



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 8 Spring Term 2025



WJPS Careers Week 2025

We hope you have had a sense from your children of what a busy and exciting week it has been at school. The aim of WJPS Careers Week is to share with everyone some of the many exciting opportunities, interests and learning they may want to explore as they get older.

We have had lots of visitors in to see us and more to follow in the weeks ahead. Can we say a special thank you to all of our parents and friends who came in to speak to classes and who have made such an impression on our children! Here are just a few of the events from Careers Week – apologies to any of our parent visitors not mentioned here - to see more of our visitors look on our website, Weduc and Facebook pages)

Year 3 and 4 met police dog handler, Will, and 4 of his working police dogs. He told us all about each of them and what jobs they do with him. He also showed us some of the equipment he uses to train and work with his dogs.



We welcomed Ian from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service to our whole school assembly. He talked to us about the important role of a fire officer, what the job involves, how to keep ourselves safe and what they need to wear to protect themselves. We even dressed Mr Dinsley up in all of the uniform.

Year 6 attended a workshop with medical students from Newcastle University and learned about the career path you might take to be a doctor. We learned how to use a stethoscope to listen to your heartbeat, how to test for nerve reflexes and all about the position of the organs in the body.



We were delighted to welcome Dr Liz Day who is a Consultant in Paediatric Intensive Care into Year 4. She talked to us about what a 'typical' day looks like for her. She showed us what equipment she uses and told us what to do if we come across someone who is unwell.

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Year 2 had a visit from the dental team at Honour Health. They talked to us about the importance of oral health and how to keep our teeth and gums healthy. We learned the correct method of brushing our teeth and sorted foods into those high and low in sugar. We enjoyed finding out about a career in dentistry.

Year 3 had a visit from an Orthopaedic Surgeon. He showed us different bones from our body and told us about the different ways he helps people. We were surprised at how long some of the operations lasted!



Year 1 had some special visitors come to see us who told us all about their roles as police officers, they even locked us away in the back of the van!

Year 6 and Year 3 were visited by Abigail who is a solicitor. She told us all about when the law is important to us, what skills you need to become a solicitor and gave an example of a real life legal problem for us to think about.



Year 4 got to meet Rachel Hurdman, an engineer who showed us all the amazing projects she had worked on in Northumberland and around the world. She told us all about what skills she needed to do her job and how many different types of engineers there are and all the different things they are able to design and make.

We were very lucky to have a visit from Dr Bajwa, a dermatologist. He told us all about how he became a doctor, what his job involved and what skills he needed. We also got to find out about all the different problems dermatologists can help with and even got to use a special microscope!



Year 1 were visited by a heart surgeon. She told us all about her exciting job and she even brought in some surgeon hats and masks for us to try. We loved asking her questions such as 'why can we feel our heart beat?' and 'how can you fix a hole in someone's heart?',

Year 2 had Paediatric Cardiologist and West Jesmond parent, Iember, talk to our classes all about her job. She even brought a model heart for us to look at and discuss what our heart does and the importance of having good heart health



Years 1, 3 and 4 were delighted to welcome Kubra into our assembly. She talked to us all about her work as an artist, showed us her little red ideas sketch book that she keeps in her pocket and showed us a picture of one of her inspirational works of art, which has been displayed at Newcastle Castle.



Careers Week 2025 Enterprise Days

Throughout the week, Year groups from 2 to 6 had special enterprise days with Alison and her volunteers from Primary Enterprise World North East. They all had a different projects and activities based around teamwork and cooperation.



Year 4 Visit to the Opera

On Thursday all of our Year 4 children went to see the opera, The Magic Flute, at the Theatre Royal. The show was magical experience for all of us. We are very grateful to a friend of our school who inspired us to make this trip and provided incredibly generous funding!



I enjoyed the opera, because it was an opportunity to learn about being in an opera! It will be a learning experience for our performance later in Year 4!

I enjoyed seeing how high some of the notes were – especially by the Queen of the Night and I really liked Papageno! (Leo)

Friends' Storytelling Evening

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our World Book Day Storytelling evening and thank you to the Friends for organising such an enjoyable event. We hope you enjoyed the books and stories and we all think you were a great audience!

Story-telling Night



Parent Consultations Reminder

Please make sure that you have signed up for the parent consultations on March 18th and 20th. If you have any difficulties with signing up for an appointment, please contact the school office.

Please remember, although these are our official meetings with parents and carers, all of our team are there to meet with you throughout the school year.

Well Done Year 3-4 Football Team

Well done to our younger football team for their efforts this week. They were undefeated in their league games at Benfield Sports Centre!

SEND and Inclusion Parent Carer Coffee Mornings 25th March

Parents and carers who receive our SEND monthly newsletters will have received information about the next of our coffee mornings led by the Newcastle Parent Carer Forum. These meetings are open to all families.

The date for this coffee morning is **Tuesday 25th March at 9:15-10:15 am**. We will be inviting the local nursing team along. They will be able to offer advice and support around a range of health issues such as:

- Healthy lifestyles
- Advice with relationships (e.g. healthy relationship concerns or bullying)
- Emotional health and well-being (e.g. exam pressures, bereavement, self-harm behaviours)
- General health concerns

We will also be inviting our Family Partner, Sarah Steele. She is based at Byker Sands and she is employed by Barnardos. Here is a link to give some information about what they can offer:

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/services/children-families-newcastle-east>

Ouseburn Learning Trust SEND Coffee Morning

Another coffee morning is being held, again for parents and carers of children with SEND. This is on **Thursday 13th March 10am-11am**, and is being held at Ravenswood Primary School. It is part of our Ouseburn Learning Trust network, run by the SENCOs within our trust. We are hoping these coffee mornings give parents an opportunity to connect with other parents across the trust schools and also to get useful information from other visiting services.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

- ❖ Monday 10th March Cricket coaches working with Year 4
- ❖ Tuesday 11th March Year 6 Oak Planting Jesmond Dene
Year 3 Roman Workshops
- ❖ Weds 12th & Thursday 13th March 4TC Parent Consultations
- ❖ Wednesday 12th March Year 4 Parents English Workshop
Year 5 Girls' Football Team Comp
- ❖ Thursday 13th March Northern Stage Shakespeare Performance
OLT Inclusion Coffee Morning (Ravenswood)
- ❖ Friday 14th March 3B Cake stall

Further Ahead

- ❖ Tuesday 18th & Thursday 20th March Parent Consultations
- ❖ Wednesday 19th March Schools Cross-Country Competition
- ❖ Friday 21st March Year 6 to JPA Careers Fair
- ❖ Tuesday March 25th SEND and Inclusion Parent Carer Coffee Morning
- ❖ Monday 31st March Year 2 Parents' Workshop
- ❖ Tuesday 1st April Dance Festival
- ❖ Wednesday 2nd April R1 & R2 to Laing Gallery
- ❖ Thursday 3rd April R3 to Laing Gallery
- ❖ Friday 11th April End of Spring Term

Summer Term

- ❖ Monday 28th April Start of Summer Term
- ❖ Friday 23rd May School Closed For Training Day

Half Term Break

- ❖ Monday 2nd June Return to school
- ❖ Friday 18th July 2025 End of Term