



# West Jesmond Primary School

## West Jesmond Primary Family Newsletter 10 Spring Term 2026



### Festivals and Celebrations For West Jesmond Families

This Spring, many of our families will be marking special days as this year, the end of March, sees lots of religious and cultural events coinciding. Last week we had families celebrating Holi and at the start of April is Passover and then Easter.

This Friday we have two events for West Jesmond children on the same day!

The end of Ramadan will be celebrated with Eid Al-Fitr, and it is also Nowruz, the Persian New Year. We hope all of our families marking these significant days, have a wonderful time and we look forward to hearing from our children about how they have enjoyed the day.



### Big Walk and Wheel 2026: Will You Make A Change?

Thank you everyone who has joined in with our Big Walk and Wheel Challenge! We are asking every one of our families to make a change over the next week and into the Spring and Summer. Can you help us by cutting down car journeys and travelling to school by foot, scooters and cycles?

If you must drive, please drive and stride by parking away from school!

**Come on everyone, let's work together to make the journey to school safe, healthy and happy!**



### Children's Cancer Run 2026 17<sup>th</sup> May

We are taking part in the Children's Cancer Run on 17th May.

Join us! We are always one of the schools with the biggest teams of runners and supporters and we hope as many of you as possible will come and support this important cause and also enjoy the day.

Please search for West Jesmond Primary to join our

team. <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/ChildrensCancerRun2026>



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### A Gladiators Champion Visit West Jesmond!

Last week we had an incredibly special guest in our assembly - Gladiator-winner and GB gymnast Joe Fishburn! He told us all about his journey and how he overcame adversity to achieve some amazing goals by never giving up. Our children got to ask him lots of questions about his life and career, and we even managed to get him to show us a backflip! Thank you so much for visiting Joe!



### Important: Supervision In Playground At The End Of The Day:

#### Please Help To Protect Our School Grounds And Keep Children Safe!

We have suffered some damage to our Secret Garden, raised beds and school grounds caused by children climbing and playing on them at the end of the school day. Please can we ask parents to ensure children do not climb on the little house in the Secret Garden, or any of our walls, fences, chairs or raised beds.

To ensure the yard is safe and comfortable for everyone, please do not let children play football/ball games or ride bikes on the school yard.

Thank you for your support

### Special Visitor In Year 3

Adam Smith, vicar from St Luke's Church in Newcastle, and father to two children at West Jesmond, joined Year 3 for their RE lesson this week. In the lead up to Easter, he spoke with the children across all three classes about the most important time in the Christian calendar.

He was able to help them question and understand their Big Question: "What is good about Good Friday." Thank you to Adam for giving up his morning to join us, and thank you to his son, Boaz, for being a wonderful assistant.



### A successful Sporting Week At West Jesmond

On Tuesday the Girls U10s played the qualifiers in the Tony Knox Tournament and game joint top of their group going undefeated. They will play in the finals next month.



On Wednesday the Girls U11s played in the semifinal of the cup against Gosforth Central. They put in a really good effort throughout the tournament and did well to go so deep in the competition. On Wednesday, they made us all very proud with their effort and commitment to the very last whistle!



On Wednesday the Year 6s took part in a Leadership Challenge at Walker Dome in a competition against schools from across Newcastle. We are very pleased to announce that our children won the event, showing excellent teamwork and communication skills.



## Year 1 Scientists Visit The Great North Museum

Year 1 had a fantastic day at The Great North Museum. They spent the entire day exploring the museum. We attended a museum workshop all about how scientists classify different animals. We loved using our scientific skills to observe and group the animals we saw in the museum. Thank you to all our adult helpers who made our day extra special.

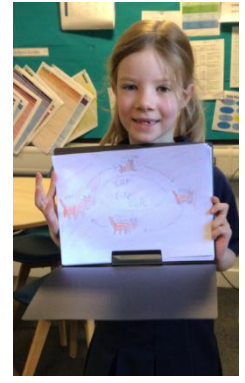


## Achievers

This week, we are sharing news of two of our children who competed in an Open Bouldering competition in Gloucester and won 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places!

We also have an immensely proud Blue Peter Badge winner and some excellent homework!

Well done everyone!



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

## Dates for Your Diary

### Next Week

- ❖ Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
Year 2 Parents Workshop (9am)  
Year 3 Trip to Housesteads
- ❖ Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Reception Trip to Northumberland Zoo
- ❖ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Spring Music Concert

### Further ahead

- ❖ Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Dance Group to Dance Festival
- ❖ Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Break up for Easter Holiday
- ❖ Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Start of Summer Term
- ❖ Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April  
Year 2 to Newcastle Castle
- ❖ Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May  
KS2 SATs (Year 6)
- ❖ Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Children's Cancer Run
- ❖ Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
International Evening
- ❖ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Break up for Half Term
- ❖ Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Back to school
- ❖ Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
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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