

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2026



Whimple Primary School

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It has been another busy week and it's all systems go for our [school fair tomorrow](#). Please come along to help and support this event.

After the success of the football last week, our year 5 and 6 football team also played well yesterday. Overall, there were eight teams involved—they also demonstrated a great team spirit, with Freddie being nominated for best player as they won a number of games.



Reminders

Next week our Year 5 and 6 children are on residential from Wednesday to Friday. The final details have been emailed out to parents. If any medications could be dropped off on Monday or Tuesday that will help us get away on time from the Cricket Club.

The children from Beech will join Oak for these three days.

Ash Class are also on their school trip on Wednesday, this is within school hours.



FROM MR JOLLIFFE



Next week our Year 5s and 6s are visiting Bristol and Bath on their residential visit. During the three days we will visit the Jamai Masjid mosque, Bristol Aerospace, the Roman Baths, No 1 The Royal Crescent and SS Great Britain and will watch a live performance of 'Matilda' at the Hippodrome on the second night of their stay at the YHA in Bath. This is a great opportunity to experience the city of Bristol that is very multi-cultural and also the World Heritage sites in Bath. I will be leading the first and second visits next week and Mr Akhurst, Executive Head of the West EVF schools will be looking after all of the federation schools whilst I am away.

PARENT GOVERNOR

For the new school year, we are looking for a new parent governor on the EVMF governing board. Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the governor team and together they are responsible for the strategic direction of the schools, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. If you would like to stand for election please complete and sign the nomination form attached to last week's newsletter and return to your child's school office, or by email to hlast@exevalleyfederation.org.uk, no later than 12 noon on Friday, 19th June 2026.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE

The final staff professional development day is on Friday, 26th June 2026 and all the EVMF schools will be closed to pupils on that day. Teachers will be working with the English Team at Silverton School during the day.



**Sprint or
marathon?**



Are you fit for life?

**Come to our sports
themed Gathering**



**Sunday
21st June**



9.30am at Whimble Church

**A special service for all the family with
tea, coffee and cakes during the service.**

**Why not bring something from your favourite
sport or wear your favourite sports gear?**

Important Information about Saturday's School Summer Fayre

Start Time: 1pm

Finish Time: 4pm

Venue: Whimble Primary School

Entry is free but games, drinks, food are chargeable.

All stalls are cashless and children play by handing over a token that is purchased at the main entrance to the playground.

Tokens cost 25p each and stalls vary between 1 token and 4 tokens. Cash or card is accepted to buy your tokens.

The bar is cash or card and a mixture of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are available as well as crisps, ice poles and sweets.

BBQ food is purchased from the bar. When you purchase food you will be given a token and a paper slip with your food order written out.

There are a variety of stalls being run by each class as well as face painting, glitter face paint and a basketball tournament to put you in with a chance of winning a Giant Inflatable Banana.



Basketball Tournament

This will take place at 3.30pm.

To be crowned the winner and take home a 'Giant Inflatable Banana,' you must score as many BASKETS as possible in a minute. 'Highest number wins.'

See you all tomorrow—the weather is looking favourable.

Dates for your diary

June

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
Wednesday 24th	East Hub Year 6 Transition Day at Silverton
Friday 26th	Professional Learning Day—staff only

July

Thursday 2nd	Civic Award Presentation Evening
Friday 3rd	CVCC Orchestra event (am)
Friday 3rd	Sports Day (pm)
Wednesday 8th/Thursday 9th	Clyst Vale Transition Days
Friday 17th	Rock Steady Concert for Parents
Friday 17th	EVF Cross Country Event
Tuesday 21st	Leavers Assembly for Year 6 parents 2pm

Term dates for pupils - 2025/26 and 2026/27:

SUMMER TERM 2026 **20th April to 22nd July 2026** *Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 26th June 2026*

Autumn term 2026

Thursday 3rd September to Friday 23rd October [Staff Development Days 3rd and 4th September]

Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December [Staff Development Day 27th November]

Spring term 2027

Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February [Staff Development Day 4th January]

Monday 22nd February to Thursday 25th March

Summer term 2027

Monday 12th April to Friday 28th May

Monday 7th June to Friday 23rd July [Staff Development Day 2nd July]

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