

# NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2025



## Whimple Primary School

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It has been another busy week and for various reasons, many children are already feeling tired—although we look forward to having hot weather and light nights, unfortunately this often has an impact on the quality of our sleep. When we are sleep deprived, we have less tolerance and little things can effect us more. We are reminding everyone to treat each other with respect, and give each other some space when required. Hopefully, some down time over a long weekend will help.

Thank you to those who came along and supported our summer fair at the weekend. It was great to see so many of you there.

### Medication in School

Just a reminder that for any child to be given medication of any type in school, prescribed or non-prescribed, we have to have the relevant paperwork completed at the office, otherwise this cannot be given. This includes any medication required whilst out on any school trip/visit.

### PE Kits

We have many children in school without their PE kit. **Children do need to have all parts of their PE kits in school everyday.**

### Cricket at Taunton

Year 5 and 6 children are going to watch Somerset play Nottinghamshire on Monday 30th June. This will happen within normal school hours. Children need **sunhats, sun cream**, a water bottle and packed lunch.



### Park Run

It is the park run this Sunday at Cranbrook, we hope you all enjoy yourself and look forward to hearing about it on Monday.

### Visiting New Classes

Children will be visiting their new classes on the morning of Friday 4th. Letters indicating which class your child is in, have been sent home with them today.



### Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

Keeping children safe from harm is an important part of the work of schools and the Designated Safeguarding Leads spend a lot of their time supporting children and families who need additional help. The Heads of School are all DSLs and they are supported by three Deputy DSLs across the federation in this role. Part of our role is to attend regular training updates and we do this through working with the safeguarding team at Devon Education Services, who provide us with a half day of training twice a year. This week, our training focused on recognising and supporting children and families where mental health is becoming a challenge. Whilst we cannot diagnose mental health situations, we can help children and families by directing them to support services. Today, I have been at the Devon Education Services annual safeguarding conference, which focused on online safety, the risks of radicalisation and harmful behaviour.

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

More children will benefit from free school meals every day as the government has expanded eligibility for free school meals for the school year 2026. If you are able to claim Universal Credit and your child does not currently receive free school meals, you will need to apply for this in September. For more information, please go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-half-a-million-more-children-to-get-free-school-meals>

### STAFF TRAINING DAY

A final reminder that the last staff training day of this school year is tomorrow, 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.

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### Refugee Week

Year 4's listened to a story about a refugee leaving their country and followed their journey through several countries until she finally arrived to somewhere she felt safe.

We thought about ways that we might make a refugee feel welcome. We baked some traditional Middle eastern biscuits called ghyrabeh and made a welcome banner in many languages.



# Dates for your diary

## June

Friday 27th	Staff development day—no pupils
Sunday 29th	Park Run at Cranbrook
Monday 30th	Year 5 and 6 Cricket at Taunton

## July

Wednesday 2nd	Transition Choir performance
Thursday 3rd	Elm Class School Trip
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
Thursday 17th	Ash Class Eco Fair
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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