

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2025



Whimple Primary School

Issue 9

14.03.25

I am not sure where the weeks go, but they are flying by. I think we all feel better when the days lengthen so it is lighter in the mornings and evenings.

Reports will be sent home in a couple of weeks. If you require more than one copy please email your request to the school office and we can ensure that we print a second copy.

Start of the School Day

We have a number of children/families that are falling into two 'camps' at the moment - either too early or too late.

A number of children are regularly being dropped off before 8.50am and left unaccompanied by an adult at school, this is causing an issue as they are doing things they shouldn't be and then accidents are happening. Parents are responsible for their children until a member of staff comes out on duty. I have spoken with all the children in assembly to remind them of the expectations around drop-off and behaviour in the mornings. I now need parents to support with this, and come and wait with them until 8.50am.

PE Kits/Other Equipment

We have a number of children across the classes that regularly do not have their PE kits, books, etc in school. We are always reminding the children and we are now sending home emails requesting your help with this, As children get older they need to change for PE, otherwise the classrooms start to smell unpleasant.

Class curriculum newsletters (available on the school website) have the days for PE on them.

Comic Relief

We are supporting Comic Relief on its 40th year by dressing up in something colourful or funny of choice on Friday 21st March. Donations for this charity can be brought in on the day or can be given online [here](#)

Children will be taking part in a variety of 40 second challenges throughout the afternoon.



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

Every month the senior leadership team hold an Attendance Clinic at our weekly meetings when we discuss each school's attendance data and any concerns that we may have. This is a really valuable opportunity to share the high levels of attendance we have in many schools and to reflect on how we work with you to make sure that children come into school as much as possible. The majority of our schools have attendance rates that are above the average for primary schools in Devon, which is 94.7% so that is very positive indeed. Thank you so much to all the parents who support their children to be in school and on time every day, which we really appreciate. Governors also take an active interest in attendance figures and the Lead Governor for attendance collates data from all ten schools and talks to us about any emerging trends or concerns before reporting to the federation board at our termly meetings.

PRAYER ROOM

The next prayer room will be held at Silverton Evangelical Church on Friday, 28th March at 9.30am. Any parents who would like to join us to pray for the work of the Exe Valley Federation schools would be very welcome. For more information, please contact Andy Mathers [apmathers@gmail.com].



PTA Updates

The next sweet sale in the playground will be on the last day of term (Friday 4th April).

A vote is being sent out to parents with regards the day/date of the summer fair. Please respond so we can involve as many people as possible.

Whimple Pre-School

FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH 2025

SILENT DISCO

7.00 PM TIL LATE

FEATURING:
JAMES HARRIS
ON THE SAXOPHONE

TICKETS £10
SCAN QR CODE
OR PURCHASE ONLINE

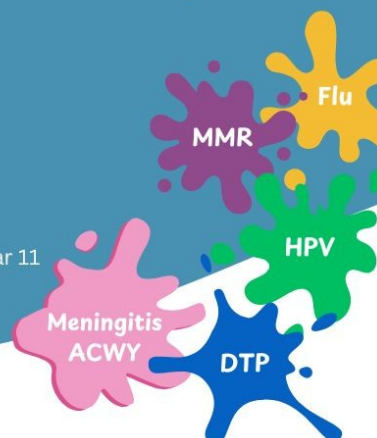
LICENSED BAR
RAFFLE AND AUCTION
PIZZA BUONA VAN 7:30PM
@WHIMPLE CRICKET CLUB

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ Flu - reception - year 11
- ✓ MMR - catch up
- ✓ HPV - year 8 - year 11
- ✓ Meningitis ACWY - year 9 - year 11
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - year 9 - year 11

 **CORNWALL & DEVON**
School Age Immunisation Service
Delivered by Kernow Health CIC




Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Devon for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

For more information, scan the QR code, or call us to speak with a member of our team



 Call us on **01392 342678**

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Dates for your diary

March

Friday 21st	Comic Relief
w/c 24th March	Annual reports home to parents
Thursday 27th	Elm Class—Animals SouthWest visit
w/c 31st March	Parent consultations
Monday 31st	EVF Dance Showdown at the Barnfield Theatre (Year 5 and 6)

April

Friday 4th	Rocksteady Concert for parents
Friday 4th	Last day of term, 1.30pm finish, PTA Sweet Sale
Tuesday 22nd	First day of summer term
Friday 25th	School Art Display
Wednesday 30th to Thursday 1st May	Year 3/4 Residential

June

Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th Year 5/6 Residential

Statutory Assessment Dates

May	Monday 12th to Thursday 15th	Year 6 SATs
June	w/c 2nd June	Multiplication Tables Check - Year 4
	w/c 9th June	Phonics Screening Check

Term dates for pupils - 2024/25:

SPRING TERM 2025

7th January to 4th April 2025
Half term - 17th to 21st February 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

22nd April to 25th July 2025
May Day holiday - 5th May 2025
Half term - May 26th to 30th May 2025

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

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