

# NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2025



## Whimple Primary School

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What a scorcher! Important 'Stay Safe in the Sunshine' messages have been repeatedly shared with children and we are asking them to reapply sun cream, wear sunhats and ensure they keep drinking water so they stay hydrated.

Our Year 5s and 6s have enjoyed three days away in North Devon participating in a very active programme - that along with the heat will mean they will be coming home happy but tired. Thank you to Miss Clarke and Mr Brown for accompanying them - without staff giving up their free time, these residential would not be able to take place.

Packed lunches will be needed on Wednesday for the Year 6, as they are involved in the EVF East Hub Transition Day and Ash Class are on their trip on Thursday so will need a packed lunch.

**TOMORROW is our SCHOOL FAIR** - opening at 1pm; come along and enjoy the fun. You can combine it with the halls Garden Safari too. The school garden will also be open as part of this.



### Smoothie Sale

Thank you for supporting our Smoothie sale on Tuesday - over £100 was raised which will be used to help reduce the cost of their class trip.

### Be Aware!

#### Heat exhaustion and heatstroke

If you or someone else feels unwell with a high temperature, headache, loss of appetite, feeling dizzy or shortness of breath during hot weather, you should consider the possibility of heat-related illnesses such as [heat exhaustion or heatstroke](#).

**Heat exhaustion does not usually need emergency medical help if you can cool down within 30 minutes. If it turns into heatstroke, it needs to be treated as an emergency.**





### Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

This week, our Year 5s and 6s have been at Ultimate Adventure in North Devon. I was with them on Wednesday and they were having a brilliant time on the water-based assault course, high ropes and archery range. Thursday they went coasteering and surfing. The beautiful weather has really helped them to make the most of being outside for the last few days. We have made plans for next year to take Year 5 and 6 to Bristol and Bath in June to see Matilda at the Hippodrome and a wide range of other cultural activities. This will alternate with the outdoor activity residential so that children have a range of experiences during their last two years with us. Year 3 and 4 will be spending the night at Dartmoor Zoo next year and this will alternate with Okehampton, again giving children a wide range of experiences away from home during their time in Key Stage 2. More information will be shared with parents in the autumn term as we need to confirm numbers well ahead of the visits taking place.

### STAFF TRAINING DAY

The final staff training day of this school year is next Friday, Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June and schools will be closed to pupils on that day. Teachers will be using the day to review the curriculum design work that we have completed this year and look forward to the coming year so that the curriculum we teach enables children to learn more and remember more.

### PARENT SURVEY

Many thanks to all the parents who responded to the parent survey recently. We had 78 responses which was great, thank you! The information has been passed on to one of our governors to analyse and write a report, which we will share with you in a newsletter before the end of the year. Senior leaders will be taking the emerging themes from the parent surveys to our strategic planning day next week.



**LD ACTIVE**

# HOLIDAY CAMP

**Outdoor Activities**

- Inflatables
- Football
- Dodgeball
- Basketball
- Nature adventure
- Arts & Crafts
- Board games

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# SUMMER FAIR



Saturday 21st June  
1pm to 4pm

WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- BBQ • Tea and Cake • Bar •
- Lego Play •
- Pirate Hoopla •
- Face Painting •
- Wheel of Fortune •
- Nerf Gun Shooting •
- Tin Can Alley •
- Tombola •
- Splat the Rat •
- Robot Maze •
- Pre-loved uniform •
- and much more!



All Welcome!





# Dates for your diary

## June

Saturday 21st	School Summer Fair
Wednesday 25th	EVF East Hub Transition Day—Year 6
Thursday 26th	Ash School Trip
Friday 27th	Staff development day—no pupils
Sunday 29th	Park Run at Cranbrook
Monday 30th	Year 5 and 6 Cricket at Taunton

## July

Thursday 3rd	Elm Class School Trip
Thursday 3rd	Transition Choir performance
Thursday 3rd/Friday 4th	Clyst Vale Transition Days
Monday 7th	Beech Class Trip
Friday 11th	Rock Steady Concert for parents (9.30am)
Friday 11th	Sports Day (afternoon)
Tuesday 15th	Oak Class Trip
Friday 18th	EVF Cross Country Running
Thursday 24th	Leavers Assembly (afternoon)
Friday 25th	Last day of term

## Term dates for pupils - 2024/25:

**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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