

The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 10 Summer Term 2025

Hello Everyone,

#### **Sports Days**

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 of 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 achievement and overcoming obstacles! Thank you to Mrs Peggs and Mr Mellons for organising such an action packed few days!



### Friends Summer Fair Thank You!

Thank you once again to the incredible Friends of West Jesmond for all the effort, time and thought they put into our very busy and successful Summer Fair. We are so grateful for all they have given our school and your children this year! Thank you to all the many, many volunteers who made all the activities possible and thank you to all of our families for supporting in such high numbers and so generously. Here we have pictures of the School Council and members of the Friends drawing the raffle and the traditional picture



of the deputy head getting soaked in the stocks! (There were some very accurate sponge throwers this year!)

### Reports 2025

Thank you to everyone who has 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 next week.

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

Over the last week, 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.

## Moving On Up Week 2025

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 this time has 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. With this newsletter look for a useful resource 'Summer Holiday Calendar' that some parents may find useful to help talk to children about the timings of the holidays and the return to school.

## Pupil-Parent Library: Can you help?

Mr Snelders is looking for parent volunteers to help with our Pupil-Parent Library from September. We would need you from around 3pm to help set the library up and then to around 3.30 -3.40pm to help sign in and sign out books. The library is a very important part of school and helps us to share the many books we have with our families. It is a popular part of the end of a Friday and with your help, we can grow it next year! Thank you!

# FSM Vouchers over Summer

We are pleased that once again this holiday we are able to send vouchers to all families who are eligible for Free School Meals. Funding this holiday is 6 weeks at £15 per week. Please contact school with any questions about the scheme.

## **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 the families for everything they have given to West Jesmond.

# Dinner Staff Needed: Would You Like to Join Our Team?

Parents, carers, and friends, we are looking to recruit for our fantastic lunchtime team who play, care for and keep safe our children. Do you have an hour/hour and half during the day and would like to join the team? Please speak with the school office to find out more!

## Incredible Fundraising: Children's Cancer Run

Thank you to all the runners who took part in the Children's Cancer Run in May. We are delighted to announce we have raised an amazing **£3900!** Wow!







#### **Achievers**

A number of special achievers have come to tell us about their efforts and successes this week. Here we have two great gymnasts, two enormously proud end of season netballers and a very talented member of Greek school with his end of year certificate! Well done everyone!



### **Summer Activities in Newcastle**

There are lots of activities for children over the summer in Newcastle and lots of are free! A great place to look is on the on <u>Newcastle Support Directory | Newcastle Support Directory</u> Here are two activities you might be interested in. The Summer Holidays Activities is part of the Newcastle Council-funded Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) programme.



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

# Dates for Your Diary:

# Next Week

✤ Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 End of Year Cinema Visit
✤ Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 Trip to Cullercoats RNLI
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 18th July 2025	End of Term

# **Further Ahead**

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Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Start of Term

Training Day Start of Term