



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 11 Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



A Sporting Year And The WJPS 2026 Sports Days

We are enormously proud of the huge amount of sport and physical activity that has taken place this year at WJPS! This week, we reviewed the number of the clubs, events and competitions that our children have taken part in and we think it is the largest ever! Mr Collier, Mr Mellons, and so many of our staff, have helped to organise, run and support these activities and we are extremely grateful to them all.

Well done to all of our children for their efforts this week during our school sports days. Thank you to all of our parents, grandparents and friends who have cheered them on their way. We were extremely proud of all our children for their teamwork, resilience and the lovely way that they cheered on and supported each other. There have been so many examples of individual achievements! Thank you to Mr Collier and Mr Mellons for organising such an action packed few days!



New Parent Governor Election

Following our recent election for two parent governors, we are pleased to welcome Kim Woodward and Helena Goodwyn on to the West Jesmond Governing Body. Thank you to all of our parents who put themselves forward to become Parent governors. We are very lucky that we have so many parents who give up their time to support our school. Thank you to all parents who cast a vote in the election.

Report Comments 2026

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in messages and comments to teachers in reply to our end of year reports. Your words mean a great deal to the staff as well as helping us to continue to build on and improve our school. If you have not yet had the chance to send in the reply sheet, please do so at the start of this week.

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Friends Summer Fair Thank You Friends Of West Jesmond!

Last Friday, we held another incredibly busy and very successful Summer Fair. Thank you to everyone who came and gave so generously. The Fair was all created by you, our parents! We are incredibly lucky with all the support and inspiration that we get from our families and we are particularly grateful to the organising team of The Friends of West Jesmond, and all the volunteers, who put in so much effort to plan, organise and run the fair. The behind the scenes, and on the day, work to create such a big and important school event is phenomenal – thank you! Sadly, we don't have a picture of Mr Dinsley getting sponges thrown at him this year, but we do have a picture of two of our Friends of West Jesmond alongside members of the School Council who picked the raffle tickets out this week! Congratulations to all of our lucky winners!



A Message From The Friends of West Jesmond

The Friends of West Jesmond would like to thank all of our families for your unbelievable support and kindness this year. Massive appreciation to all of our amazing, dedicated and very helpful volunteers. We couldn't do what we do without you all. Thank you to everyone who supplied cakes, donations of pre-loved uniform and items for our summer fair and tombolas.

We thank the children and families for attending our events and discos, and for being involved at our sales and cake stalls. We have had a truly wonderful year and we are very excited for the things to come in the future, and welcoming all the new children and families in September.

We will publish our newsletter next week which will show money raised, and the things we have helped fund at school this year.

Love from Hazel, Camille and Sally.

The Friends of West Jesmond.

IMPORTANT: Free uniform (and other items of clothing!)

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been leaving out left over items of clothing in the Undercroft by the Year 5 entrance. There are still a number of items unclaimed, and we desperately want them to go to new homes! **Before you buy any uniform or clothing for your child next year, please come and see if there are any suitable items available. We would like to recycle and to save every family money. Clothes will be out on Monday and Tuesday before and after school.**



Moving On Up Week 2026

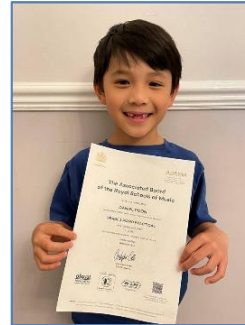
This week has seen a lot of movement across school as children have been taking part in transition activities. Many of our Year 6 children have been visiting their new schools for the last three days and we look forward to hearing about their experiences on Monday. Within school, our children have spent time with their new teachers and classes. We hope these mornings, have helped to help get our children excited for the year ahead and to settle any worries that they might have. Please speak with us if you want any further support for your child during the transition period.

Year 6 Graduation

We are looking forward to seeing our Year 6 families at the Graduation Ceremony next Wednesday evening at 5pm. This is the chance to celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 children and to thank them and all of their families for everything they have given to West Jesmond.

Achievers

We are proud to share the achievements of two netball stars, two swimmers, a gymnast and a pianist who passed with Merit in his ABRSM Grade 1 piano and is now progressing into Grade 2. We were also extremely impressed with this model of a mouth and teeth! Well done everyone!



Great British Summer Savings

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be helped to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

As part of this campaign, they have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

❖ Monday 13th July (pm)

❖ Tuesday 14th July

❖ Wednesday 15th July

❖ Friday 17th July

Year 3 Voices in Colour Performance

Year 1 Trip to Cullercoats

Year 6 Leavers Cinema Trip

Year 6 Graduation Evening

End of Summer Term

Further ahead

❖ Wednesday 2nd September

Start of the new School Year

	Cake Stall Rota
	05/06/26 - Y5TG
	12/06/26 - Y1A
	19/06/26 - Y1S
	26/06/26 - Y1Y
	03/07/26 - Summer Fair
	10/07/26 - R1
	17/07/26 - End of Year