

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2025



Whimple Primary School

Issue 5

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We have come to the end of a short half-term, however, I think everyone is ready for a break. There are lots of things happening next half-term so keep checking the diary as we often get offered last minutes opportunities which we will accept if we can. Hope you all have a good week.

Relationships and Sex Education

As part of your child's educational experience at Whimple Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, happy and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

Since September 2020, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, has been **statutory**, and forms part of the National Curriculum. This aspect of the curriculum will be taught in all classes after half term. For more details of what is covered please look at the website - https://www.whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/relationships_and_sex_education/522030

Over a number of years, we have had an independent person offer to run a session on body image - this is done in a positive way and includes accepting what we are and look like, whilst raising awareness of what we see in the media, is often not real. We are really lucky to have this opportunity, and the children have always found the session informative. There will be one session for each Year group 4, 5 and 6, after half term.

If you have any questions please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

Staff Tombola

Don't forget to start looking for items suitable for a child's and/or adults tombola. (more details in last weeks newsletter). In exchange for not wearing uniform on Friday 13th June, the children are asked to bring in one item for the stall if possible.





Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

This year, each school in the federation has had a School Review, led by senior leaders, our Leadership and School Effectiveness Adviser from Devon Education Services and governors. These reviews give us the opportunity to look in depth at the quality of education in each school and identify any risks with regard to future Ofsted inspections. The cycle of School Reviews have now been completed and senior leaders will be meeting with governors and our adviser to bring together our findings for each school, which will in turn help inform our strategic priorities for the coming year.

THORVERTON PRESCHOOL

Thorverton Preschool Committee has made the decision to dissolve the current management arrangement and consult stakeholders about asking the Exe Valley & Moorsway Federation (EVMF) to take over the running of the preschool. The consultation report by the Chair of the Preschool Committee may be found on the EVF website by clicking on this link: <https://www.exevalleyfederation.co.uk/Pre-School-Consultation/>. Please let us know your views by contacting the consultation contact address by Friday, 13th June 2025 [federationconsultation5@gmail.com].

PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the federation parent survey. Today is the last day to complete the parent survey. The link is below:

<https://www.exevalleyfederation.co.uk/Parent-Questionnaire/>

YEAR 5 AND 6 RESIDENTIAL

Forms should have been returned by Friday, 9th May for the Year 5 and 6 residential. Bookings will be confirmed straight after half term, so if you have not already done so, please return forms to your child's school office today. The kit list has been updated to include more information about wet shoes, following an enquiry by a parent and this can be found on the EVF website under 'residential visits'.

TERM DATES FOR 2025 to 2028

Term dates for the next three school years have now been released by Devon County Council and are published on the EVF website. The dates from September 2025 to July 2028 have also been attached to this week's newsletters so that every family has a copy for future reference.

SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS WHEN SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Devon or want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, you can contact Front Door (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub or MASH) by calling on 0345 155 1071. If a child is in immediate danger, please call 999.

If you suspect that a vulnerable adult is being abused, or you are being abused yourself and live within Devon Local Authority boundaries, please contact us by calling Adult Social Care on 0345 1551 007 (Monday to Thursday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm and Saturday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm).

Outside of the hours above or on bank holidays call the Emergency Duty Service on 0345 6000 388.

Alternatively, you can email: safeguardingadultseast-mailbox@devon.gov.uk (Exeter, East and Mid Devon).



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!



Skills Builder

This half-term our focus has been on: Listening

KS2 Summer 1 Challenge

Listening



Lyrical listening *Homezone challenge*



Listen to a new song, paying particular attention to the lyrics (words) in the chorus.

Listen carefully twice and then try to write down the lyrics by singing the song in your head.

Extension: What is the song about? What is the main message behind the song?

Reflection questions

Getting Started: How can you make sure you are listening carefully?

Intermediate: What does it mean to summarise what you have heard?

Advanced: Why is summarising or rephrasing what you have heard useful sometimes?

Mastery: How might changing the language (words) used affect how you feel about something?

STEP 0	I listen to others without interrupting	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEP 1	I listen to others and can remember short instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEP 2	I listen to others and can ask questions if I don't understand	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEP 3	I listen to others and can tell someone else what it was about	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEP 4	I listen to others and can tell why they are communicating with me	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEP 5	I listen to others and record important information as I do	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEP 6	I show I am listening by how I use eye contact and body language	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEP 7	I show I am listening by using open questions to deepen my understanding	<input type="checkbox"/>

KS1 Summer 1 Challenge

Listening



Picture the story

Homezone challenge



Ask a family member to read you a new story (or one you have not read for quite some time). Close your eyes as they read, then draw a picture of what is happening in the story.

How can you tell what the characters look like and what happens to them?
What type of details are you listening for?

Reflection questions

Getting Started: How can you make sure you are listening carefully?

Intermediate: What does it mean to summarise what you have heard?

Further learning: <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone/listening-getting-started>

Dates for your diary

June

Tuesday 3rd	Tempest—Class Photos
Tuesday 10th	Recycling workshops Elm and Ash Class
Friday 13th	Non-uniform day for tombola prizes
Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th	Year 5/6 Residential
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	Clyst Vale Transition Day
Thursday 3rd	Elm Class School Trip
Thursday 3rd	Transition Choir performance
Friday 4th	Clyst Vale Transition Day
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

Statutory Assessment Dates

June	w/c 2nd and 9th June	Multiplication Tables Check - Year 4
	w/c 9th June	Phonics Screening Check

Term dates for pupils - 2024/25:

SUMMER TERM 2025

22nd April to 25th July 2025

Half term - May 26th to 30th May 2025

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 27th June 2025

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