



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back - I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. It has been a lovely start to 2026 in school, with the excitement of WOW days and snow!

Please remember to make sure hats, gloves and wellies are in school every day, so we can get out as much as possible. I am really looking forward to Spring Term. 😊

Maths: Times Tables

Why is it important for my child to know the multiplication tables?

When children know their times tables, mental arithmetic becomes easier. Practising times tables also helps children to understand number and number relationships, and to see patterns in numbers. These skills will help them to master key concepts and move quickly through more complex maths problems with confidence. A thorough knowledge of multiplication and division facts will help children succeed in primary school and set them up for success at secondary school. As children grow older, knowing the times tables will help them with everyday activities like shopping, budgeting and cooking.

When does my child need to know their times tables?

In England, children will be expected to know the following in each year at primary school:

- **Year 1:** count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.
- **Year 2:** be able to remember and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers.
- **Year 3:** be able to remember and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers.
- **Year 4:** be able to remember and use multiplication and division facts for the multiplication tables up to 12 x 12. This is also the year in which they complete the statutory multiplication tables check. More information about this can be found here: [Multiplication tables check - GOV.UK](#)
- **Year 5:** revision of all multiplication and division facts for the multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.
- **Year 6:** revision of all multiplication and division facts for the multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.

How can I help my child learn their times tables at home?

Children need to be able to recall any times tables answer within two or three seconds - preferably in one second. That leaves no time for counting the way up to the answer from 2x, 3x, 4x etc - the answer must 'pop out of memory' pretty much instantly.

Language and Times Tables

There are many ways to say the tables and they're all correct - but it helps if you're consistent and if you adopt the language your child already uses at school.

For example, we teach:

- three times eight is . . .
- three multiplied by
- three eights are . .
- three lots of four are . .

What are some Methods for Learning Tables?

It's always best to keep to one table at a time to minimise confusion. Start with chanting and writing them out slowly in order. Then, move on to completing the answers quickly in order - on paper or verbally with your child is fine.

Finally, move on to completing the answers in any order. Keep reminding your child that 3×4 is the same as 4×3 - this effectively halves the number of tables facts.

You could talk about the numbers as you encounter them, for example, " $5 \times 8 = 40$ that's mummy's age", " $3 \times 6 = 18$ that's our house number" . . . this makes more memory hooks!

Numbots and TTRS

Don't forget that your child has a log in for Numbots (KS1) or TTRS (KS2). Both of these offer games and fun activities to help support learning the times tables, number bonds and subtracting/adding.

If you're unsure of your child's log in, do ask their class teacher who will be happy to share this with you. Each week in assembly, we will celebrate a child in KS1 and KS2 for their efforts on the programmes.

Mulbarton School PTA Quiz night –Here are details below of our extremely popular quiz being held in the Mulbarton Social Club on Friday 6th February 2026.

MULBARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA
PRESENT

QUIZ NIGHT

Over 16s only

Teams of up to 6

£5

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion?

Whether you want to come alone and join a team or come as a group, everyone is welcome

Friday 6 February 2026 7.30 for 8pm start
Mulbarton Sports & Social Club

SCAN TO BUY TICKETS
or visit
www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/mulbarton-primary-school-pta-spring-quiz-2026

Book 4-6 tickets in one transaction for a team. Any bookings of 3 or less will be combined at random.

All proceeds go towards new equipment and events for the children at the school

Contact pta@mulbartonprimary.norfolk.sch.uk for further information

YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUB

Venue: Mulbarton Primary School

Dates: 16th-19th February

Times: 09:00-15:30

Price: £28.74

Ages: 4-11

Additional info: Childcare vouchers are accepted.



Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this February as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half-term!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!

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TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!

*Ts&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.



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January 2026	
Friday 16 th January	Year 2 Wow Day
Monday 26 th January	Year 4 Only – Dental Nurse Visit (Curriculum Studies)
Monday 26 th January	Year 6 NHS Height & Weight checks
Tuesday 27 th January	6.15-7pm Parent meeting for Y3 How Hill Residential
February 2026	
Thursday 5 th February	Norfolk County Council Mobile Library 3.15pm
Friday 6 th February	Numbers Day
Monday 16 th February	Half Term (School Closed)
March 2026	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	School Disco
Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th March	Y3 How Hill residential Barn Owls Monday 16 th to Wednesday 18 th Kestrels Wednesday 18 th to Friday 20 th
Monday 23 rd March	Year 1 Wow Day
Thursday 26 th March	Rock Steady Concert Lower School Hall (2.00pm – 3.00pm)
Monday 30 th March	Easter Break (School Closed)
April 2026	
Tuesday 14 th April	Back to school

**MULBARTON SOCIAL
PRESENTS**

**QUIZ
&
KARAOKE
PIZZA
NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY
QUIZ 7PM £2 PER PERSON,
MAX 6 PER TEAM
KARAOKE 9:30PM**

ALL WELCOME

MULBARTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL

Quiz, karaoke and pizza night

With

BOXED PIZZA

**EAT IN OR TAKE AWAY PIZZA
BACK INSIDE THE SOCIAL CLUB
FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY
6PM TILL 9PM**

**ENJOY YOUR PIZZA WITH A DRINK
FROM THE BAR, AND SHARE THE
GOOD TIMES WITH FRIENDS AND
FAMILY!**

