

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2026



Whimple Primary School

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It may only have been a short half-term, but a lot has been fitted into those five weeks and I think everyone is ready for a break. There are lots of things happening next half-term so keep checking the diary, as we often get offered last minutes opportunities which we will accept if we can. Hope you all have a good week.

Staffing Updates

A good number and calibre of applications for the post of Willow Class teacher were received and after a thorough recruitment process, I am pleased to say that Miss Budden has been appointed to start here in September.

Miss Norton and Miss Corwood are also leaving and moving onto pastures new at the end of this term.

Over her 27 years, Miss Norton has taught many children and also worked with numerous families in her role as SENDCo. Miss Corwood has taught part-time in our Reception/Year 1 class for the past 7 years and has helped to start many children on their school journey.

From September, Miss Sharratt will take on teaching Ash Class on a full-time basis which is great news as the children already know her. The part-time post in Elm will be filled in due course, and I will update you once I know more. Visits and meetings for our new reception cohort, will continue with Mrs Handley.

Miss Clarke and Mrs Boyd will continue to teach in Beech Class; Miss Dunsford and Miss Easterbrook will continue to teach Oak Class.

Skills Builder: Parent Workshop - Monday 15th June

We will be holding another parents workshop on Monday 15th June. This will be a fabulous opportunity to find out more about the 8 essential skills of: listening, speaking, teamwork, leadership, planning, adapting, problem solving and creativity.

This event will include practical workshops for you and your

child to take part in together, as well as finding out about how to support your child at home with these skills.

Come to the hall, from 3.45pm for a 4pm start. Refreshments will be available.





FROM MR JOLLIFFE

The Exe Valley and Moorsway Federation includes four church schools, which were built on church land in Victorian times and have kept their foundation as church schools ever since. Every five years, the schools are inspected to ensure that they are continuing to keep to their original purpose in what is known as a SIAMs inspection. Over the last year or so, all four schools have been inspected, the most recent one being Silverton this week. The six community schools benefit from the work that we do with church schools because enabling every child to flourish is equally important in all our schools.

HEAD OF SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS

We are very pleased to announce that Miss Ellie Aldridge is going to be the interim Head of School at Cornwood from September 2026. She is already well-known to the school community and will be able to have a good handover from Mrs Sheevaun Manning over the next half term. We are hugely grateful to Mrs Manning for looking after Cornwood since January and providing continuity of leadership in this time. We have also made a very good appointment at Whimble School yesterday, and will share more information with you as soon as the statutory employment checks are complete.

GOVERNOR NEWS

There have been a few changes to the governing board as we have said 'thank you and goodbye' to Mrs Sarah Blomley, who has finished her time as a school governor at Cornwood. Mrs Kate Wotton is going to finish as a federation governor at the end of July, and we will send out information about electing a new parent governor after half term. We are delighted that Rev Deborah Leighton Plom will be joining the federation board as a Foundation Governor, replacing Rev Paul Hinckley who is going to continue supporting Cornwood as a school governor.

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).

Relationships and Sex Education - Changing Me Unit

As part of your child's educational experience at Whimpe Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, happy and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

Since September 2020, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, has been **statutory**, and forms part of the National Curriculum. This aspect of the curriculum will be taught in all classes after half term. For more details of what is covered please look at the website:

under curriculum PSHE - <https://www.exevalleyfederation.co.uk/Curriculum-Overviews-07012026171014/>

PTA News



Staff Tombola for School Fair

The tombola is always a popular stall at the fayre. We hope to run it in the usual format, with a tombola for children and one for adults. It's time to look in cupboards to discover unwanted items such as toiletries, unused gifts, sweets, chocolates, etc. In exchange for not wearing uniform on Friday 5th June, the children are asked to bring in one item for the stall if possible.

Children who are unable to provide a suitable tombola item are still allowed to wear their own clothes. In the past this has been well supported with some great items which has raised over £100 for the school.

Are you looking to have a declutter of odd socks?

I am here to help! I am collecting odd socks/unwanted socks.

Please help me out by popping any **clean** odd socks, as brightly coloured and fun as you can find, in the box in Reception.

Donation cut off date will be Monday 8th June.

All will be revealed at the Summer Fayre on Saturday 13th June!

Thank you
Catherine
PTA Chairman



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!



Dates for your diary

June

Monday 1st	Children return to school
w/c Monday 1st	Multiplication Tables Check - Year 4
Tuesday 2nd	Class Photos (Tempest)
Wednesday 3rd	September Reception Parent Meetings
Thursday 4th	Vision Screening - Reception
Thursday 4th	Year 3/4 football tournament, Newton St Cyres
Friday 5th	Non-Uniform Day for tombolo prizes
w/c Monday 8th	Phonics Screening - Year 1
Tuesday 9th	September Reception Parent Meetings
Thursday 11th	Year 5/6 football tournament, Newton St Cyres
Saturday 13th	School Summer Fair 1-4pm
Monday 15th	Skills Builder Parent Workshop 3.45pm, village hall
Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th June	Year 5/6 residential
Friday 26th	Professional Learning Day—staff only

July

Friday 3rd	CVCC Orchestra event (am)
Friday 3rd	Sports Day (pm)
Wednesday 8th/Thursday 9th	Clyst Vale Transition Days
Tuesday	Leavers Assembly for Year 6 parents 2pm

Term dates for pupils - 2025/26:

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

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

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