

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2026



Whimple Primary School

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After the clocks 'sprung forwards' an hour last week, I think we are always surprised how it negatively impacts on our energy levels, at least it has been a shorter week. We hope you have a good Easter, and over the next two weeks manage to get outside and enjoy the sunshine. (I am thinking positively!)



Thank you to Mr Sweet for providing some large bags of compost to fill our vegetable beds in the school garden. We are hoping to grow some delicious fruit/veg for the summer.

Achievement Assembly - Spring Award

We held our achievement assembly this morning, after another busy and hardworking term, these awards celebrate effort and success for progress in key curriculum areas across each term.

The Governor Cup was presented to the school by an ex-chair of Governors to be presented to a child, who has actively demonstrated our 6Rs throughout the school day.

The cup is given out on a termly basis and, this term it has been presented to Flo H, in Year 4.

The following children have been presented with a small trophy, (to keep for a term - please look after them and keep them safe) and a certificate. Trophies can be kept for the term so keep them on show somewhere in your home and then return them at the end of this term.

Elm Class Most Improved:	Reader	Rowan	Writer	Sophie	Mathematician	Jack
Ash Class Most Improved:	Reader	Oscar	Writer	Laurie	Mathematician	Walter
Oak Class Most Improved:	Reader	Isla CT	Writer	Alec	Mathematician	Rose
Beech Class Most Improved:	Reader	Matilda	Writer	Charlotte	Mathematician	Jackson



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

Since last week's newsletter was written, we have had two different types of school inspection across the federation. The first was a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools, which is conducted every five years in church schools. This took place at Thorverton C of E School last Friday and was an opportunity to share the school's vision and values with the inspector. Many thanks to Mr Holding and the staff at Thorverton for all their work preparing for this visit. The second inspection was by Ofsted and took place this week at The Erme School in Ivybridge. This was the first inspection that has been conducted under the new inspection framework for any of our schools. Mrs Penhallurick and her team worked incredibly hard to share their work with the two inspectors and I am very appreciative of all that they have done there. The reports for both schools will be shared with parents when they are published and then added to the federation website for everyone to read.

SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS

If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Devon or want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, you can contact Front Door (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub or MASH) by calling on 0345 155 1071. If a child is in immediate danger please call 999. Anyone who is concerned about a child's safety or well-being can contact the Front Door.

If you suspect that a vulnerable adult is being abused, or you are being abused yourself and live within Devon Local Authority boundaries, please contact us by calling Adult Social Care on 0345 1551 007 (Monday to Thursday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm and Saturday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm). Outside of the hours above or on bank holidays call the Emergency Duty Service on 0345 6000 388. Alternatively, you can email: safeguardingadultseast-mailbox@devon.gov.uk (Exeter, East and Mid Devon).

TERM DATES

The summer term begins on Monday, 20th April 2026 and ends on Wednesday, 22nd July. Half term is from Monday, 25th May to Friday, 29th May. We have a non pupil day on Friday 26th June.

PTA News

The Easter Egg Hunt returned this year, which is always a fun event for the children. It was a lovely sunny day and it was a great turnout with over 50 children attending.



They had fun hunting for eggs, as well as completing the Easter trail to find the secret word in exchange for a prize. There was a competition for the best homemade Easter bonnets and the children's bonnets were lovely. Our special visitor, the Easter Bunny, judged the competition and the lucky winners took home an Easter Egg. They looked great and it's lovely to see them getting involved and using their crafting skills and imagination in creating something special.



Thank you to everyone who joined in with the fun and made the afternoon a great success. The Easter Egg hunt will be back next year, hopefully bigger and better!

The Easter Egg draw took place at the end of the school day today and the winner of the large egg was: Oscar Day.



The total raised was £144.

As we exceeded our target of £100, we had a further 3 small prizes which were won by: Islay Ross, Charlotte Dare and Sophie Darby.

SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

24th April 3:30 – 4:30pm
Whimble Victory Hall

Tea 50p
Coffee 50p
Cakes 50p
Squash 20p

All money raised from this event will support this year's school trips.

RAFFLE TO WIN AN ART HAMPER!



Dates for your diary

April

Monday 20th	Start of term
Thursday 23rd	Exmoor Challenge practice walk—Killerton
Friday 24th	Bags2School Collection
Friday 24th	Art Display 3.30pm to 4.30pm

May

Tuesday 5th to Wednesday 6th May	Year 3/4 residential
Monday 11th	KS2 SATs week

June

w/c Monday 1st	Multiplication Tables Check - Year 4
w/c Monday 8th	Phonics Screening - Year 1
Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th June	Year 5/6 residential

July

Friday 3rd	Sports Day (pm)
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Term dates for pupils - 2025/26:

SUMMER TERM 2026 **20th April to 22nd July 2026**

Half term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 26th June 2026

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