

Multiplication Tables Check

MTC: The Purpose

The purpose of the statutory MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

There is no official 'pass' mark.

It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

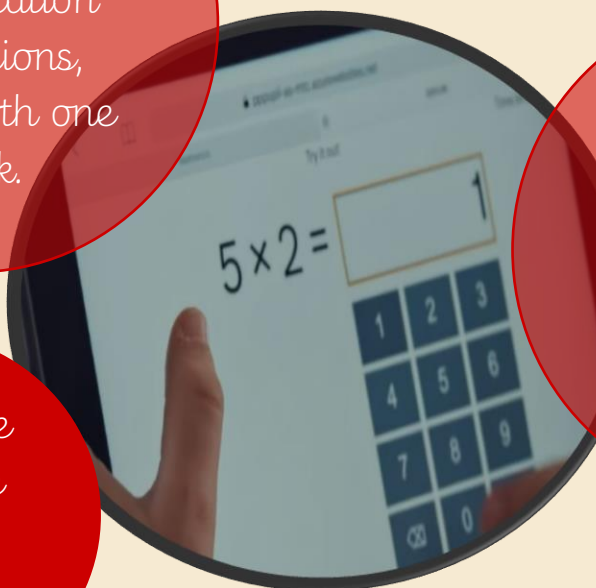
MTC: What will it look like?

The MTC will include 25 timed multiplication calculations, each worth one mark.

They will have 6 seconds to answer each question and input their answer.

Access arrangements can be made by teachers for specific children with needs.

The picture shows the format of the check.



The check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

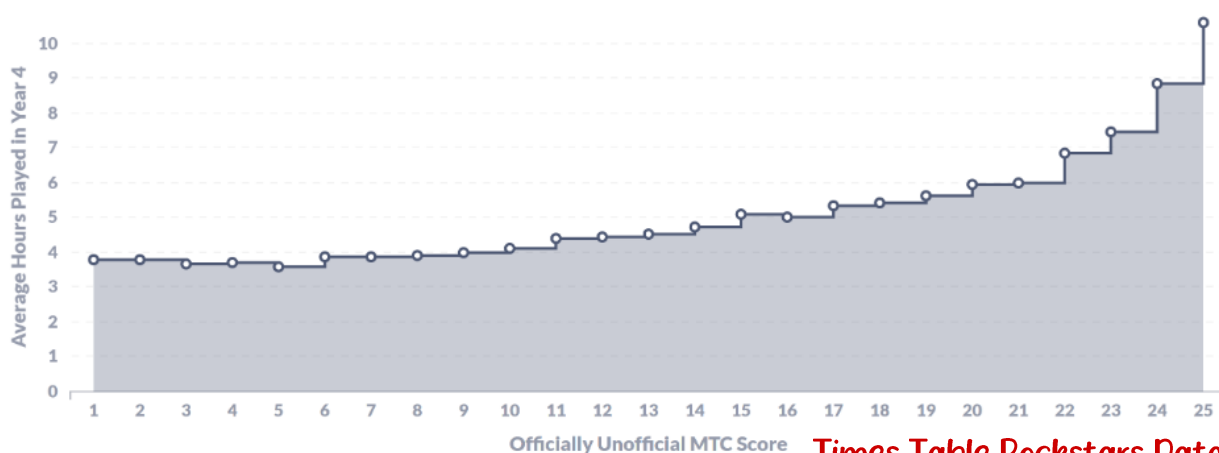
How will school support my child for MTC?



- The 'Officially Unofficial Multiplication Timestable Check', or OUMTC is a mock test completed on the Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) website. The format of the test matches the real MTC.
- Every Year 4 student gets 25 questions and their OUMTC score is stored for the teacher's review.
- By completing each OUMTC – Autumn, Spring and Summer checks - your children will get valuable practice of the test format in test conditions and teachers will be able to track their progress over the course of the year.

Impact on a National Scale!

From 85,000 year 4 pupils, the main conclusion to draw is that as time spent playing on TT Rock Stars in year 4 increases, the average score on the OUMTC also increases.



Times Table Rockstars Data, 2025

- Where possible in the school day, teachers will encourage times table practise on TTRS.
- This might be in the form of a specific table target intervention or monitoring of homework expectations.

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- At MPS, we follow the structure and resources designed and produced by White Rose Maths. Within this, Y4 children will build on their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 times table, whilst also learning the 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times table.

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How can I support my child for MTC?

- Practise tables by rote. [Learn chants and songs](#) that may help to encourage recall.
- Encourage the use of TTRS at home as a part of our [MPS Homework Expectations](#) – the 'Soundcheck' option on there is in line with the MTC.
- Make practice FUN – evidence suggests the use of games, dice, a pack of cards or ball games as alternatives to preparing for the MTC.
- Ask multiplication questions out of order as the test questions on the day will be random.

Key Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 29th September – Friday 18th October	Autumn UOMTC Unofficial Official Multiplication Tables Check opens on TTRS. Children in their classes will complete a baseline check.
Monday 12th January – Friday 30th January	Spring UOMTC Unofficial Official Multiplication Tables Check continues on TTRS. Children in their classes will complete a second check.
Monday 27th April- Friday 15th May	Summer UOMTC Unofficial Official Multiplication Tables Check continues on TTRS. Children in their classes will complete their final practise before the assessment.
From Monday 1 st June 2026 (2 week window to complete the check)	Official MTC Schools must administer the multiplication tables check within the 2-week period from Monday 1 June 2026.

Useful links:

[Department for Education, Parent Guidance on Y4 Multiplication Check](#)

[Timetable Rockstars: Preparing for the MTC](#)

[Talking Times Tables MTC Simulator](#)

[Online MTC Simulator](#)

[Times Table Songs](#)

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further queries or questions,

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