

## West Jesmond Primary Family Newsletter 6 Spring Term 2026



Welcome to our end of half term newsletter. Well done to all our children for their efforts since the start of term. We hope the rain eases off and everyone has a lovely break!

### Musical Ex-Pupil Visit

We were very lucky to have an assembly with one of the fantastic musicians from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Jo Marsh, a previous student of West Jesmond, kicked off her challenge to perform in 80 schools across the UK to celebrate the Royal Philharmonic turning 80 this year. We were so lucky to have 3 brand new compositions by Sir John Rutter premiered for the very first time at our school! Thanks so much for inspiring all our young musicians.



### Racing F1 Assemblies

We had another incredible West Jesmond opportunity this week! The Formula 1 Society from Newcastle University invited our children to design the livery for their race car — and our artists and engineers rose to the challenge! A huge thank-you to the F1 Society for giving our children such an exciting experience! We can't wait to see which design makes it onto the track!



### Robinwood Residential.

Despite the rain and the mud, our Year 4 children had a great time at their Robinwood Residential. We were so proud of the children and the staff who bravely took on a range of new and adventurous activities. They worked together as a very kind, caring and supportive team and were able to rise to meet challenges and have many great new experiences.



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## A Sporty Week!

### Year 4 Multi Skills Team

Our Year 4 children, who were not at the residential, went to a multi skills Festival at Northumbria University. The team took part in lots of sporting activities alongside schools from all over the city. Mrs Hardy and Mr Mellons were very proud of all of their efforts and great teamwork!



### Girls Football Team

Well Done to our Year 5/6 Girls Football team for their efforts this week. On a very wet night, (and hampered by a poor-quality stand in coach!) they finished their remaining Girls Central League fixtures on Tuesday evening at Jesmond Park Academy. The girls battled hard, drawing two games and narrowly losing their two other games. Keep up the good work Girls!



### Year 2 Tennis Players

Well Done to members from Year 2 who took part in a Tennis Skills Festival at Walker Activity Dome, on Wednesday morning. They had a fantastic time, showing brilliant forehand, backhand, volleying and footwork skills throughout the festival.



### Achievers

We would also like to celebrate a talented gymnast and proud martial arts achiever with their yellow belt and a very proud gardener, with a most improved allotment award!



## Year 6 Lego Engineers

Sean from NERAP came in to do a Lego Engineering workshop with Year 6. He set us a group challenge to design and build a vehicle out of Lego with at least 4 wheels. To be successful, we needed to communicate clearly and demonstrate excellent teamwork in order to design, build and be ready to test our vehicles down the ramp, within a set time.



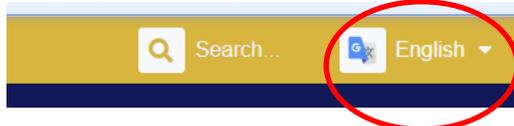
## Reception Historians

In Reception, we have been looking at how things change over time. We were lucky enough to receive old artefacts to explore and compare to things we have now. We had a special visitor who told us about what life was like when she was 4!



## Our School Website: [West Jesmond Primary - Home](#)

Our school website has lots of information on it for parents. We are always updating it and trying to add useful information. One very important feature of the website is the **translate** feature. By clicking on the circled icon at the top of the website, you can translate all the information, into one of the many languages used by families in our school.



## Safer Internet Day

Thank you to Miss MacKellar and our Digital Leaders for leading our assemblies on Wednesday and this week and talking with all the children about how to keep safe online. If you want any advice about keeping your child safe online, please speak to us at school.

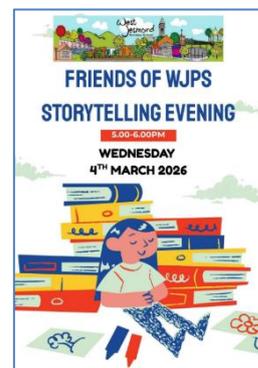
For Safer Internet Day, Year 2 explored the question, What is a voice assistant? We began by reading the story Roo's New Friend, where we discovered that Roo's new friend was a voice assistant. We then completed an activity where we thought carefully about the differences between humans and voice assistants, considering what they can and cannot do. This helped us to understand that voice assistants are a type of technology designed to help us, but they are not real people, and they do not have feelings like humans do.

### Half Term Free School Meal Vouchers

If your child is eligible for free School Meals, you will once again be receiving vouchers this holiday. Please contact the office if you are having any difficulties accessing them.

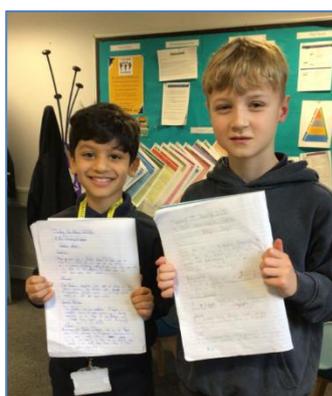
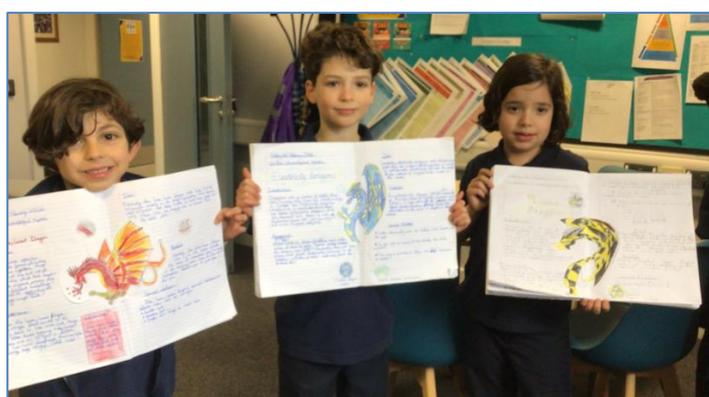
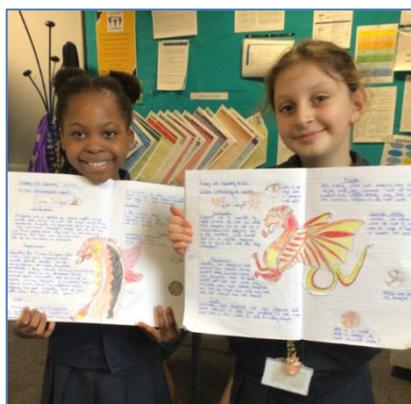
### Storytelling Evening

The Friends of West Jesmond are inviting all families to a story telling evening on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 5pm - 6pm at school. Come in your pyjamas, bring your favourite soft toy and settle down to hear the West Jesmond staff read their favourite bedtime stories. You will be able to buy hot chocolate and bedtime snacks from the Friends and buy pre-loved books if you wish. Please book a place for each child via Weduc in the payments section. The tickets are £2 per child. All children must be accompanied by an adult (there is no charge for adults).



### Fiery Writers!

The Land of Roar has been the class book in Year 3, and it has inspired some great writing. Here is a selection of our authors with their dragon reports! We also saw a lovely dragon created a home!



Have a lovely half term break everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

## Dates for Your Diary

### Next Week

- ❖ Half Term holiday

### Further ahead

- ❖ Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Back to school
- ❖ Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February Friends' Pre-loved Uniform Sale  
R2 Writing Workshop
- ❖ Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February R3 Writing Workshop
- ❖ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February R1 Writing Workshop  
Cake Stall 4D
  
- ❖ Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March Careers and Enterprise Week
- ❖ Weds 4<sup>th</sup> – Tues 10<sup>th</sup> March Scholastic Book Fair in school
- ❖ Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March Storytelling Evening
- ❖ Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March Shakespeare Performance Northern Stage
- ❖ Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation Evenings
- ❖ Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March Comic Relief
  
- ❖ Break up for Easter Holiday Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April
  
- ❖ Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April Start of Summer Term
  
- ❖ Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May Children's Cancer Run
  
- ❖ Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May International Evening
  
- ❖ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Break up for Half Term
  
- ❖ Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June Back to school
  
- ❖ Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July End of Summer Term



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# 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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