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# St John Baptist Primary School

Multiplication Tables Check 2024 – Parent information evening

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

## **Aims:**

- To understand what the statutory Multiplication Check is (MTC)
- To find out when the check takes place
- To understand what we're doing in school to help prepare for the check
- To encourage ways in which you can support at home
- To highlight the importance of encouraging your children to practice their times tables frequently.

# Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

All primary school-aged children are expected to know their times tables up to  $12 \times 12$  by heart. In fact, they are expected to have mastered their times tables by the end of Year 4.

## **Purpose of the check :**

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can **fluently** recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

It will also help staff in school to identify if your child may need additional support, so they can access the demands of the year 5 and 6 curriculum.

# Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

## **What is it:**

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question.

Each question will be worth 1 mark and will be presented to the children in the format:

\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete and is similar to other checks already used. TTrackstars soundcheck is very similar.

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## **How is it administered?**

The check will be completed on I-pads.  
Teachers will administer the check in small groups

It will automatically be scored and the results will be available to schools once the assessment period closes.



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## During the check:

Each pupil will be assigned a random set of questions.

Children will only face multiplication questions during the check (no division related facts).

Children will not see their individual results when they complete the check.

The 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables are **more likely** to be asked.

Reversal of questions (e.g.  $8 \times 6$  and  $6 \times 8$ ) will not be asked in the same check.

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The Standards and Testing Agency (STA) state that they are classifying the multiplication tables by the first number in the question. For example,  $8 \times 3$  would fall within the 8 times table.

**5.2.1 Table 1 – Multiplication table limits in the MTC**

Multiplication Table	Minimum number of items in each form	Maximum number of items in each form
1	Not applicable	Not applicable
2	0	2
3	1	3
4	1	3
5	1	3
6	2	4
7	2	4
8	2	4
9	2	4
10	0	2
11	1	3
12	2	4

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## Before the check

Children will be able to practice before taking the check.

There will be a 'try out' area the children will use to become familiar with the timings and layout of the check.

The screenshot displays the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) interface. At the top left, a timer shows 00:06. Below the timer, there are three rows of progress indicators: a green row with a checkmark and 0, a red row with an 'X' and 0, and a blue row with a percentage sign and 0%. To the right of these indicators is a large blue box containing the multiplication problem  $3 \times 12 =$ . Below this box is a white input field. To the right of the input field is a numeric keypad with buttons for digits 1 through 9, 0, and a red backspace button. Below the keypad is a blue button labeled 'Answer'.



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## **After the check:**

DFE have not issued an 'official' pass mark. Therefore, children will not be expected to re-sit the check.

School-level results and individual pupil results will be available to schools. This will allow schools to provide additional support for those who need it.

As is the case with the phonics-check (KS1), school-level results will be available to selected users such as Ofsted. They will not be published in a performance table.

National and local authority results will be reported by the Department of Education (DFE) to track standards over time. They will create a report about the overall results across all schools in England, not individual schools.

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## When is it?

It will be taken by children in year 4 in the summer term. This year the dates the check need to be completed are between **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** and **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024**.

Schools will decide which days the check will be administered.

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## Preparations do not begin in year 4:

Year 1 – count in multiples of 2, 5, 10

Year 2 – Learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Count in multiples of 3.

Year 3 – Learn their 4, 8, and 3 times tables.

Year 4 – Learn their 6, 7, 11 and 12 times tables.



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## **What we are doing in school to prepare your child:**

Times tables practice sessions 3 x weekly

Use of Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)

Regular half termly checks using TTRS

TTRS lunchtime club

Half termly TTRS tournaments

Officially Unofficial Multiplication Tables Check (OUMTC) in Autumn, Spring and Summer



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## How can you help prepare your child?

Use of TTRS – daily for 10-15 minutes

Encourage your child to attend TTRS lunchtime club, we cant force them!

Listen to and learn times tables songs

Play online maths games

Games such as, snap and matching card games

Focus on one times table per week and ask random questions then move to another the following week – in the car, at meal times..... rewards



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## Useful websites:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GhAJMJUsAac>

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://maths-games.org/times-tables-games.html>

<https://www.coolmathgames.com/>

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**Questions?**

# Thank you



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