

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2025



Whimple Primary School

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October has arrived along with some slightly chillier weather. Despite only being back for a month, we seem to have collected a vast number of unnamed jumpers already—please can you label any clothing and continue to remind your child that it is their responsibility to look after them!

Parent Consultations

More information about how to book will be emailed out next week.

Reception 2026 Tours

If you have a child, or know of a family with a child due to start school in September 2026, please let them know that there will be an opportunity to look around the school and ask any questions they may have on the following dates:

Thursday 9th October at 4pm

Wednesday 22nd October at 5pm

Friday 7th November at 4pm

Monday 10th November at 4.30pm

Please contact the school office to book.

Bags2School raised £78 this week.
Thank you for your support.



Elm Class	Sophie and James
Ash Class	Effie and Corey
Oak Class	Ava and Charlie
Beech Class	Jackson and Wilf
Willow Class	George H and Mikel
Lunchtime stars:	
Elm Class	Harrison
Ash Class	Charlie
Oak Class	Isla C
Beech Class	Keira
Willow Class	Oscar



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe



Black History Month is marked every October in the UK. It is a time to reflect, honour, and celebrate the lives, achievements, and contributions of Black people — both past and present. The theme for 2025 is Standing Firm in Power and Pride. It reminds us that Black history is not just about struggle, but about strength. About the power to serve, to lead, to protest, to inspire, and to create. During October, we will be looking at stories that bring this theme to life. Stories of service and sacrifice, of deep roots in Britain's history, of protest and activism, of speaking truth to power, of breaking barriers in Parliament, and of creativity that reshaped our culture. Each of these stories reminds us that Black history is British history and by remembering these lives, we carry their legacy forward. Each week in October there will be a poster attached to the newsletter, containing more information about a group of people who have made a difference to our country.

STANDING FIRM IN PARLIAMENT



BARON PAUL BOATENG
One of Britain's first Black MPs and later the nation's first Black Cabinet Minister, his career has been defined by championing social justice, empowering young people, and strengthening communities.



BARONESS DOREEN LAWRENCE OF CLARENDON
Turned tragedy into a national mission after the racist murder of her son Stephen. Elevated to the Lords in 2013, she became a powerful symbol of courage, justice, and reform in Britain's institutions.



DIANE ABBOTT MP
The first Black woman ever elected to the House of Commons in 1987. For more than three decades she has been an unwavering advocate for education, health equity, and the rights of marginalised communities.



LORD HERMAN OUSELEY
A tireless champion of equality, he led the Commission for Racial Equality and founded Kick It Out to challenge racism in sport. From 1997 until his passing in 2024, he used his voice in the Lords to advance fairness in public life and education.



BARON PITT OF HAMPSTEAD
A pioneering physician and civil rights campaigner who became one of the first Black peers in the House of Lords in 1975. He used his voice to challenge racism in housing, healthcare, and education, dedicating his life to justice and equality in Britain.



BARONESS VALERIE AMOS
A trailblazer, the first Black woman to serve in a UK Cabinet and the first to lead the House of Lords. She went on to global leadership with the UN and Commonwealth, reshaping how Britain — and the world — understands leadership.

Across generations, Black parliamentarians have broken barriers in Westminster, reshaped British democracy, and stood firm for justice and equality. Their voices have carried into the heart of Britain's political life — some still serving with resolve today, while others are honoured for the legacies they left behind.

blackhistorymonth.org.uk

PARENT MEETINGS

Parent meetings are taking place in the next few weeks and are an opportunity for parents to talk to teachers about their children's progress so far this year. Parents are welcome to bring other adult family members or adults who play a significant part in their child's life to the meeting. If you have any concerns about the meeting taking place, please talk to your child's Head of School.

RELIGION AND WORLD VIEW TALKS

We are planning a series of four talks with religion and worldview leaders for Year 3 and 4 classes in November. The talks will be taking place over Zoom and this means that children will be on screen and visible to other classes in the Exe Valley and Moorsway Federation. If you would prefer your child not to be seen on screen in this way, please let your school office know by email by Friday, 25th October 2025. This is part of our REW and PSHE curriculum about our world and the range of different beliefs that people hold today.

Dates for your diary

October

Monday 6th	Willow Class swimming - session 4 of 5
Monday 13th	Year 6 Bikeability this week (more details to follow)
Monday 20th	Willow Class swimming - session 5 of 5
Monday 20th	Willow Parent consultations
Tuesday 21st	Willow, Beech, Ash and Elm Parent consultations
Wednesday 22nd	Oak and Elm Parent consultation
Thursday 23rd	Oak Parent consultations

November

Thursday 27th	Mufty day for Christmas hamper items
Friday 28th	Non Pupil Day

December

Thursday 11th	Carol Service at Whimble Church for KS2 6pm
Friday 12th	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 17th	Nativity KS1 at Whimble Church 4pm

Term dates for pupils - 2025/26:

AUTUMN TERM 2025 **4th September to 19th December 2025**

Half term: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 2nd and 3rd September, 28th November 2025

SPRING TERM 2026 **5th January to 2nd April 2026**

Half term: Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 5th January 2026

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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