



West Jesmond Primary Family Newsletter 12 Spring Term 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

This is our last newsletter of the Spring Term. I would like to thank all of our children for the energy and enthusiasm that they have shown over the last three busy and successful months. Thank you, parents, for all your support. We tell people who visit our school that the home-school partnerships is one of the key strengths of West Jesmond and about how our families and community do so much to enrich all we do. That has been demonstrated across this term and on this page of the Newsletter, we are once again asking for your help towards making two of our summer events extra special!

International Evening 2025 Thursday 21st May

West Jesmond Primary School International Evening will return on Thursday the 21st of May! We always have an amazing turnout, and it is a fantastic chance to share the food, music and traditions of our, incredibly diverse, West Jesmond Family. The event is free, so join us and bring **food and drinks** to share, this could be anything from cream teas to bhajis, and all food contributions will be shared in a street party style. We are looking for talented **performers** to take to our stage! If you and/ or any family or community members would like to play, dance or demonstrate, please get in touch as soon as possible, with an idea of what you would like to share! We are also looking for people who would like to share **crafts, clothes or traditions** away from the stage at stands around the event. Please email Verity Groot v.groot@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk to express interest in performing or helping in any way!



West Jesmond Health Careers Fair – Wednesday 17th June 2026 9-12.30pm

Look out for the message this week from Mrs Oades about our unique and inspiring West Jesmond Health Careers Fair. The fair will be held in the hall at Jesmond United Reform Church on Wednesday 17th June, 9:00am -12.30pm for all of our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils. It is aimed at opening their minds to the hundreds of possible careers that are available to them, linked to the health sector and through a larger organisation like the NHS. To make the event as successful as possible for the children, we need lots of health/NHS linked volunteers, both past and present, who would be willing to come to our fair and talk to the children, in small groups as they make their way around the fair. If you think you would be able to assist in helping to make this venture a success, please contact Mrs Oades by email at loades@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk

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West Jesmond Musicians

Last week, our many West Jesmond musicians displayed the progress they are making with their instruments. The children ranged from beginners to those who are extremely proficient, and all bravely stepped up to perform in front of an audience of our families! Music is an important part of our school, and we are so pleased with the large, and growing numbers of children who sing or play an instrument. Here are a few pictures from the concert



Jesmond Community Festival

Jesmond Community Festival is coming up in May. There are lots of events for all the family over the month and our school are involved in a number including a musical showcase at the library.

<https://jesmondcommunityfestival.co.uk/>

Year 2 Parents Design and Technology Workshop

Last week, Year 2 took part in a workshop linked to our Design & Technology unit on mechanics. We had a fantastic time working with our parents and friends to bring our car designs to life! Using the plans we created in class, we made sure our cars included all the features we had discussed. Once they were built, we tested them on different ramps to see how fast they could go.



Reminder: Children's Cancer Run 17th May 2026

We are taking part in the Children's Cancer Run on 17th May. Join us! We are always one of the schools with the biggest teams of runners and supporters and we hope as many of you as possible will come and support this important cause and also enjoy the day. Please search for West Jesmond Primary to join our team. <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/ChildrensCancerRun2026>



Under 9's Football Team Reach City Finals

Our U9s football team have qualified for the finals of the City Tournament after going through on penalties. The standard from every team was exceptionally high and all the team performed exceptionally well. They will be playing the finals on the 7th of May.



West Jesmond Historians

Our Year 3 and Year 4 historians came to share some great creations made at home and at school. Take a look at the details in two models of a trireme. They both have many oars and eyes at the front. One of them even had the Greek name of its creator and a special battering ram at the front. We were so impressed with the detailed knowledge about the ship! We also have four children who have very carefully and precisely put together these Roman purses. They stand out for the very high quality of the stitches and the very professional finish!



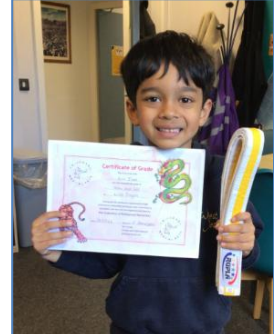
Clubs in the Summer Term and Free School Meals Places

You will have received a message via Weduc about clubs next term. We want our clubs to be accessible to as many children as possible. Remember, if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, we will fund the place in the club for them. This includes our **music and language tuition**, which is not on this timetable. Please speak to the office for details.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Hall		Rugby Mini - Henry Small Hall - Years 2, 3 & 4	Chess - Brady Brown-Alison Small Hall - Years 4, 5 & 6	Taekwondo - Ting Small Hall - Year 2 and 3	Fencing - Ian Anderson Small Hall - Years 5 & 6
	Yard	Head Cricket - 16 Males Main Yard - Reception				Cricket Club - 16 Males Main Yard - Years 5 & 6
	Other	Speech - Claudia 07 areas - Years 2 & 3	French - Ruth Music Room - Years 1 & 2	Speech - Claudia 07 areas - Years 1 & 2		Legs Club - Margaret H. Main Room - Years 1-2 Speech - Claudia Music Room - Reception
Lunchtime		Speech - Lavinia & Claudia Library - Years 1 & 2 Music Room - Year 4	Katting - Mhairi Library - Years 5 & 6 Speech - Ruth & Claudia 07 areas - Year 3 French - Esther & Lucy 07 areas - Year 3	Chess - Mrs Anderson Music Room - Years 3 & 4	Chess - Mrs Anderson Music Room - Years 5 & 6	Speech - Ruth 07 areas - Year 2
		French - Ruth 07 areas - Reception	Head Ball Game - 16 Males 07 areas - Reception	Chess - Mrs Anderson Music Room - Years 3 & 4	Chess - Mrs Anderson Music Room - Years 5 & 6	Speech - Ruth 07 areas - Year 2
After School	Hall	Rugby Mini - Henry Small Hall - Reception	Head Cricket - 16 Males Main Yard - Reception	Taekwondo - Ting Small Hall - Years 4, 5 and 6		Head Cricket - 16 Males Main Yard - Years 5 & 6
	Yard		Big Cricket - 16 Males & 16 Seniors Main Yard - Years 5 & 6	Head Football - Fredy Cartwright Main Yard - Years 3 & 4 Small Hall - Years 1 & 2 (Reception 2)		Head Cricket - 16 Males Main Yard - Years 5 & 6
	Other	Indian Music Club - Vajra Praveen Music Room - Years 1-6	Ukulele Club - Olive Galley Music Room - Years 4-6	Art Club - Brenda 07 areas - Year 2	Fun Little Fiddles - Beth 07 areas - Reception	Art Club - Brenda 07 areas - Year 1
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Achievers

We have some more great achievers this week! We celebrate a 250 Dojo winner, a Grade 2 pianist (with distinction!), a super Ice Skater, three Taekwondo stars with their certificates and belts and a rugby player with his medal and a very talented swimmer!! Well done everyone!



We would also like to give a special mention to one of our Year 5 children who we are extremely proud of. He was awarded a Child of Courage Award at the Best Of South Tyneside Awards which took place last week!



Friends of West Jesmond Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who entered our Easter Raffle and matched the (very sweet!) baby photos with the (still quite sweet!) staff! Thank you to our Friends of West Jesmond for creating this fun event and well done to our winners. The School Council, pictured, drew the raffle during our assembly today.



Holiday Activities

There are lots of great activities for families over the holidays in Newcastle and many are free. Here are a few links and at the bottom of this newsletter is a flyer about the local Best Holiday Ever

<https://newcastlegateshead.com/blog/family-easter-activites>

<https://www.facebook.com/NewcastleCityCouncil/posts/newcastles-best-holiday-ever-is-back-this-easter-bookings-are-now-open-for-free-/1381032357391621/>

<https://childrenandfamiliesnewcastle.org.uk/holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme>

I wish all of our West Jesmond Families a very happy holiday and our best wishes go to all of you who are marking the festivals of **Passover**, **Pascha**, **Vaisakhi** or **Easter that are** occurring during the next two weeks.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the start of the summer term.

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Further ahead

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| ❖ Monday 20 th April | Start of Summer Term |
| ❖ Monday 27 th April | Year 2 to Newcastle Castle |
| ❖ Monday 11 th – Thurs 14 th May | KS2 SATs (Year 6) |
| ❖ Sunday 17 th May | Children's Cancer Run |
| ❖ Thursday 21 st May | International Evening |
| ❖ Friday 22 nd May | Break up for Half Term |
| ❖ Monday 1 st June | Back to school |
| ❖ Monday 6 th July | KS1 (am) & KS2 (pm) Sports Days
(details to follow) |
| ❖ Tuesday 7 th July (am) | Reception Sports Day |
| ❖ Friday 17 th July | End of Summer Term |



ST VINCENTS
FREE AND FABULOUS



Easter Activities



Booking is essential as places are limited, over 5s

Book now on 0191 261 6027

All sessions are for children 5 and over.

**Thursday 9th April ~ 9-1pm, SEND Circus Skills & Show
(Breakfast 9-10am)**

**Thursday 9th April ~ 1-5pm, Circus Skills & Show
(Meal included)**

**Monday 13th April ~ 1-5pm, Beat Box & Break Dancing
(Meal included)**

Friday 16th April ~ 1-5pm, Rave (Meal included)

Meals and Refreshments included

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL



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West Jesmond Primary
School



Breakfast and After School Club

AVAILABLE
TO ALL:
**RECEPTION -
Y6**



MONDAY TO FRIDAY

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- **Breakfast Club**
8-8.45am
£7.50 pp, per session
- **After School Club**
3.20-5.55pm
£15.50 pp, per session
- **10% sibling discount applied to
subsequent child bookings**



**Sessions now available! Please
contact the office for further
details**

(subject to confirmation and demand)



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