

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2026



Whimple Primary School

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After being filled with breakfast, our Year 6s have worked extremely hard each morning this week to complete their SATs. They have managed themselves extremely well during this period and have been well supported by Mr Brown, Miss Clarke and Mrs Vanstone. We are all extremely proud of them.

PTA

After a productive PTA meeting, plans are well underway for the summer fair after half term. Any help would be really appreciated as this is our main fundraiser of the year.

From monies raised the PTA have agreed to give £5 subsidy on school trips this term, this means everyone benefits.



SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 13th June
1pm to 4pm

WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- BBQ • Tea and Cake • Bar •
- Lego Play •
- Pirate Hoopla •
- Inflatable Games by Sporty Stars •
- Wheel of Fortune •
- Nerf Gun Shooting •
- Tin Can Alley •
- Tombola •
- Splat the Rat •
- Robot Maze •
- Pre-loved uniform • and much more!

All Welcome!



FROM MR JOLLIFFE



This week, our Year 6s have taken their SATs tests, which comprise six different papers in spelling, grammar and punctuation, reading and maths. That is quite a challenge for ten and eleven year olds and they are all to be congratulated on getting through the week. What the tests don't show is how much they have learned as young people about themselves and how they look after each other and have grown in confidence and resilience over their time in primary school. Their strength of character and the values that have been given to them by school and at home are what is going to take them through the next stage of their education and beyond into adult life.

PRAYER ROOM

Every half term, a group of parents meet to pray for the federation schools. The next prayer room will be on Friday, 22nd May at 9.30am at Silverton Evangelical Church [School Road, Silverton EX5 4JH]. Please contact Andy Mathers [apmathers@gmail.com] for more information.

GOVERNOR HUB MEETING

The East Hub governors met on Tuesday 12th May to reflect upon progress across the schools and ask questions to Heads of Schools, based on termly reports and school development plans. Governors heard about behaviour, safeguarding and SEND provision, with emphasis on support for children and staff. Heads of schools reflected on the recruitment process that has successfully recruited two new head positions in the federation and the process that is underway for Whimble. Governors thanked Carole Shilston for her input at governor meetings over the past 10 years and wished her well in her next endeavours.

The new issue, featuring family activities for the period between now and early July,

is out and is currently available in the school reception area.

This edition features lots of activities, including things to do during half term and beyond, with free fun activities and much more, as well as competitions and discount codes.



Dates for your diary

May

June

w/c Monday 1st Multiplication Tables Check - Year 4

w/c Monday 8th Phonics Screening - Year 1

Saturday 13th School Summer Fayre

Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th June Year 5/6 residential

July

Friday 3rd CVCC Orchestra event (am)

Friday 3rd Sports Day (pm)

Tuesday Leavers Assembly for Year 6 parents 2pm

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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