

# NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2025



## Whimble Primary School

Issue 3

19.09.25

Another week has flown by! Thank you to all those parents who came along to our class parent information sessions. It really helps to be able to get the same messages across to groups of people to limit any misunderstandings.

We will be running some specific workshops about our phonics scheme and also learning numbers facts, so parents know how to support their child at home.

### The Community Theatre 4All

The youth section of the theatre company is due to restart on Tuesday 30th September

Membership of Young Community Theatre 4All is open to all pupils from **Year 4 to Year 9**.

The group meets in Talaton Parish Hall on Tuesday evenings during term times from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

New participants are welcome to attend the sessions up to the end of October on a trial basis before making a firm attendance commitment to the group.

Community Theatre 4All is completely self-funded with income generated by participation fees and ticket sales to performances. The estimated cost per term is in the region of £25 per participant.

Parents are welcome to sit at the side during the first few sessions should they or their children wish to do this.

For more details contact **Tom Samson after 25th September on 07979 876211**

The next Bags2School Collection will be on Wednesday 1st October. Start having a clear out ready for winter.

Bags will come home with your child next week.

To find out what can be donated and what cannot, click on the link below:

<https://www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>





## Federation News from Mr Jolliffe



As this term gets underway, our programme of school reviews has started, with senior leaders and governors visiting Thorverton C of E School yesterday. School Reviews are an important part of our self-evaluation work and enable us to have a really detailed look at each school's quality of education. During the review day, we have the opportunity of talking to children about their learning and personal development, looking at children's work, sharing in the lessons that are being taught on the day and talking to teachers about how they are getting on with delivering the curriculum. This gives us a very detailed picture of each school's strengths and any areas that need to be focused on in the coming year. These development points are then included in Head's reports to governors and discussed at Governor Hub meetings. In this way, governors can offer support and challenge to school leaders to enable them to hold us to account.

Many thanks to the staff at Thorverton for their engagement with the school review yesterday, and for making senior leaders and governors feel so welcome in the school. All the federation schools will have a review during the year, so that we can make sure that the achievements of each school are celebrated, and support given where needed, to make them the best that they can be.

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**MULTI SPORTS—for children in Oak, Beech and Willow Classes**

[Click here to book](#)



## FREE ENERGY SAVING ADVICE SESSION

Location: Ottery St Mary Library,  
Silver St, Ottery Saint Mary EX11  
1DB  
Date: Fridays 26<sup>th</sup> September &  
3<sup>rd</sup> October  
Time: 10 - 12pm

You're welcome to meet us for help and  
advice on how to manage your energy  
bills.

Just drop in, no booking necessary

We can assist with:

- Accessing financial support
- The energy market and energy costs
- How to use energy efficiently at home
- Smart meters
- Devon Oil Collective



citizens  
advice

For more information, contact:



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energy-outreach-project](http://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/energy-outreach-project)

**NHS**

Royal Devon  
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NHS Foundation Trust

## Let's Talk Vaccines! Eastern Vaccination Service

Curious about vaccines?

Not sure what's recommended or just have questions?

We're here to help, whether it's:

- Childhood immunisations
- Seasonal vaccinations
- Older adult vaccinations
- Any worries or hesitations you'd like to talk through

Come along for a friendly chat, advice and support to  
help protect you, your family and community.



**Friday 19 September  
9:30am – 11:00am**

**Ottery St Mary Library  
Silver Street, EX11 1DB**

Eastern Vaccination Service –  
[rduh.exetervaccinationcentre@nhs.net](mailto:rduh.exetervaccinationcentre@nhs.net) | 07729 300349

# Dates for your diary

## September

Monday 22nd	Willow Class swimming - session 2 of 5
Friday 26th	Forest School - Year 1
Monday 29th	Willow Class swimming - session 3 of 5

## October

Wednesday 1st	Bags 2 School
Friday 3rd	Forest School - Year 1
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 consultation
Tuesday 21st	Willow, Beech, Ash and Elm Parent consultation
Wednesday 22nd	Oak and Elm Parent consultation
Thursday 23rd	Oak consultation

## November

Friday 28th	Non Pupil Day
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## December

Friday 12th	Christmas Fair
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## 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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