

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2026



Whimple Primary School

Issue 8

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The year 5 and 6 children have had a great time in Bristol and Bath - they really enjoyed the visits, finding out lots of information and they walked miles! They should all sleep well tonight! (I know I will!)

A big thank you to Mr Brown, Miss Clarke and Mrs Burdan for accompanying the children, and to Mr Jolliffe and Mr Holding for all the organising.



A huge thank you to all the members of the PTA who worked so hard to make sure the summer school fayre such a success.



Reminders

Next week is due to be very hot, so please remember all children need sunhats and sun cream and 500ml water bottles - they can be refilled at school throughout the day.





FROM MR JOLLIFFE

This week the Year 5s and 6s have been away in Bristol and Bath on their residential visit. It has been a pleasure to have led the visits and to see the children learning so much about the history of both cities from the Roman Baths to SS Great Britain. One of the children commented that observing daily prayers at the mosque was one of the best RE lessons that they have ever had. Many thanks to over 20 staff who have joined us at various times during the week to make this visit a really valuable educational and cultural opportunity for the children across the federation.

SICKNESS BUG

There is a very virulent sickness bug circulating in some of our schools at present. Schools that have been affected are following guidance from the Health Protection Agency and have increased levels of cleaning and disinfecting. If your child is sick or has diarrhoea, please ensure that they stay away from school for 48 hours after the last incident so that we can minimise the risk of the infection spreading. (Just to note this is not at Whimble).

RESIDENTIAL VISIT LOST PROPERTY

Any items of lost property from the Year 5 and 6 residential visits has been returned to Silverton C of E School. Please contact the school office [silvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk] if your child has lost any of their possessions and they will be returned to you via the Heads of School. All unclaimed items will be disposed of on Friday, 26th June 2026.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE

The final staff professional development day is next 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.

Whimble Fest

Saturday 4th July

12-5.30 pm

Whimble Parish Field

Free
Entry!
and parking

Family
Fun!

Chillout
Tent

Classic
Cars

Raffle!

Wellbeing Zone

Natural
Beauty Products
Fitness advice & demos
Yoga & Dance Classes
Reiki Tarot

Kids Zone

Face Painting Hair Braiding
Toys & Sweets Traditional Games
Free Play Area Prizes to be won
Harleos Inflatables Craft Cabin
Table Tennis Mr Bubbles Lots more!

Live Music

Whimble Community Choir
Bradley Cowtan
Rowan Stuart
Mrs Jones
Dance performances

Arts + Crafts

Jewellery
Food & Produce Gifts
Upcycled clothing Baby Knits
Other hand-crafted artisan goods

Rural Skills + Wares

Gittisham Master Thatcher
Forge Willow crafts Honey farmers
Bell ringers Ottery Mens Shed Hospicecare Hub
Phoenix Ladies Choir
Heathfield Farm W.P.Council St Marys Church

Community Hub

Ottery Help Scheme Victory Hall
Whimble History Soc.
Sports groups

Food + Drinks

Locally supplied
Wide choice available
BBQ Pizza Van BAR
Veggie/vegan options
Ice cream van
Refreshments Marquee
for teas & cakes etc.
Blossomberry Juice

Tractors

Inflatable
Fun

Giant
Bubbles!



Contact - sue.turner1@sky.com



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?

Dates for your diary

June

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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