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Year 4 Summer Maths Challenge!

Dear Parents,

We are excited to launch our **Summer Times Tables Challenge 2026** for all children moving from Year 3 into Year 4!

This fun and rewarding challenge is designed to help children build confidence and fluency in their times tables over the summer holidays. It also prepares them for the **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**, a statutory online test that all Year 4 children will take in **June 2027**. During the MTC, children are asked 25 random multiplication questions (up to 12×12) to assess their recall and fluency.

By taking part in this challenge, children will begin to develop **automaticity**—the ability to recall multiplication facts quickly and accurately without needing to work them out. This is a vital skill that supports confidence and success in all areas of maths.

Challenge Levels

1. Times Tables Explorer

- Focus: 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 times tables
- Goal: Master the tables expected by the start of Year 4
- Certificate for all children who successfully complete the challenge

2. Times Tables Champion

- Focus: All times tables up to 12×12
- Goal: Master randomised questions across all tables
- Medal for all children who successfully complete the challenge

Quiz Format

- Children will be asked **25 random oral questions**

- They will have **two chances** to take each challenge
- Children may attempt **both levels** if they wish

Recognition

- ★ Sticker: For all participants
- 📄 Certificate: For mastering the Explorer level
- 🏅 Medal: For mastering the Champion level

Timeline

- **Launch:** Final week of Summer Term
- **Practice Period:** Summer holidays
- **Quiz Week:** End of September

We encourage **all children** to take part and enjoy the challenge. To support with this learning, each child has an account set up on [Times tables games - Learn them all here!](#) On this site children can win medals, certificates and play a wide variety of times tables games! Please always remember to login so progress gets saved! Your child's login will be in their bag.

Thank you for your support in helping your child prepare and succeed!

Best Wishes,

Ms Wells

[Year 4 Class Teacher](#)