



## The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 2 Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

### Year 2 Historians

We start the newsletter this week with some great pictures of Year 2 enjoying their trip to Newcastle Castle Keep. While learning about the history of our castle and life within it, the children get the chance to experience the past through dressing up and being in role. I am pleased no teachers ended up in the dungeons this year!



### Year 4 Parent Workshop

Thank you to all of our Year 4 parents and carers who came to our history workshop this week. We hope you enjoyed sharing our learning about the gods of Ancient Greece and designing your artefact.



### Reception Resources Requests

Our EYFS team are putting a shout-out for donations of jigsaws, games and puzzles that your children might have outgrown. Please send them into class with your children. Thank you!



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## Reception Artists

Reception children have been inspired by the work of Frida Kahlo and have been creating portraits ourselves. We are very proud of the artists that we have become!



## Year 1 visitor,

This week in Year 1, we were delighted to welcome a very exciting visitor into school. Mr Warren, one of our parents, came to talk to us about his expedition to the Arctic, linking perfectly with our geography topic *From Hot to Cold*. He showed the children where the Arctic is located on a globe and explained its position in relation to the United Kingdom. We learned all about how

cold it is in the Arctic and what special clothing is needed to stay warm. He also shared fascinating photographs from his expedition and demonstrated how his thermal imaging camera works. It was a fantastic and memorable experience that really brought our learning to life.



## Railway Safety Assemblies

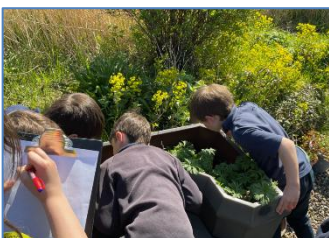
This week, we have had Deborah (Youth Liaison Officer) from NEXUS talking to our children about keeping safe around the metro tracks and trains. She showed us the features of the new Metro trains and taught us all about keeping safe – including at level crossings when they are flashing. Some of the key messages to children as we move towards the summer and towards holidays were:



- **Never trespass on the tracks:** This is incredibly dangerous and illegal. The railway is not a shortcut or a playground.
- **Always use designated crossings safely:** Look both ways, listen for trains, and obey signals.
- **Stand well back from the platform edge:** Trains can create a strong draft.
- **Be aware of your surroundings:** Avoid distractions like mobile phones when near the railway.

## Year 4 Scientists

We have all been noticing how nature is fully springing into life in a sea of blossom, bulbs and greenery. Year 4 went on the trip to the allotment to launch their 'Living Things and their Habitats' topic, looking for what wildlife lives in our local area. Look out for your chance to visit the allotment during the **Open Day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**.



## Well Done Girl's Football Team



Our Under 10s girl football team played in the City Finals on Thursday night. The team played extremely well and reached the semi-finals. They drew their game and just missed out through a penalty shoot out! We were proud of the great effort by all the team.

Here is a picture of one of our footballers from the team who has been taken on as part of the development pathway at Durham Women's FC.



## Achievers

This week, we would like to celebrate two girls who have gained their Grade 1 Ballet certificates with extremely high marks, two successful rugby players and some enormously proud end of season footballers – including a Player of the Season! Well done everyone!



Have a lovely long weekend everyone and Happy May Day!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

## Dates for Your Diary

### Next Week

- ❖ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Under 10's Boys Football Finals  
Year 4 Visit to Buddhist Centre

### Further ahead

- ❖ Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

3N Great North Museum Workshop  
KS2 SATs (Year 6)  
Yr 3/4 Beach Party  
Yr 1 Parents' Phonic Workshop

**Children's Cancer Run**



- ❖ Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**
- ❖ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

WJPS Festival of Music Jesmond Library  
**International Evening**  
Break up for Half Term

- ❖ Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June
- ❖ Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- ❖ Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- ❖ Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June
- ❖ **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**
- ❖ **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**
- ❖ Wednesday 17<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 (am)
- ❖ Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Back to school  
Yr 5 Dance City Workshop  
Yr 6 Dance City Workshop  
Yr 4 to Wooler Country Show  
**Allotment Open Day**  
**WJPS Green Day**  
WJPS Health Careers Fair  
Year 4 Scottish Opera Performance  
**Friends Summer Fair**  
KS1 (am) & KS2 (pm) Sports Days  
Reception Sports Day  
Year 3 Voices in Colour Performance  
Year 6 Graduation Evening  
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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