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Dear Parents

Rock Day – Thursday 19 November 2026

Next week, we will be taking part in the **England Rocks 2026** competition through **TT Rock Stars**. England Rocks is a nationwide times tables competition that encourages children to practise their multiplication facts while competing against pupils from schools across England. The competition provides a fun and exciting way to develop speed, accuracy and confidence with times tables.
To celebrate and support the event, we will be holding a special **Rock Day** on **Thursday 19 November 2026**.
Children are invited to come to school dressed as a **rock star or pop star** and are welcome to bring suitable accessories to complete their look. We hope this event will help maintain the children's enthusiasm and confidence as they continue preparing for both the **England Rocks competition** and, for our Year 4 pupils, the official **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** in the summer term.
Times tables are a vital mathematical skill, not only for success in primary school but also for future learning. We work hard to make times tables enjoyable and engaging, while helping children build fluency and recall. Times tables are taught progressively throughout the school:

- **Year 2:** 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- **Year 3:** 3, 4 and 8 times tables, while maintaining fluency in the 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- **Year 4:** all multiplication facts up to **12 × 12**

If your child is in **EYFS (Small Blues)** or **Year 1**, they are welcome to wear non-uniform on this day. They will take part in activities linked to **NumBots**, TT Rock Stars' partner programme, including creating robot masks while developing key early mathematical skills.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Thorpe

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