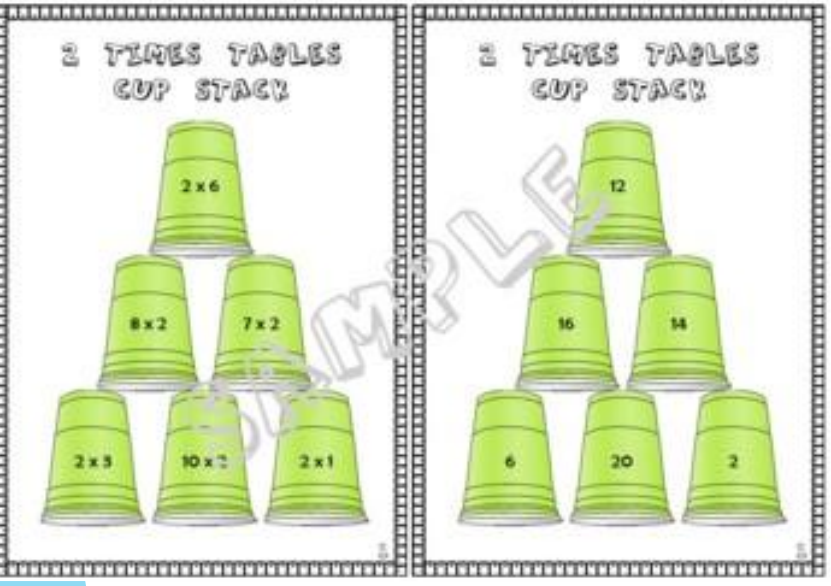
Snappy Maths: A selection of worksheets that can be used to practice multiplication and division facts. https://www.snappymaths.com/calculations/times-tables-multiplication-division/

Timetables: This online resource replicates the DfE platform so is a good practice tool to use at home.
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Hands-On Multiplication Games

Cup Stack - stack the cups in order, test your knowledge of the answers.



Dice Multiplication - roll two dice and multiply.



Times Table Card Games - use number cards to:

Make the Product - Parent says a number, child finds two cards to multiply and make that number.

Snap (Times Table Edition) - snap when a multiplication and answer match.



MTC 2025-26 timeline

April 2026 - Schools gain access the MTC service to prepare for the check.

May 2026 - Pupils will be assigned PINs to access the 'Try it Out' area and practice (these expire at 4pm each day).

1st - 12th June 2026 - All eligible Year 4 pupils complete the check. Any absent pupils can complete during the following week.

End of June 2026/July 2026 - Schools receive pupil's MTC results.

Results are shared with pupils and parents alongside their end of year report.

Feedback

Please scan the QR code to provide feedback on this workshop.

Resources to take home

1) Activity leaflet
2) DfE MTC Information leaflet
3) Times table grid.