

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2025



Whimble Primary School

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We have all got there! Well done to all staff, children and parents for hanging in there and being active and present in the last week of this very long term. Thank you to all of you for your continued support throughout the past school year and we hope you all have a good summer.

The leavers assembly yesterday was fabulous, with all of our Year 6 children demonstrating their artistic flair. We wish these children all the best in their secondary education - we know they have all the skills to achieve whatever they want to.

We also have a number of other children from across the school moving on, and we wish them all the best in their new schools in September.

Mrs Rice, our teaching assistant in Elm Class is also leaving us to train as a teacher - no, we haven't manage to put her off! We all wish her the best of luck.



I would also like to thank our PTA, who have worked hard to organise and raise funds for the benefit of all pupils in the school. (more details on page 4)

Finally, a HUGE THANK YOU to my dedicated staff, who work tirelessly wherever their role in the school, to ensure we try to do the best we can for everybody, everyday.

All staff would like to thank the parents for all their kind comments, cards and gifts that have given us at the end of term.

Achievement Assembly

This morning we held our termly achievement assembly and presented awards to celebrate effort and success for progress in key curriculum areas for this term. (see page 3 for individual awards)

Certificates were also given out for Sports Day, handwriting, (Bronze, Silver and Gold), and completion of the Home Skills Builder Activity Passports.

We recognised the achievement of three of our pupils who have achieved huge day streaks using Doodle Maths: Charlie in Year 4 with over 500 days; Oscar in Year 4 with over 600 days and Ava R in Year 6 with over 950 days! Absolutely incredible!

We celebrated the achievements of our cross country runners last week and acknowledged all the things we had done and achieved throughout the whole school year - far too many to mention.



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

As the school year draws to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the federation schools for their partnership this year. The education sector is certainly not an easy space in which to work or learn at the moment, so it is all the more important that we work together in the best interests of all our children. As our Year 6s prepare to move on to secondary school, I wanted to thank them in particular for everything that they have brought to their schools over their time with us. As each of them has performed in plays, talked about their memories at leavers' services or been positive role models to younger children, they have grown in confidence and stature. Many of them leave primary school having achieved the age related expectations in reading, writing and maths but this is only one small measure of their growth and development. More important than any SATs result is their personal development and their sense of belonging to a community where they can play their part. I wish them all every success and happiness in the future and wish every member of the wider school group a very happy and relaxing summer holiday.

SHAUGH PRIOR SCHOOL

Shaugh Prior is one of the Exe Valley and Moorsway schools, located in a beautiful part of Dartmoor. The recent Ofsted inspection and Direct Academy Order have meant that the number of children on roll has now dropped to a point where it is not sustainable. From September, the four remaining children on roll will be educated at Cornwood C of E School, giving them the opportunity to learn in a slightly larger school with a group of children their own age. We are now working with the local authority to determine the future of the school buildings and site.

TERM DATES

The summer term ends today and the autumn term begins for children on Thursday, 4th September [there are two staff training days on 2nd and 3rd September]. Half term is Monday, 27th October to Friday, 31st October and the autumn term ends on Friday, 19th December. Friday, 28th November is a staff training day.

Starting Back in September for children in Oak, Beech and Willow Classes



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Achievement Assembly - Summer Award

The Governor Cup was presented to Amelie in Year 6.

Our Governor Civic Award Trophy was presented to Ava P for her fantastic effort towards this award throughout this school year.

Trophies can be kept for the term so keep them on show somewhere in your home and then return them at the end of the summer term.



Elm Class	Most improved reader	Effie	
	Most improved writer	Evie	Most improved mathematician
			Charlie
Ash Class	Most improved reader	Neave	
	Most improved writer	Lydia	Most improved mathematician
			Pippa
Oak Class	Most improved reader	Freddie	
	Most improved writer	Orla	Most improved mathematician
			Samuel
Beech Class	Most improved reader	Oscar W	
	Most improved writer	Rosie	Most improved mathematician
			Alice
Willow Class	Most improved reader	Lyndsey	
	Most improved writer	Maisie	Most improved mathematician
			Felix B

Advance Notice—Dates for the Diary

At the beginning of each school year, we hold parent information meeting for each class.

Each session will last approximately 15-20 minutes and will include lots of information about what is expected from children in that class and how you can help.

We encourage as many parents as possible to attend as this is also an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Parent Information Sessions

Monday 15th September

Elm Class Monday 3.45pm

Tuesday 16th September

Ash Class 3.40pm

Oak Class 4.00pm

Beech Class 4.30pm

Willow Class 5.00pm



A Big Thank You for Your Support from the PTA



Whimble School PTA would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the 2024/25 School Year.

We have run a number of events and couldn't do it without everyone who has donated..... cakes, attended events and supported us by buying burgers, sweets and ice poles.

We raised a total of:

£3,699.64

<u>Event</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
	<u>School Year Sept 24-July 25</u>
Sweet/Ice Pop Sales	£452.00
Bags2School Collection	£96.00
Christmas Fayre	£710.24
School Disco	£529.80
Art Exhibition	£208.00
Summer Fayre	£1,229.07
Easy Fundraising	£94.93
Sports Day	£379.60



Thank you for a very successful school year

Our next fundraiser will be October with a Bags2School Collection!

Hope you all have a wonderful summer, and we'll see you in September.



Dates for your diary

September

Tuesday 2nd/Wednesday 3rd Staff Training Days (no pupils)

Thursday 4th Start of autumn term for children

Parent Information Sessions

Monday 15th September

Elm Class Monday 3.45pm

Tuesday 16th September

Ash Class 3.40pm

Oak Class 4.00pm

Beech Class 4.30pm

Willow Class 5.00pm

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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