

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2025



Whimple Primary School

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It has been an energetic week; with the Year 3 and 4 children staying over in Okehampton and getting involved in a range of activities, from high ropes to team games, team challenges to archery—it has been all go. Overall, the children were great and have gained a lot from this experience. Thank you to Miss Clarke, Ms Burdan and Miss Easterbrook who gave up their time for free to make this possible.



We wish our eight Year 6 children participating in The Exmoor Challenge tomorrow the best of luck.

Sunhats and Suncream

Another reminder that now the weather is getting better, children need to have sunhats in school. Children can bring suncream into school and are asked not to share it but we are unable to monitor this.

Curriculum Newsletters

Please find attached the curriculum newsletter for each class - these provide details of what is being covered this term and the days of some specific activities, so please take the time to have a look through them.

Sports Day

This has been booked for Friday 11th July and will be held at Whimple Cricket Club. More details will be available closer to the time.



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

This week our Year 3 and Year 4 children have been to Okehampton YHA on their residential visit. Residential visits are a great opportunity for children to gain in independence and confidence by being away from home and being part of a much larger group of children. This visit was the first time that some children had been away from home and they coped extremely well over the last few days. It is also a good opportunity for children to get to know children from other schools and to broaden their friendship group. All this contributes to the children's personal development and helps to prepare them for the future.

Having been to Okehampton YHA with Year 3 and 4 for the last few years, we are going to use a different venue for next year's visit and alternate this with Okehampton so that children have a broader range of experiences as they go through Keystage 2.

SILVERTON OFSTED REPORT

Silverton C of E school was inspected by Ofsted at the end of March and the report has now been published. Many congratulations to all the senior leaders and staff involved for achieving such a positive outcome and many thanks to the governors and parents who contributed to the inspection at the time. Most of all, thank you to the children at Silverton, who gave a very positive account of their learning and personal development opportunities to the inspection team. The report is on the Silverton section of the EVF website and will be published on the Ofsted website next week.

PARENT SURVEY

Every year, we conduct a parent survey to give you the opportunity to tell us about how you feel about your child's education in the federation schools. The survey will go live next week and we would appreciate as many parents as possible taking a bit of time to complete it. This helps senior leaders to plan for developments next year that take into account the aspects of education in our schools that you think are most important. More information will be in next week's newsletters.

It's Showdown

Sunday 22nd June - Silverton School Playing Field

Leaflets with further information available in Reception



Cranbrook Junior Park Run

As many of you will know, this time last year, around 50 children from Whimble School took part in the Cranbrook Junior Parkrun to get active at the weekend, and to try and raise a little money to support the fantastic opportunities happening in school. We are pleased to say that we would like to take part in this again, and would be delighted if you and your child would join us!

The run happens every week due to the fantastic volunteers who give their time to make it happen, but we would like to see as many of you there as possible on **Sunday the 29th of June**. Like last year, we are asking children taking part to try and raise a little money if possible to ensure that all children in our school have access to various trips and residential experiences across the summer term. We really don't want this to be a barrier to not taking part however, so even without any fundraising we would be delighted if you came.

[Please click here to register your interest - it's free to take part.](#) We will then be in touch after half term with a sponsorship form.

PS you may also remember that last year runners were given a t-shirt if they took part. Unfortunately we will not be able to offer that this time around so time to dig out something comfy to run in!

Date for the diary: Bag2School Collection is Thursday 22nd May

Summer Fair—look out for more information regarding the summer fair on Saturday 21st, the more volunteers the better. It is our main fundraising event of the year.



Short story competition!



THEME: ANIMALS

10th of May to the 30th, 50p entry fee or donation in the money box provided
Every entry gets a free sweet and raises money for charity
Write a short story on a piece of paper and put it in the box by the station
PLEASE WRITE A GROWNUPS EMAIL ADDRESS OR YOU WILL NOT BE ENTERED
All ages please apply!

Music Opportunity - Half term

Exeter Music Holiday School shall be open May half term.

Parents can use the discount code IUZ542 to receive a discount on any bookings made by the 7th May.

The link to the booking site is:

<https://exeter-music-holiday-school.classforkids.io>

Dates for your diary

May

- 5th Bank holiday
- 12th KS2 SATs start (until Thursday)
- 16th Willow Forest School
- 16th Wildlife Visitor for Beech and Oak Classes
- 22nd Bags2School Collection
- 22nd Willow Class visit to Exeter

June

- Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th Year 5/6 Residential
- Saturday 21st School Summer Fair

July

- 3rd Clyst Vale Transition Day
- 3rd Elm Class School Trip
- 4th Clyst Vale Transition Day
- 11th Rock Steady Concert for parents
- 11th Sports Day

Statutory Assessment Dates

- May Monday 12th to Thursday 15th Year 6 SATs
- June w/c 2nd June Multiplication Tables Check - Year 4
- w/c 9th June Phonics Screening Check

Term dates for pupils - 2024/25:

SUMMER TERM 2025

22nd April to 25th July 2025

May Day holiday - 5th May 2025

Half term - May 26th to 30th May 2025

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 27th June 2025

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