

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2025



Whimple Primary School

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After a focus on remembrance at the start of the week, including all children observing the two-minute silence, we have ended the week watching the children taking part in the Challenge Squad for Children in Need —such amazing inspiration for us all.

Important information

We are having new phones installed on Thursday 20th November—this will mean that we have no phones or internet possibly for most of the day. This will mean we will NOT have access to emails.

In an emergency please contact us on 07716 381625 (please do not use this number at other times).



Children in Need—Friday 14th November

Thank you for all your support in sending in donations for this fabulous charity. So far we have raised £160 (plus two euros) - amazing.

We will be holding a sponsored three-legged event in the lower playground (later this term—date to be confirmed) to raise money for Children in Need and ELF.

The challenge will be to have a minimum of four pairs of children/adults walking around a circuit throughout the school day. Children will have multiple opportunities to take part and we will keep count of the number of circuits completed. Sponsor forms will come home later next week. Please give whatever you can—the size of the amount does not matter, all the pennies add up.



Elm Class
Ash Class
Oak Class
Beech Class
Willow Class

Noah and Rowan
Nelly and Orly
Isla H and Samuel
Zane and Orla
Finley and Alice

Lunchtime stars:

Jack W
Ruben
Tilly
Madison
Jacob B



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe



This week we have remembered those who suffered and gave their lives in two world wars and in conflicts since 1945. Although the number of Second World War veterans is inevitably dwindling, the Armistice Day services, Collective Worship services and assemblies remind us all that the sacrifice of so many was not in vain. I am always impressed by the way that our children take this so seriously and have a really good understanding of why it is so important to remember the impact of conflict on both military personnel and civilians in many countries. Thank you all for your sensitivity and thoughtful prayers and responses to Armistice Day this year.

PARENT and SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Parents are reminded that emails from school staff should not be posted on social media without the prior permission of the author. School staff communicate with parents in good faith and do not expect emails to one parent to be shared more widely. This occurred during the last week and caused considerable distress to the member of staff concerned. Thank you for your understanding.

EARLY YEARS INDUCTION SURVEY

Now that Reception children have had their first half term in school, we would like to know more about your experience and how your child has got on in their first few weeks of school. If your child has started in Reception this year, please could you spare a few minutes to complete a short survey? The link is below:

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

It would really help us to see what has worked well this year and to plan for improvements for next year's Reception children when they start school next autumn. Please could you do this by Friday, 21st November, thank you.



Merry Christmas!

December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 50 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 22nd November
2pm - 4.30pm
Whimple Scout Hut
Off The Square, Whimple, EX5 2SN
[///shunts.unleashed.lads](http://shunts.unleashed.lads)

Come along and grab a bargain!
Clothes, Toys, Games, Books and more.

Refreshments available

To Donate items contact
katie.pearson269@gmail.com





Christmas Hamper Raffle Donations

Thursday 27th November 2025

The Christmas Hamper Raffle proved very popular last year and will be re-run this year. Raffle tickets will go on sale from the first week of December and the raffle will be drawn at the KS1 Nativity on Wednesday 17th December.

On Thursday 27th November the school is running a non-school uniform day in return for a **food** or **drink** donations. The PTA will then make up a number of hampers to be raffled off.

All proceeds raised go towards supporting the school including help with funding for school trips/new equipment etc.

Donation Ideas

Crisps	Alcoholic Drinks	Non-Alcoholic Drinks	Chocolate
Tins of Soup	Christmas Cake	Mince Pies	Popcorn
Jam	Biscuits	Shortbread	Chutneys
Sweets	Pickles	Christmas Pudding	Breadsticks
Marmalade	Savoury Biscuits	Hot Chocolate	Fudge
Coffee	Tea	Honey	Dried Fruit

**Sorry NO toiletries/perfumed items/candles
as these can't be mixed with food.**

If you have any unwanted toiletry gifts etc.
please could you donate these to the Christmas
Fayre Parent Gift Stall. Thank you.



Dates for your diary

November

Monday 17th	Individual school photographs (Tempest)
Monday 17th	Beech Class and Oak Year 4 swimming - session 3 of 6
Tuesday 18th	Flu immunisations
Wednesday 19th	Music Workshops - Oak and Ash Class
Friday 21st	Willow Forest School session
Monday 24th	Beech Class and Oak Year 4 swimming - session 4 of 6
Thursday 27th	Mufti day for Christmas hamper items
Friday 28th	Non Pupil Day

December

Monday 1st	Beech Class and Oak Year 4 swimming - session 5 of 6
Monday 8th	Beech Class and Oak Year 4 swimming - session 6 of 6
Thursday 11th	Carol Service at Whimble Church for KS2 6pm
Friday 12th	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 17th	Nativity KS1 at Whimble Church 4pm

Term dates for pupils - 2025/26:

AUTUMN TERM 2025 **4th September to 19th December 2025**

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 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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