

# NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2025



## Whimple Primary School

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A slightly calmer week, but still a lot going on.

Today started with our Rock Steady Concerts - this involves 28 children who play a range of electric instruments - guitar, bass guitar, drums and keyboard—as well as some vocalists. The four bands played to their parents and then performed to the rest of the school. The progress they have made since the last concert was great to see, and those that have only started this term did an amazing job performing for the first time.

Thank you to everyone who supported our sports day today - it was definitely the right decision to reduce the time of the event as it was very hot. We never seem to have the 'right' weather for this event. The children managed extremely well and were great at supporting each other. Watching the children get wet was delightful and a great way to finish.

Earlier in the week the a lifeguard from the Sidmouth Independent Lifeguard Service came into school to talk to the children about beach and water safety, and what to do in an emergency. Really valuable information for the children to have.



Years 4 and 5 have also had a session each with Mrs Gill Wilson covering aspect of Body Image, how we are unique and should respect ourselves and each other. She also covered a little about what we see on the television, online or in books is not always real and can be fake, and to be mindful of this when looking at images of people.



### Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

#### CRICKET MATCH

It was lovely to see our Year 5s and 6s coming together for a game of cricket on Monday this week. Many thanks to Mr Hamidullah and Mr Brown for organising this event and making it such a good experience for the children in both classes. We are hoping to be able to build links between Silverton and Whimble in particular next year, so that children who move on to Clyst Vale Community College have the opportunity to get to know each other better and broaden their friendship group ready for the start of their secondary school education.

#### PRAYER ROOM

Every half term, a group of parents meet to pray for the federation schools. The next prayer room will be on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am at Silverton Evangelical Church [School Road, Silverton EX5 4JH]. Please contact Andy Mathers [apmathers@gmail.com] for more information.

#### TERM DATES

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

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#### Free Resources and Support

Following on from our email regarding What's App yesterday a parent kindly suggested that we share this site with you, where there is support around the need for technology, but how and when it is appropriate. It will also help if you feel as a parent pressurised to agree to 'giving in' to children's demands.

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>



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### VISITING THE LIBRARY

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# Dates for your diary

## July

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—3.30pm finish

## Term dates for pupils - 2024/25:

**AUTUMN TERM 2025**      **4th September to 19<sup>th</sup> 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): 5<sup>th</sup> 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): 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026*

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