



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

**RE: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**

Thank you to those who were able to attend the brief parent workshop about the up-coming MTC in June. The presentation is available on the school website.

Further to this, I wish to inform you that the Year 4 children will be having a mock test next week, beginning **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**. This is so the children can become familiar with the actual check, which is to take place **between Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June**.

The practice, just like the check, will take no more than five minutes.

I have seen an increased confidence in the children, many of whom have chosen the device with which to answer their questions. They also know that as they practise more, they can confirm (or change) their options. As a reminder, they can use an iPad, or a desktop keyboard, using either a keypad or the row of numbers across the top.

Please keep supporting your children with their times table recall regularly at home. Online apps, games and puzzles are widely available to support children to learn their tables in a fun and engaging way. Encourage your children to use their online Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) account as regularly as possible – it has an excellent track record for improving times table recall and is great fun! Please ask if your child needs another copy of their log-in details.

Once again, the 'Sound Check' feature is an online game set up in the same way as the MTC. Practising the 'Sound Check' via the 'Single Player' menu, is an ideal way for the children to prepare at home.

Information for parents regarding the MTC can be found [here](#).

If you have any further questions about the MTC, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school via [support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,

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Multiplication Table Check.

# Multiplication Table Check.

- This will take place in school between  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**
- It is completed on a tablet or computer.
- Will take no longer than 5 minutes.
- There are 25 questions and pupils have 6 seconds per question.
- The results are for **teachers**. There is **no pass or fail mark**.
- Results are **not published**.
- Just a simple “number x number = answer” format.

Time left: 5

$$6 \times 11 =$$

Pupils type in their answer and wait for the next question.

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

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Enter

## No stress.

The Department of Education has called it a “**check**” rather than a “test” or “exam” for a reason.

We have not drawn excessive attention to the check and have always described it as an opportunity to demonstrate how much we have learnt and how well we have progressed. We have celebrated the progress made as a class.

The preparation and regular times table practice we have done has set the children up to achieve. You don't need to talk too much about the checks at home.

## How you can help your child.

We will of course continue to teach the full curriculum, and appreciate your continued support to help practise the times tables with your children. Some useful ways to do this include:

- **ASKING QUICK QUESTIONS** such as “What’s 7 x 8?”
- **RECITING** (chanting) times tables by **ROTE**
- (1 times 4 is **4**, 2 times 4 is **8**, 3 times 4 is **12**, 4 times 4 is **16**...)

**SINGING** the times tables songs (there are lots on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XzfQUXqiYY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7rYbk9PNuM>

- We practise times tables using a times-table sheet. You can create/download missing number questions.
- Teach them some tricks, e.g. 9 times table. Put 10 fingers up, lower the finger for the multiplication e.g. 3<sup>rd</sup> finger. Note that fingers to the left are worth tens (20) and to the right they are worth ones (7)
- Quiz regularly, but not incessantly.
- Rewards for **effort**, even if the answer isn't quite right.
- This can lead to a positive **focus** on particular, tricky, questions. It also narrows down the list of what to learn.

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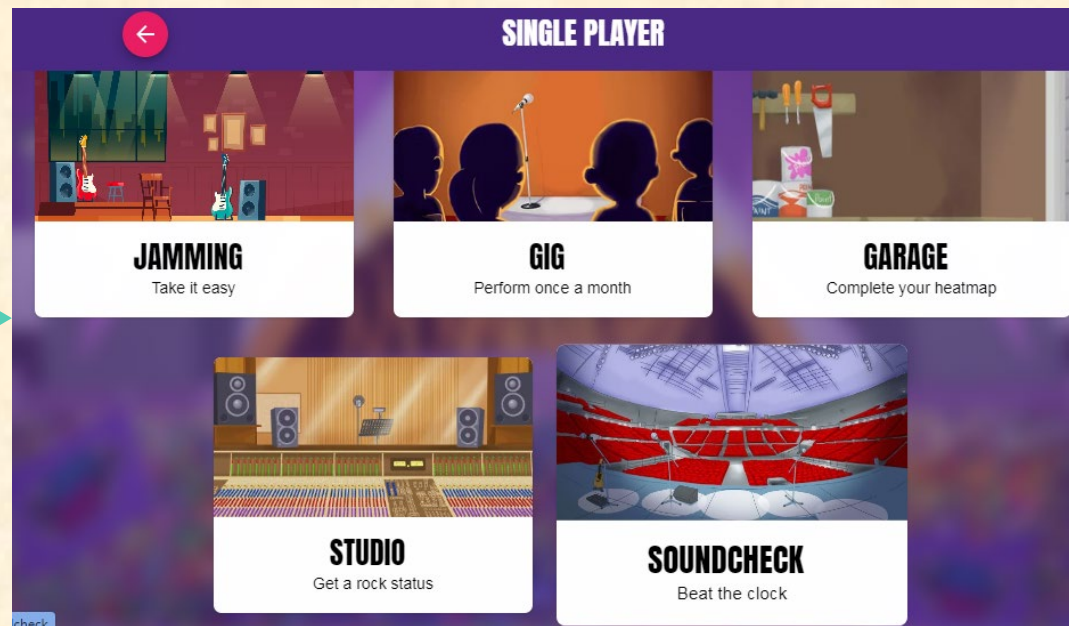
# Times Tables Rock Stars

We have a paid subscription to TTRS (5<sup>th</sup> year running).

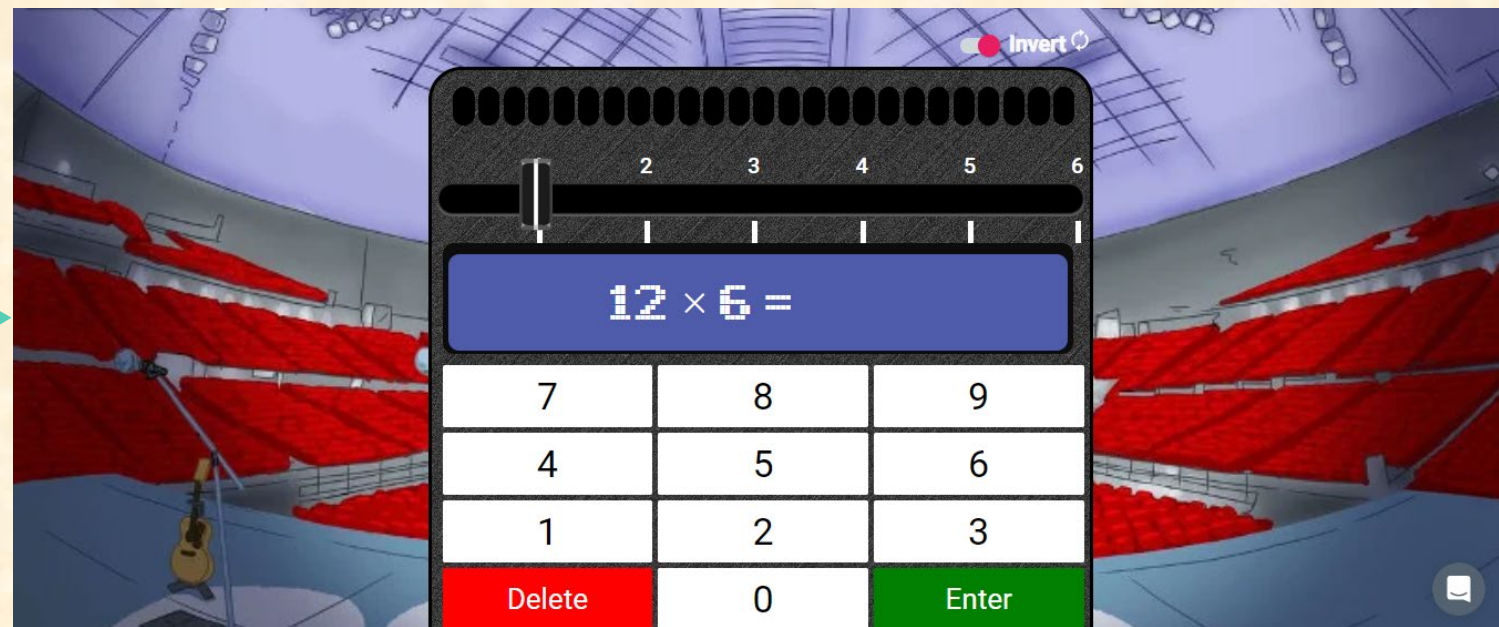
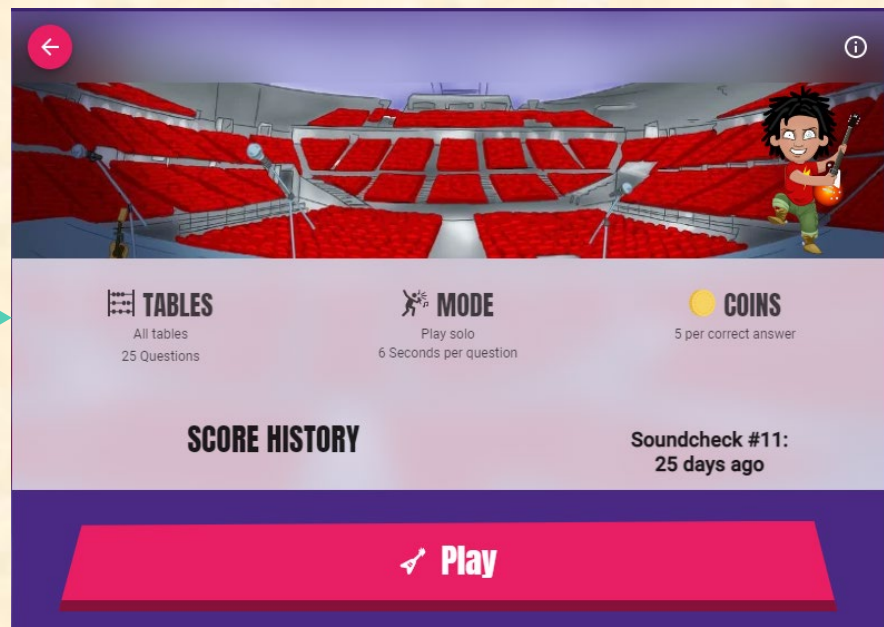
We have provided all children from Year 2-6 with their own login details. (If you require this again please see me for a paper copy.)

The app can be downloaded from Google Play and the App Store. You can also login through the website on a laptop or tablet.

It features lots of times table and division games, and also has a MTC mode which replicates how the check will appear so children are familiar.



When children login to TTRS and select "SINGLE PLAYER" they should then select "SOUNDCHECK." The next page shows their previous scores.



**THANK YOU**

for your continued support

Any questions?