

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2025



Whimple Primary School

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A slightly calmer week, but still a lot going on as we head towards the final week of the school year.

This week we have had two members from the Whimple Flower and Produce Show lead an assembly to explain some of the history of the event - this is it's 70th year. As a school we try to support this event in order that it may keep going another 70 years. All children will have the opportunity to produce something to enter. A few schedules and entry forms are available in reception, more can be obtained from the village shop. The event is held in the village hall on Saturday 9th August.

Oak Class had a great day at Cold Harbour Mill, and it was fabulous to hear such positive feedback about their learning attitude and behaviour from the staff who took them but also the adults working and volunteering at the mill.

Eco Fair

Ash Class completed their Skills Builder project on Thursday by hosting an Eco Fair for members of their family. They have been finding out about plastic pollution in our oceans and developing their problem solving, speaking and listening skills. Thank you to all who were able to attend and also for your generous donations to our adopt a sea turtle fund.



Exe Valley Cross Country Championships

Thank you to the parents who helped make this possible by transporting children to Tiverton today. 20 children from year 2 to 6 were involved and they did a great job at representing the school. They all ran the 1.5km to the best of their ability and some managed a top three place. Overall, we came second - which is amazing!

Skills Builder

We have just submitted our evidence for our Skills Builder Award this year, Rosa our education associate believes we should hopefully achieve gold again this year.



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

As we near the end of the school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you about several aspects of the federation's work that have been shared with you over the last few months.

First of all, we have been working with South Hams Federation in a Management Partnership since the start of the year and a steering group of governors from both school groupings have met regularly during the year. We have been working increasingly closely with senior leaders from South Hams and they have been supporting the Moorsway Federation schools in particular this year. The Management Partnership will be continuing into the new school year and governors will make a decision about consulting stakeholders on re-federation before any final decision is made.

Secondly, we asked for feedback from you about the Thorverton Pre-school joining the federation from 1st September 2025 so that this important provision can continue to flourish. Whilst the local authority and Diocese of Exeter are both broadly supportive of this change and understand the benefits of including the pre-school in the federation, there are some issues that still need to be resolved to avoid difficulties in the future. This means that we will continue to work through the process of the Pre-school joining us, but it will take a bit longer than intended. I am in regular contact with the Pre-school committee and staff and am looking forward to continuing to work with them next year.

TERM DATES

The summer term ends on Friday, 25th July 2025 and the autumn term begins for children on Thursday, 4th September [there are two staff training days on 2nd and 3rd September]. Half term is Monday, 27th October to Friday, 31st October and the autumn term ends on Friday, 19th December. Friday, 28th November is a staff training day.



FRENCH CLUB

at Whimble Primary School

New Opportunity Starting Next Term

Please find attached with this newsletter more information about the French Club and how to register an interest.



TUESDAY, after school – 4.15pm

**To sign up, contact Dr Sophie Leroy at:
abcfrench.devon@gmail.com or 07534917081**

Dates for your diary

July

Thursday 24th

Leavers Assembly (afternoon)

Friday 25th

Last day of term—3.30pm finish

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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