



# Goldenhill Primary Academy



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*"Everyone shines at Goldenhill"*

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## RE: Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are all aware, the national Multiplication Tables Check for year 4 children is happening in June 2026.

### What is the Multiplication Tables Check?

- The checks consist of 25 times tables questions. The questions will only be multiplication and they will go up to  $12 \times 12$ .
- There will be 6 seconds to answer each question.
- The check will be taken online during school time.

### Why do the children need to take this test?

All year 4 pupils in England will take the check. The Government made the check compulsory in 2022. They say:

*The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.*

### How can you help them improve their recall times?

There are lots of ways to learn times tables:

- Make sure they play daily on Times Tables Rocks Stars - The Garage game mode is very clever and will adjust the questions your child is asked, ensuring they are always working on the facts they need to improve.
- Sing times tables songs. There are hundreds available!
- Chanting the old-fashioned way- rehearse the tables forwards and backwards
- Write out the tables – This can be in the form of a simple list or you could also be a bit more fun. Being creative will make writing and learning the tables more enjoyable.
  - Write the facts as the petals of a flower;
  - Get them to test you on the facts and get them wrong on purpose and see if they correct you!
  - Use chalks to write the facts outside in giant numbers.

**Times tables are important, but it should be an enjoyable experience learning them!**

I will be holding two parent sessions where I will provide you with information about the MTC check and discuss any questions you may have.

I will be holding one after school on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm**. If you cannot attend this one, I will be holding another meeting after the Easter assembly on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**.

If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Lea-Smith

Class teacher