

Lovington Church of England Primary School

Lovington
Castle Cary
Somerset
BA7 7PX



Telephone: (01963) 240305
Email: office@lovington.ppat365.org
Website: www.fossefederation.co.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Emma Marshall, BA Honours, PGCE

15 January 2025

Dear Parents,

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

We would like to take this opportunity to inform all Year 4 parents of the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) for 2024-2025.

As many of you will be aware, the National Curriculum states that all children should be confident with all times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. Rapid recall of these times tables is crucial for success in mathematics in Key Stage 2 and beyond; this knowledge underpins a wide variety of mathematical skills.





Between **Monday 2nd June – Friday 13th June 2025**, children will be assessed as part of the statutory government Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). This will involve all children taking a five-minute, online test to assess their confidence in recalling and using times tables facts. The test consists of 25 questions on times tables 2 to 12; children will have 6 seconds to answer each question. Questions are randomly generated with those relating to the 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-, and 12-times tables appearing more frequently.

Children who are not present during this screening period, will not achieve an official result for this national assessment, therefore it is important we know if your child will not be in school. There is no official pass mark as the expectation is that children should achieve full marks; you will receive the outcome of their assessment in their end of year school report.

What can you do to help?

We will be practising times tables daily at school, but we ask that you also encourage your child to practise regularly at home.

Below are some applications that may help your child become more fluent with their times tables:

	Times Tables Rockstars (TTR) account as regularly as possible – it has an excellent track record for improving times table recall and is great fun. The children use TTR at school so should be aware of their username and password. One of the features of Times Tables Rockstars is the 'Sound Check'. This is an online game set up in the same way as the MTC. Practising via ' Sound Check ' will help children to prepare for the MTC.
	<i>Hit the Button</i> is an interactive maths game with quick fire questions on number bonds, times tables, doubling and halving, multiples and division facts. The app needs to be purchased but can be used for free on the web. https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button
	This activity exactly mirrors the Multiplication Tables Check that will be given to children at the end of Year 4. Users are tested on their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.
	Timestables.co.uk is a great website to practise times tables. You can also practise a 'mock test'. 25 questions and 6 seconds to answer each. This is used regularly in school. www.timestables.co.uk



Children must recall the answer within 6 seconds therefore they should focus on learning facts rather than by rote.

We will inform you of further guidance from the government regarding this assessment when it is published in Spring 2025. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Emma Marshall

Mrs Emma Marshall

Headteacher

