



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 3 Spring Term 2025



We hope all of our West Jesmond Families have had a happy week and are looking forward to the weekend. We especially hope no one has suffered too much damage from the wind. We are sure you will understand that, due to the amber warning, we took a very cautious indoor approach at school today to ensure the safety of all of our children.

Parent Partnership: Can your help our school? Wednesday 29th January 9am

Over a number of years, we have had a successful Parent Partnership Group at West Jesmond. This group consists of a number of parents/carers who will meet with us to discuss how we work in partnership with our families. The comments from the meetings are fed back to the wider school leadership team to help us make changes to further improve our school. In the past the group's suggestions have included ideas on homework, communications, trips, uniform, curriculum workshops and more. The group is very informal, with teas and coffees and to make it easier for more families to come, the meeting will be straight after drop-off in the mornings. Please feel free to bring any young siblings you will have with you and we will set up some toys for them to play with whilst we chat. We hope to see you there! If you would like to attend please sign up via Weduc. The form is in the Payments – Offers section or give your name to the school office.

100 Dojo Achievements

Many of your children will be coming home over this term with their 100 Dojo certificates. We award Dojo's when we see our children following the West Jesmond Way around school and demonstrating the Fantastic Five Qualities of West Jesmond Learners. The children come to see us to be awarded their special certificates and to talk about the efforts that helped them to earn them. We hope all children will gain their certificates this year and we look forward to seeing their proud faces arriving at our office door!



Pupil Parent Library Plea

It's great to see so many families making use of our mobile library after school on a Friday. There is a great range of stories and genres to discover. If you haven't explored it and found your next 'great read' yet, you will find the library under the undercroft (next to the cake stall).

To ensure that we keep the library well stocked, please could any completed borrowed books be returned. You'll be pleased to hear that, unlike many libraries, we don't operate a fines system. If you have any pre-used children's books that are gathering dust on your shelves, we would gratefully welcome a donation to bolster the library choice even further.



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West Jesmond Great Writers

We have seen lots of fantastic writing this week. It is lovely to see the pride and enjoyment the children have when reading their work out loud. Here are a team of Year 2 authors sharing their response to their class book and describing how they would have felt as a child during the Great Fire of London.



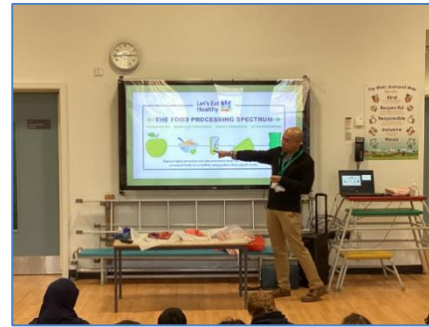
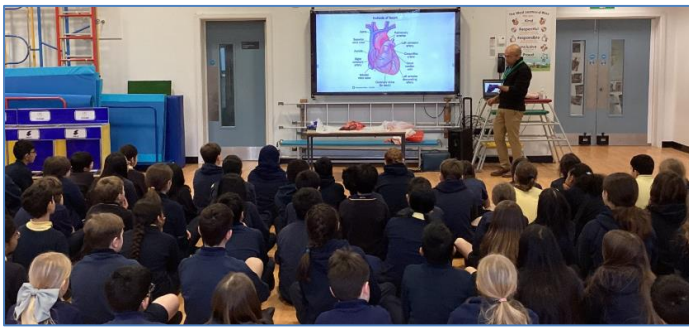
Too Ill for school?

We have previously shared the NHS advice to parents on childhood illness and attending school. We know many of you find it useful and wanted to share it with you again. If ever you are unsure about whether your child should be in school please ring the school office.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Year 6 Learning About The Body

Year 6 had a fantastic visit from Dr Srivastava who taught us all about the circulatory and respiratory systems. He told us all about the human body, how different organs work and the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Ask us all about it!



WJPS And The Big Garden Birdwatch

This weekend, our school, led by our Eco Committee, is taking part in the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds **Big Garden Birdwatch**. [Big Garden Birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

It is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Sign up for free at the RSPB website to record your sightings and help us learn how birds are thriving in our area! This information is really important to help researchers identify any birds that are not doing so well and think about what we can do to help them.

Have a lovely weekend everyone – and good luck birdwatching (look out for those pesky green parakeets!)

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

- ❖ Monday 27th January
Year 5 SEN Reviews
Year 5 Floodlit Football Competition (after school)
- ❖ Tuesday 28th January
Parent and Carers Forum PINS meeting
Year 6 Floodlit Football Competition (after school)
- ❖ Wednesday 29th January
Year SEND Reviews
Parent Partnership Meeting (9am) All Welcome
Year 6 Netball Competition
Year 5/6 CPR Training
- ❖ Thursday 30th January
Year 2V SEND Reviews
Year 5 Dance Workshops
- ❖ Friday 31st January
Year 4 Bikeability
Cake Stall 2D

Further Ahead

- ❖ Weds 5th – Friday 7th Feb
Book Fair in School
- ❖ Wednesday 5th February
Reception Visit to Northumberland Zoo
- ❖ Monday 10th – Weds 12th February
Year 4 Robinwood Residential Visit
- ❖ Thursday 13th February
Year 3 Parents' Maths Workshop
Friends Key Stage 1 Disco
- ❖ Tuesday 18th – Thursday 20th Feb
Reception Writing Workshops
- ❖ Thursday 20th February
Year 4 Trip to El Torero Restaurant
- ❖ Friday 21st February
Break up for half term.
- ❖ Monday 3rd March
Back to school
- ❖ Thursday 6th March
Storytelling Evening
- ❖ Thursday March 13th
Northern Stage Shakespeare Performance
- ❖ Tuesday 18th & Thursday 20th March **Parent Consultations**
- ❖ Friday 11th April
End of Spring Term

