

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2026



Whimple Primary School

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Another busy week where there have been many highs and lows!

We have been made aware that there are some cases of headlice around at the moment—please can you regularly check your child's hair and treat if needed. They do not have to be off school. There is some useful tips and advice [here](#).

Reports

Annual reports are currently being written, if you require more than one copy for any reason, please email the office to let us know.

Comic Relief - Friday 20th March

A big apology from me for getting totally muddled last week about when Comic Relief was. I did talk with the children about it in assembly but appreciate I did not communicate directly with parents.

**COMIC
RELIEF**

Children have been asked to come to school either dressed in red or something funny. If you want to contribute to this charity you can either use [this link](#) or bring in cash to the school office.

Origami Sale

A group children from Beech Class have been making a variety of origami items to sell. This will be after school next Friday under the shelter in the top playground. All donations and funds raised will go to **Comic Relief**.



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

I am very pleased to say that we have had a good response to the advertisement for vacancies for the Head of School at Brampford Speke and Cornwood. Interviews will take place on Tuesday, 24th March in the schools and then on Wednesday 25th March at a central location for governors of both the Exe Valley and Moorsway schools to attend. We will be joined for the second day by a representative of the Diocese of Exeter, as both schools are Church Schools. We will tell you about the new appointments as soon as possible after the interviews.

UNTANGLED PARENTING CONVERSATIONS – INTRODUCTION SESSION

Parents are navigating more pressure than ever before - school expectations, emotional wellbeing, behaviour, screens and friendships. Lin Courage, who is a life coach, parent and an EVF member of staff, is offering an introductory session to explore how the mind shapes our experience of family life and introduces a simple model called the Think Tank, helping parents understand how thoughts, emotions and actions interact in everyday parenting moments.

Rather than focusing on fixing behaviour, the session looks at the patterns that sit underneath many parenting challenges and how greater awareness can lead to calmer responses and stronger relationships at home.

This is open to any parent who is curious about understanding the mind in family life. The registration page is here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/2Wh437yUTtGzVKtmL_pD-A

EVMF PARENT SURVEY

Every year we ask parents for their views about their child's school and we use this information to help shape our development plans for the coming year. This year, we have made a much shorter survey, with ten questions and two free text sections, in the hope that more parents will be able to contribute their views. A revised QR code is here, which takes you straight to the survey. The survey will be open until Friday, 20th March. Thank you so much.



PRAYER ROOM

Every half term, a group of parents meet to pray for the federation schools. The next prayer room will be on Friday, 27th March at 9.30am at Silverton Evangelical Church [School Road, Silverton EX5 4JH]. Please contact Andy Mathers [apmathers@gmail.com] for more information.

YEAR 3 and 4 RESIDENTIAL VISIT

We are looking forward to the Year 3 and 4 residential visit to Dartmoor Zoo in April. If you haven't already sent back your response form, please do so as soon as possible as we need to finalise numbers. A short presentation has been added to the EVMF website, and can viewed by following this link: <https://www.exevalleyfederation.co.uk/Year-3-4-Residential/>

There is more information about the visit, what we will be doing and the accommodation arrangements. Please do use this presentation to prepare children for the visit.

Children at Whimble School will now be picked up at 10.00 am from outside the school on Tuesday, 5th May and dropped back outside the school for 2.00pm. Children are expected to come to school at the normal time and be picked up at 3.30pm as usual.

Dates for your diary

March

Friday 20th Red Nose Day
Friday 20th Rock Steady Concert
Friday 27th Year 4 Colyton Puzzle Day
Saturday 28th PTA Easter Egg Hunt

April

Thursday 2nd End of term (1.30pm finish)
Thursday 2nd PTA Sweet Sale
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

Term dates for pupils - 2025/26:

SPRING TERM 2026 5th January to 2nd April 2026

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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