



## The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 4 Summer Term 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

### Well Done Year 6

Can we start the newsletter by saying a big well done to our Year 6 children. We have been enormously proud of them all this week as they have completed their Key Stage 2 SATs. All of our children approached the week with a great attitude and have worked extremely hard. Huge thanks go to all of our Year 6 team for working so hard with our children and thank you at home for your great support this week and leading up to the SATs.

### International Evening 2026 May 21<sup>st</sup> 6-8pm

International Evening is nearly here! From 6-8pm next Thursday, we will gather on the main yard for performances from around the world and to share food together. There is no charge, but there will be soft drinks available to buy on the night so please bring change. **Entrance to the event is through the side gate on Tankerville Terrace (next to reception classes). If you are performing or bringing food, please come through the main school office entrance between 5pm – 5.45pm.**

**Dress for the day:** Please come dressed to reflect an area you feel close to, this can include sports team clothing. The **children and staff can come to school on the day in their choice of clothes**, and there will be time in the day for them to discuss their choices.

**How You Can Help:** There are still opportunities to show case a culture or region you feel an affinity with, by having a table or small area to talk to people or share information and activities, showcasing traditions, culture or clothing (this does not need to be a commitment for the full 2 hours!) Please email Mrs Groot at [v.groot@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:v.groot@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk) if you would like to do this.

**Food Donations:** On the evening, please bring along a contribution of food to share, like a street party. This will be roughly arranged by areas. Please include information to display about where it is from, any reasons it is special and label it in case of allergies and dietary needs. Labels will be available at the tables if necessary.

**Decorations:** If you would like to lend us anything (clearly labelled) such as Tablecloths, flags, decorative items to transform our yard for the night and can be added to the tables as people arrive, please send in to school next week so we have an idea of what we have.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone come together and create a beautiful, shared evening!

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### Children's Cancer Run Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Final information and important reminders for the day

Run packs have now arrived in school and will be coming home with your child this week. Please look out for them in book bags!

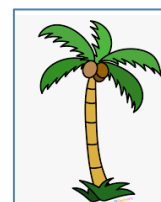
This year, our WJPS run time is **11.15am** and our car park is **car park A**.

We will **meet in the school's area** (look for our West Jesmond banners flying high!) **opposite the Border Minstrel, from 11am**. After getting some wonderful runner photos for our West Jesmond album, we will then move off at 11.10am to either the mini mile start or the 3 & 5 mile start, depending on your run choices. At the end of your run, please look for the WJPS banners near the finish line to come and get your finisher photos taken with your medal and enjoy your goodie bag with our WJPS family.

Don't forget to share your fundraising information with family and friends to help us raise as much as we can for this incredible charity. We are looking forward to seeing you all there on Sunday!

### Year 3 and 4 Beach Party Disco – Thank You Friends of West Jesmond

Wow and thank you to Our incredible Friends of West Jesmond for another very busy and very fun event for our children. The hall had a very warming beach holiday vibe and our Year 3 and Year 4 children looked great in their summer party clothes (we just hope the weather can match it!) Thank you to all the parents and friends who gave up time to create such a great event for our children.



### Learning About Shabbat

Last week, Year 1 welcomed in Seth who talked to us about Judaism as a part of our RE (Religious Education lessons). We were really interested to find out about the importance of Shabbat and the customs and traditions that are a part of these days. We listened to a Jewish prayer and learnt all about the special wine and bread that people have on a Friday night. Shabbat shalom. Thank you so much Seth!



### Year 4 Learning About Buddhism

Year 4 have also been deepening their understanding of people's religions and beliefs. They went on a visit to the Buddhist Compassion Centre in South Gosforth. The visit was to help us answer our BIG question "What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life?" We learned about Buddhist beliefs and ways of life. We even had a chance to practise meditating by focusing on our breathing to find inner peace.



### Well Done Under 10 Football Team!

Last week, we told you about our Girl's team playing at the City Finals and this week it was the turn of our mixed Under 10 team. They played really well and went unbeaten throughout the whole tournament - narrowly missing out on the semi-finals on goal difference but then winning the 5<sup>th</sup> place play-off scoring some brilliant goals.



### Achievers

In our Achievers section this week we want to celebrate four of our Irish Dancers who competed at the weekend. They showed us their medals, certificates, sashes and trophies! Well done girls!



We also have photographs of a very talented gymnast in Year 3. He took part in an Artistic Gymnastics competition in Ipswich and came 16<sup>th</sup> overall out of 69 boys from across the country in his age group. A brilliant achievement!



Can we also share with you this incredible suit of armour created by one of our Year 2 children as a part of the Newcastle Castle Topic. The quality and detail are incredible! Well done Sir Knight!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

## Dates for Your Diary

### Next Week

- ❖ **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May** **Children's Cancer Run**
- ❖ **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** **WJPS Festival of Music Jesmond Library**
- ❖ **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** **International Evening**
- ❖ **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** **Cricket Coaching Sessions Key Stage 2  
Year 6 Leavers' Cake Stall**
  
- ❖ **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** **Break up for Half Term**

### Further ahead

- ❖ **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** **Back to school**
- ❖ **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** **Yr 5 Dance City Workshop**
- ❖ **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** **Yr 6 Dance City Workshop**
- ❖ **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June** **Yr 4 to Wooler Country Show**
- ❖ **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June** **Allotment Open Day**
- ❖ **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** **WJPS Health Careers Fair**
- ❖ **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** **WJPS Green Day**
- ❖ **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** **Year 4 Scottish Opera Performance**
- ❖ **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** **Friends Summer Fair**
- ❖ **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July** **KS1 (am) & KS2 (pm) Sports Days**
- ❖ **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** **Reception Sports Day**
- ❖ **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July** **Year 3 Voices in Colour Performance**
- ❖ **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** **Year 6 Graduation Evening**
- ❖ **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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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