

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2025



Whimple Primary School

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It was lovely to have the children back after half-term and they have got straight back into their routines and learning. Don't forget it is our World Book Day next Friday, (more details on page 3).

Temporary Road Closure

When: Wednesday 5th March

Between the hours of 8:30am and 3:30pm

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads.

Roads affected - **CHURCH ROAD, WHIMPLE**

There will be an alternative, signed, route for vehicles but this is long and through the lanes.

To avoid any issues coming in from the Rockbeare side of Whimple - Park in The Square (by the church) or in Rectory Close (right under the bridge and first right) and walk into school.

Wednesday 5th March - 2-3pm on Zoom - Free Family Support Session - Supporting your child on their reading journey.

This is a free sessions that families can sign up for, please book using the link below: (more info on attached leaflet)

Booking link: <https://forms.office.com/e/kjhUjU312B>

Multisport After School Club

There are still a few spaces in our Multisport Club running on Mondays open for children from Year 2 upwards, running from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Children are collected from the top playground. Please sign up using the link below.

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/supplier/ld-active-06986a00-3153-49c4-ba25-107310fa1b6a>



[LD ACTIVE - Pebble](#)

LD ACTIVE is a children's sports coaching service in addition to the hire of sports inflatables.

activities.bookpebble.co.uk



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

As a large group of maintained schools, our main professional partners are Devon Education Services and the Diocese of Exeter. The relationship that we have with the diocese is particularly important to our four church schools but the vision and values that are held by the diocese are equally valid for community schools, in that they want to see both adults and children flourishing and thriving, wherever they are educated. Earlier this week, Exe Valley and Moorsway Federation senior leaders and governors met with the Diocesan Director of Education and two other senior advisers to help them understand more about our current position and plans for collaborative working with the South Hams Federation. This was a very positive meeting and enabled us to share our drive and ambition to improve the learning and well-being of children in all our schools. The local authority and diocese are represented on the Management Partnership steering group and are consulted as part of the discussion every time we re-federate.

CORNWOOD C of E SCHOOL SIAMS INSPECTION

Church schools are visited every five years by a SIAMS inspector, which gives them an opportunity to share their vision and values and answer questions about Collective Worship, RE teaching and the role of the school in the community. Cornwood was inspected at the beginning of February and received a very positive report which celebrated their strengths as a church school. The report can be found on the SIAMS website [[SIAMS Inspection Reports | The Church of England](#)] and just type 'Cornwood' into the search box.

Many congratulations to Mrs Emma Newman, Head of School and the staff team at Cornwood for all their hard work and preparation for the inspection.

YEAR 3 and 4 RESIDENTIAL VISIT RESPONSES

The Year 3/4 residential visit to Okehampton YHA is coming up at the end of April and all the information about the visit is available on the EVF website. Parents should have already completed and returned the register of interest slip by along with the medical forms. If you haven't done this already please do so as a matter of urgency.

World Book Day - Friday 7th March

We always enjoy celebrating World Book Day here in school. We like to encourage costumes linked to particular stories as the real purpose of this day is to encourage the love of reading and understanding the long term benefits of this vital skill.



Six authors have been chosen to promote which hopefully suit all ages of children. We hold a special assembly to enable the children to see all the costumes and guess each other's characters. The costumes do not have to be spectacular, and we really love the home made ones.

The chosen authors are: (any book can be chosen these are just suggestions)

Jill Murphy: Whatever Next!, The Large Family, Peace at Last, The World's Worst Witch

David Walliams: Slime, Mr Stink, Gangstar Granny, The Midnight Gang

Jamie Smart: Bunny vs Monkey, Looshkin

Dr Seuss: The Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs and Ham, The Lorax

Julia Donaldson: The Gruffalo, Stick Man, Room on the Broom

Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton: Storey Treehouse Series

Book Tokens have been sent home with children today. They are valid until 23rd March.

A poster for a book swap event. The background is dark blue with yellow stars and a string of colorful triangular bunting at the top. The words "BOOK SWAP" are written in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Below this, there are three white rectangular boxes with blue text. The first box says "DROP OFF DATES & TIMES: Bring your unwanted book for swapping on Friday 7th March". The second box says "SWAP DATE & TIME: During our Whimple School World Book Day". The third box says "LOCATION: In your classroom". At the bottom of the poster, there are illustrations of hands holding several books of different colors (red, yellow, white, blue, purple).

Dates for your diary

March

Wednesday 5th Colyton Maths Day

Thursday 6th Music Workshop - Elm

Friday 7th Whimble World Book Day

Monday 31st EVF Dance Showdown at the Barnfield Theatre (Year 5 and 6)

April

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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