



West Jesmond Primary Family Newsletter 4 Spring Term 2026



At West Jesmond, we pride ourselves on the number of additional experiences we offer our children through the curriculum and through our extended curriculum beyond the school day. Ofsted praised us for '**A vast array of enrichment opportunities**'. We are always looking for new and exciting opportunities for the children and try to be the school that says yes when we are approached with fresh ideas. We welcome suggestions and offers from our parents and children.

North East Primary Choir of the Year 2026

One very exciting new opportunity is taking place next week. We are proud that our school has been selected to take part in the North East Primary Choir of the Year 2026. Mrs Anderson will be taking our Year 5 and 6 choir to this prestigious event on Monday 2nd Feb at The Glasshouse International Centre for Music! We look forward to some great singing and fingers crossed!



A Taste of Spanish Sunshine

At the end of a rather dark and wet January, Year 4 went looking for the sun in the south of Spain. As part of their geography topic on tourism in Andalusia and Northumberland, they tried out some tapas dishes at Spanish restaurant El Torero. The children are exploring their big question, 'Is tourism always, sometimes or never positive for an area and why?' Thanks to the very welcoming staff at El Torero, they had a fantastic time!



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Year 5 Squash Taster Sessions

Year 5 have been enjoying their squash taster sessions at the Northumberland Club. We have noted a number of very talented players and hope some of our children will take up this great sport! Look out for a flyer with more information about playing squash.



Reminder: Inclusion Coffee Morning For Parents 11th February

All parents and carers are welcome to join us for an informal drop-in coffee morning on Wednesday the 11th of February 9am-10am. It will be a great opportunity to make connections with other families; find out what support and resources are available in schools and in the community and talk to professionals and organisations that will be able to offer advice on a range of issues.

Healthy Packed Lunches and No Nuts!

If your child brings a packed lunch, please remember not to include any items containing nuts or sweets. We are a no nuts school to protect the members of our community with nut allergies.

There are lots of great ideas and advice for healthy and balanced packed lunches from the NHs. [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#)



Snacks: If your child is in KS2 and brings in a break time snack please choose a healthy option e.g. a piece of fruit. Remember no chocolate bars or crisps are allowed.

Arriving On Time Every day – Every Minute Counts!

We know there will always be an exceptional time when a child is late for school, and we will always understand that. The vast majority of West Jesmond children arrive on school on time every day. However, there are a small number of children who are arriving after the start of school on a regular basis. Research shows that children who attend school regularly and punctually achieve better outcomes both academically and socially. Every minute late equals lost learning time.

Why it is important to be on time every day!

The start of the school day is a vital time for children — it's when key learning begins, routines are established, and important instructions for the day are shared.

A child arriving late might:

- miss introductions to lessons and key explanations
- feel nervous/anxious joining a class already underway
- disrupt the learning of others
- begin the day feeling rushed or behind



Children in Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 should be ready to enter class promptly at 8.45am. Children in Years 4-6 should be ready to enter class at 8.50am.

After this time, your child should enter school via the main school office, and their arrival will be marked as late. **Parents must come into school with your child and complete a late slip to explain the lateness. No child should ever be left to come into school through the office by themselves.**

Year 2 Scientists' Winter Walk

As part of our Seasonal Change study in Science, Year 2 have been out at the Community Orchard this week on a 'Winter Walk'. We went on a mini beast hunt and tried to spot some signs of Winter. We also managed to take part in the 'Big Schools Birdwatch' and noted down the different birds that we could see.



Would You Like A Place For Out of School Club?

We have a number of places available at our Breakfast and After School Club and have some flexibility if parents want particular days or sessions. Please contact our school business Manager, Nikki Corbett, in the school office to see what we can offer to suit your needs.



Friends of West Jesmond Events Spring and Summer 2026

Friends Of West Jesmond

Events - 2026

- 12/02/26 - Y1/2 Things You Love Disco - 3.15-5 pm
- 25/02/26 - Coffee Morning and pre loved Uniform sale - 8.45 am
Pre loved uniform sale - 3pm
- 04/03/26 - Storytelling Evening - 5-6.30 pm
- 23/03/26 - Easter Fundraiser/ Raffle
- 14/05/26 - Y3/4 Beach Party - 3.15-5pm
- 03/07/26 - Summer Fair - 3.30-5.15pm

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

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| ❖ Monday 2 nd February | Choir of The Year (Glasshouse) |
| ❖ Mon 2 nd – Weds 4 th | Year 5 Bikeability |
| ❖ Thursday 5 th February | Eco Team to Net Zero Festival |
| ❖ Friday 6 th February | Cake Stall 4BC |

Further ahead

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| ❖ Monday 2 nd February | Choir of The Year (Glasshouse) |
| ❖ Monday 9 th – Weds 11 th February | Year 4 Robinwood Residential |
| ❖ Wednesday 11 th February | Inclusion Coffee Morning |
| ❖ Thursday 12 th February | KS1 Disco (3.30-5pm) |
| ❖ Friday 13 th February | School Closed for OLT Training Day |
| ❖ Half Term Holiday | |
| ❖ Monday 23 rd February | Back to school |
| ❖ Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th March | Careers and Enterprise Week |
| ❖ Weds 4 th – Tues 10 th March | Scholastic Book Fair in school |
| ❖ Tuesday 10 th March | Shakespeare Performance Northern Stage |
| ❖ Tuesday 17 th & Thursday 19 th | Parent Consultation Evenings |
| ❖ Friday 20 th March | Comic Relief |
| ❖ Break up for Easter Holiday Thursday 2 nd April | |
| ❖ Monday 20 th April Start of Summer Term | |
| ❖ 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 |
| ❖ Friday 17 th July | End of Summer Term |



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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