



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 7 Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



A Very Sporty Week!

This has been a week full of sporting activity for lots of West Jesmond children. We have been competing in the Newcastle Games 500 events and also joining in with local cricket competitions. The sports have included, New Age Kurling, Balance Bike Grand Prix, Ultimate Frisbee, Rugby, Multi-skills and Sports Leadership. We have been so proud of the tremendous attitudes of all our children and have also been excited to see all the medals that children have been coming back with! We believe that, over this year, West Jesmond will again be one of the schools with the highest levels of sporting participation and representation across Newcastle. Here are some of our Dodgeball team. Look out for lots of photographs next week).



New Playground Equipment

This week has seen the launch of our new fabulous seating and playtime games and equipment. It is safe to say, the new outdoor games, seating cushions and stages have all been a huge hit and they clearly **love** them! *"I love the bean bags because they are a comfy place to sit with my friends."* -Y4 *"The giant chess sets because they are great fun to play with."* -Y6 *"I love, love, love the stages! They have loads of space to perform on!"* -Y2 *"The large Jenga set is so cool! I love playing with it and bonding with friends."* -Y5. **Huge thanks to the Friends of West Jesmond for funding these amazing resources for us!**



National Assessments

We are also very proud of children in Year 1 and Year 4 who have taken part in statutory national tests this week. Year 1 have been taking their Phonics assessments and Year 4 the Multiplication Checks. When our children take national tests, we aim to ensure they are prepared so they can show their full understanding, but without creating a sense of undue pressure. These tests make up some of the performance measures that judge a school, but more importantly help us to see how our children are progressing and whether there are areas of teaching and learning or support we need to adapt to further improve.

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West Jesmond In The Countryside

Last week, Year 4 took part in one of our favourite annual events. They travelled to Wooler for the Glendale Children's Countryside Day. We had the best time seeing lots of different animals, witnessing how many local products are made and even saw some dancing sheep! Thank you to all the parent volunteers and the Friends who helped us make the trip possible.



Allotment Open Day

A huge thank you to all the parents, children, staff, our fantastic Friends group, and our wonderful volunteers who joined us for the school allotment open day this weekend. Despite the drizzly weather, spirits remained high, and everyone had a fantastic time. It was a real pleasure to showcase the incredible hard work that has gone into the allotment, from the beautiful plants for sale and the delicious homemade cakes to the outstanding performance by our brilliant choir. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped make it such a special day. We are so proud of what our school community can achieve together!



Year 4 Art Workshops

As part of our drawing topic in Art & Design, Year 4 had a special art workshop with artist Rhonda. We focussed on adding expression and texture to our drawings to create our own portraits. Thank you, Rhonda, for this wonderful workshop!



We Need You! Friends Summer Fair Friday July 3rd 3.30 – 5.30pm

One of our most enjoyable events of the summer is the Friends of West Jesmond Summer Fair. To ensure we can have a successful fair we need lots of helpers to set up and clear away the fair and to staff the stalls. Look out for a message from the Friends on Weduc and at the bottom of this newsletter for how you can help.



Reminder: School Places 2026-27: Leavers and Places Available

If your child is leaving this year, please can you tell us as soon as possible (over the next few days). This is very important to help us plan our classes for next year and to be able to offer places to families on our waiting lists. **We may have a small number of places available for children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) from September. If any parents know of families who are looking for a place at our school. Please ask them to contact the school office to discuss possible places and the admissions process.**

Achievers

This week, we have a very proud swimmer with her Level 3 certificate and two footballers with end of year awards – including a Spectators' Player of the Season! Well done!



I hope everyone has a lovely weekend!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

URGENT!

The Summer Fair is our biggest fundraiser of the year, helping pay for trips, events, resources and materials that benefit all our children. However, we're currently short of volunteers.

The fair is organised by a committee of just 3 people, supported by a small group of regular volunteers. Without more help, **we won't be able to run the event at its usual scale.**

We're asking every family to help in at least one way:

- Take a one-hour stall shift
- Help with setup or cleanup
- Organise donations
- Encourage others to get involved

Many employers offer paid volunteering days, and because the PTA is a registered charity, these can often be used to support school events. If your employer offers this, please consider using some time to help.

We need volunteers for a range of roles on Friday 3 July. If we can't fill these by the end of June, **we may need to reduce or cancel some activities.**

If you can help, even for an hour, please contact Hazel, Sally or Camille, or email friendswjps@mail.com

Thank you for your support. We'd love to make this year's Summer Fair another great event for all the children.



Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

- ❖ Monday 15th June
- ❖ Tuesday 16th June
- ❖ Wednesday 17th June
- ❖ Friday 19th June

3C Visit to Discovery Museum
5D Centre For Life visit
WJPS Health Careers Fair
New Reception Parents Meeting 6pm
Cake Stall 1S

Further ahead

- ❖ Wednesday 24th June
- ❖ Monday 29th June
- ❖ Wednesday 1st July
- ❖ Friday 3rd July

WJPS Green Day
Newcastle Sings Choir Event
Year 4 Scottish Opera Performance

Friends Summer Fair



- ❖ Monday 6th July
- ❖ Tuesday 7th July
- ❖ Wednesday 8th
- ❖ Monday 13th July (pm)
- ❖ Tuesday 14th July

- ❖ Wednesday 15th July
- ❖ Friday 17th July

KS1 (am) & KS2 (pm) Sports Days
Reception Sports Morning 9.30am
EYFs Seaside Day
Year 3 Voices in Colour Performance
Year 1 Trip to Cullercoats
Year 6 Leavers Cinema Trip

Year 6 Graduation Evening
End of Summer Term

A graphic titled 'Cake Stall Rota' featuring illustrations of various cakes and cupcakes. The rota lists dates and corresponding year groups or events.

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



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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