



## The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 8 Summer Term 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Phew! This has been a very busy week in school, and I hope this newsletter reflects some of the many activities that have been taking place.

### West Jesmond Health Careers Fair

We try extremely hard at West Jesmond to provide as many experiences as possible that open our children's minds to new interests and possibilities in their futures. This week, we held an event that we believe is unique to our school. The West Jesmond Health Careers Fair allowed children from Year 4 to Year 6 to learn about the huge range of jobs in the NHS and in wider areas of health. The event was held in the Jesmond URC hall and children were able to talk to a wide range of experts about the many and varied roles people do. The event was possible thanks to so many of our parents who gave us their time and expertise running the varied information stalls as well as contributors and volunteers from a range of health providers. Above all, we want to thank our Raising Aspirations, Enterprise and Careers Lead, Mrs Oades, who worked tirelessly to provide another fantastic event for the children



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## Green Day Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June: Wear Green!

We are excited to be holding our annual Green Day on Wednesday 24th June. Throughout the day, children will take part in a range of activities designed to help them learn more about protecting our environment and the positive actions we can all take to care for our planet.



To support this special day, children are invited to dress in something green. If you are able, we invite families to donate to Just One Tree. Just One Tree is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to helping save the planet, one tree at a time. For every £1 donated, one tree is planted, helping to restore ecosystems and combat climate change. Please follow this link for the donation page <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/west-jesmond-primary-school-just-one-tree>

## Year 4 Environmental Champions

Year 4 have been developing their environmental awareness well ahead of Green Day.

As a part of their Science topic, 'How can we attract more birds to our local area?' Year 4 went on a litter pick in Jesmond. They discussed how litter and pollution could be a problem in helping to attract birds.



## Year 5 Visit To The Centre For Life

All Year 5 classes visited the Centre for Life in Newcastle. They had really fascinating visits and saw lots of scientific exhibitions. They took part in a space workshop using robots to detach solar panels from the international space station and learned about the food astronauts ate. During the planetarium workshop, they also learned about star constellations and different planets.



## Year 6 Ocean Researchers

On Friday afternoon, Year 6 were incredibly lucky to take part in a live zoom link-up to an ocean research boat which left Brazil on May 17th and is currently on its way to Africa. We got a full tour of the ship and spoke to many of the crew on board about the different job roles available: pilots (including vehicle pilots), first officers, captains, chefs, oceanographers, geologists and engineers, to name but a few! We all (children and staff!) found it fascinating to learn all about the discoveries of new species of animals and rocks, including those pieces of volcanic rock collected from the ocean floor, by the RV (robotic vehicle). Thank you so much to one of our parents, Mr Cartigny, for helping us set up this amazing experience!



### Safe Travel To School Workshop

Year 6 had a visit from Deborah, the Youth Liaison Officer from Nexus, who helped us to think about how we can become more independent when travelling to and from secondary school next year. She explained how to use a pop card to get discounted travel, how to use Newcastle city buses and how we can keep ourselves safe when using the public transport system. We now all feel much more confident about getting to our new schools in September.



### Year 1 Designers

In Design and Technology this half term, Year 1 have been investigating how to make a structure that can stand independently. They have been using a variety of cardboard tubes, paper, card and string then adding decorative features to enhance their creations. The children have strengthened their structures with glue and masking tape to make them stand. I think we can all agree that we had some incredible outcomes.



### Introducing The West Jesmond All Stars Club!

We are proud to announce the new name for our Breakfast and After School Club. By popular demand the children and staff wanted to give the club a more interesting name. A competition was held, and we received lots and lots of fantastic suggestions from the children. Three members of the club, Rocco, Bertie and Grayson were our winners. They came up with idea of using the existing initials of the ASC and creating the new name -The West Jesmond All Stars Club!

### Earlier Opening Times From September!! 7.30am

We are looking to make a few changes to the club for next year, including opening up at an earlier time of 7.30am to help parents who might be on their way to work. If you are interested in a place in the club from September, please speak to our School Office.



### Library Reading Challenge

Jesmond Library is offering the Summer Reading Challenge for 4–11-year-olds this year for the first time as part of our contribution to the National Year of Reading.

### Library Readathon Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Drop In For A Story With Mr Ward.

We are joining in with the **Jesmond Library 24-hour Readathon, from 1pm Friday 26 June – 1pm Saturday 27 June.** There will be story reading all across the 24 hours and everyone is invited to support the event. Mr Ward will be reading at 4pm on Friday and it would be great to have some families in the audience!



## Fantastic Opportunity For West Jesmond Dancers!

Dance City is looking for young dancers to join the CAT (Centre for Advanced Training)!

This is an incredible scheme developing dancing talent!

Open auditions for September 2026 entry are on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 11am Dance City

For more information, have a look at their website [Centre for Advanced Training \(CAT\) - Dance City](https://www.dancecity.co.uk) or find us on Instagram @dancecitytrainingacademy.



## Achievers

We have got lots of great achievers this week! Here we have photographs of proud gymnasts, dancers, ice skaters and footballers. We also have a very proud Park Runner with at-shirt to celebrate completing 100 runs and a year 3 artist with a fantastic plasticine representation of characters from their class book! Well done everybody!



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](mailto: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 – Wednesday
- ❖ Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July
- ❖ **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**
- ❖ Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

KS2 Computing Workshops  
Year 4 Scottish Opera Performance  
**WJPS Green Day**  
NERAP Moving Up workshop Year 6  
Windmill Engineer Visitor Year 1  
Cake Stall 1Y  
Library Readathon: Story With Mr Ward 4pm

### Further ahead

- ❖ Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June
- ❖ Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July
- ❖ **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**
  
- ❖ Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July (pm)
- ❖ Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July
  
- ❖ Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Newcastle Sings Choir Event  
Year 4 Scottish Opera Performance  
**Friends Summer Fair**



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

**Cake Stall Rota**  
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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



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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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