

In God's love we learn and grow together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final stretch of Year 4! The children have been working incredibly hard all year, and we are so proud of their progress.

As you may know, after the upcoming half-term break, our Year 4 pupils will be taking the statutory **National Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**. This is an online assessment designed to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12 times 12, which is a vital foundation for their future maths learning in Years 5 and 6.

Key Details:

- **The Test Window:** The official testing window opens immediately when we return from the half-term break on **Tuesday 2nd June**.
- **The Format:** The test consists of 25 questions. Children have 6 seconds to read and answer each question on a computer or tablet.

How You Can Help This Half-Term

To ensure the children feel confident, relaxed, and ready to do their best, **we highly recommend keeping up a daily practice routine during the half-term holiday**. Just 5 to 10 minutes of practice a day can make a massive difference in preventing "holiday forgetfulness."

Here are the best ways you can support them over the break:

- **Use Soundcheck on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS):** This mode directly mimics the official MTC format (25 questions, 6 seconds per question). It is the absolute best way for them to get used to the pacing.
- **Focus on the "Tricky" Tables:** The test heavily features the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times tables.
- **Keep it Light:** Quiz them in the car, cook together using measurements, or play quick-fire verbal games. Making it stress-free is key to building their confidence.

A Note on Wellbeing: We want to reassure you that we treat this check very casually in school to avoid causing the children any anxiety. Please encourage them to do their best, but reassure them that it is simply a tool to help us see where they might need a little extra support next year.

Thank you so much for your continued support and partnership. We hope you have a wonderful, relaxing half-term break!

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Conley
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