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Marvellous Maths Day and the Great Orchard House Team Times-Table-A-Thon 2026

Dear Parents,

At Orchard, we recognise that mathematics plays a vital role in developing children's lifelong understanding of number. A secure knowledge of times tables is essential, forming the foundation for progress in calculation and number work, and supporting pupils in preparation for the Government's Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check.

Although children regularly practise rapid recall of times tables up to 12×12 in school, we are excited to add an extra element of fun with our House Group **Times-Table-A-Thon**, as part of a special *Marvellous Maths Day* on **Thursday 26th March**, which also marks World Maths Day.

In preparation for Marvellous Maths Day, each child will be given specific times tables to learn, which they will bring home for you to see. Homework will focus on times tables, and there will be plenty of practice opportunities in school. On 26th March, children will take part in a low-key quiz to see how many questions they can answer correctly. Points will be collected for each House Team, with the winning team earning a special **Golden Afternoon** reward.

To develop a secure understanding, children should also recognise the link between multiplication and division. Pupils in Key Stage 2 will need to understand and use the term *product*. They may be asked questions such as:

- What is 4×7 ?
- How many 4s are there in 24?
- What is the product of 2 and 9?

How can you help at home?

Please support your child by encouraging regular practice of their times tables. There are many fun and effective ways to do this. The school subscribes to the following websites, and your child has been given login details:

- Times Table Rock Stars (Year 2 and above) – <https://ttrockstars.com>
- Mathsframe – <https://mathsframe.co.uk/>

You may also find these recommended websites helpful:

- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>
- <http://www.mad4maths.com/multiplication-table-math-games/>
- <http://www.maths-games.org/times-tables-games.html>
- <http://resources.woodlands.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

We hope this will be a truly *marvellous* day, inspiring enthusiasm and confidence in times tables — a crucial part of the maths curriculum.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Kirkwood - *Maths Lead*

