



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 1 Summer Term 2026

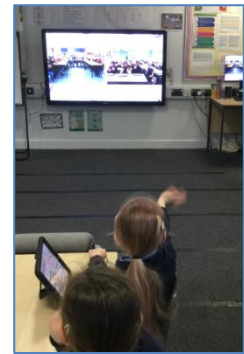
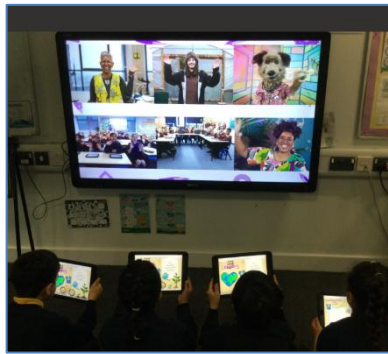


Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to Summer Term 2026! We hope everyone had a lovely break and we are looking forward to some busy and exciting months ahead!

Earth Day 2026

West Jesmond joined in with the marking Earth Day 2026. 2WD and some of our ECO Team were involved in a very exciting event! 2WD took part in a very special BBC Live Lesson, featuring some of our very own WJPS Eco Team! During the lesson, we learned all about climate change, what greenhouse gases are and how our everyday actions can have an impact on the environment. The children explored simple but important ways we can all help reduce greenhouse gases and protect our planet for the future. It was fantastic to see our Eco Team shining in the spotlight and enjoying their 30 minutes of fame! We are incredibly proud of them and all their school-wide efforts to make us a more sustainable school!



Children's Cancer Run 17th May 2026 Have You Signed Up To Join The WJPS Team?

We already have over a 110+ people who have signed up for the run on the morning of 17th May. There is still time to join our West Jesmond team for this great event.

We hope as many of you as possible will come and support this important cause and also enjoy the morning.

Please search for West Jesmond Primary to join our team. <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/ChildrensCancerRun2026>

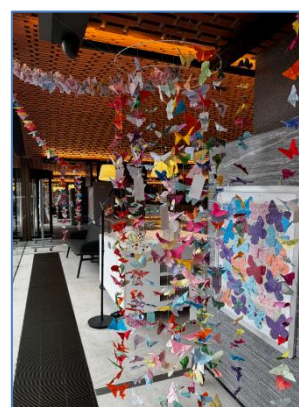


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Together We Fly

Last term, we joined in with children from across the North East and the world in Together We Fly This creative project is a part of the North East Festival of Languages 2026. Children and young people were encouraged to express themselves in any language - their home languages, languages they are learning or any they are interested in. They were able to represent their own culture and feelings about friendship and share these with other children and young people around the North East region and the world. Children in our school joined in with the creation of thousands of origami butterflies. These were sent in and the butterflies strung on lines to create a spectacular public art installation at Newcastle Civic Centre from April 2026. Their creations are individually beautiful, but together are a kaleidoscope of colours, languages and cultures - with a unifying message for all and spreading joy. Do visit the installation if you can.



Year 3 Athletics Team

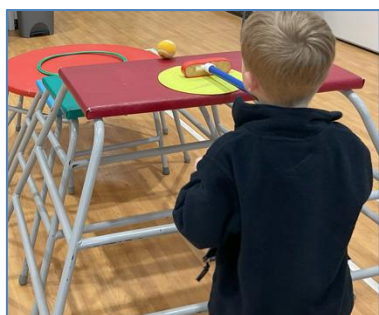
Congratulations to the Year 3 Quadkids Athletics team for their efforts this week. They represented West Jesmond Primary School at Newcastle City Quadkids Athletics competition at Ravenswood Primary School on Tuesday afternoon. The group showed some fantastic running, jumping, throwing, and teamwork skills throughout the competition. Well Done to all who were involved!



Golf Workshops

Our Year 1 children had a fantastic time taking part in a *Swing Stars* golf workshop! They learned how to stand correctly and aim carefully, just like real golfers. The children then practised their skills by hitting balls through and over different obstacles, challenging themselves to improve their control and accuracy. The big goal? Getting the ball into the hoop! 🏌️‍♂️ 🏌️‍♀️

It was wonderful to see so much focus, enthusiasm and determination as everyone gave it a go and celebrated each other's successes. A brilliant, active session that had lots of smiles all round! 🌞



Reminders of Events Coming Up This Half Term

Jesmond Community Festival 2026

The Jesmond Community Festival 2026 starts this Saturday with a busy weekend! Whether you live in Jesmond or in other parts of our city, the Jesmond Festival is a chance to take part in a wide range of interesting and exciting activities and come together with other families from our school.

The link below will tell you more about the many, many events taking place.

<https://jesmondcommunityfestival.co.uk/2020-event-guide/>

Our children are playing an active part in the Festival. Groups of our singers, dancers and musicians will be performing on **Wednesday 20th May** at Jesmond Library in the **West Jesmond School Festival of Music**. You can attend part or all of the morning. All are welcome and refreshments are available during the intervals. Look out for details of the programme for the morning's performances from Mrs Anderson our Music Lead.

International Evening 2026 Thursday 21st May

West Jesmond Primary School International Evening will return on Thursday the 21st of May!

We always have an amazing turnout, and it is a fantastic chance to share the food, music and traditions of our, incredibly diverse, West Jesmond Family. The event is free, so join us and bring **food and drinks** to share, this could be anything from cream teas to bhajis, and all food contributions will be shared in a street party style. We are looking for talented **performers** to take to our stage! If you and/ or any family or

community members would like to play, dance or demonstrate, please get in touch as soon as possible, with an idea of what you would like to share! We are also looking for people who would like to share **crafts, clothes or traditions** away from the stage at stands around the event. Please email Verity Groot v.groot@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk to express interest in performing or helping in any way!



West Jesmond Health Careers Fair – Wednesday 17th June 2026 9-12.30pm

The fair will be held in the hall at Jesmond United Reform Church on Wednesday 17th June, 9:00am - 12.30pm for all of our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils. It is aimed at opening their minds to the hundreds of possible careers that are available to them, linked to the health sector and through a larger organisation like the NHS. To make the event as successful as possible for the children, we need lots of health/NHS linked volunteers, both past and present, who would be willing to come to our fair and talk to the children, in small groups as they make their way around the fair. If you think you would be able to assist in helping to make this venture a success, please contact Mrs Oades by email at

loades@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk

Celebrating The Iron Man

"The Iron Man came to the top of the cliff. How far had he walked? Nobody knows. Where had he come from? Nobody knows. Taller than a house, the Iron Man stood at the top of the cliff, on the very brink, in the darkness."

Our West Jesmond Reading Spine includes those books that we think every child should know before leaving primary school. Year 3 are currently enjoying one of our favourites, the classic of children's literature, The Iron Man! Here are some great pictures of the Iron Man at the start of the book.



Achievers

This week, we celebrate a fantastic golfer who has won three competitions in a row on the Junior Tour and a proud footballer with his end of season medal!



Exciting Summer Opportunities

The Live Theatre has a brand new holiday school for a range of ages to develop their creative flair this summer! See Below!

Mon 20 July - Fri 24 July 2026, 9:30am - 3:30pm A Play in a Week. Ages 7-10

Become a Live Maker and create your own original show from scratch in just five days! Live Makers will take part in theatre games and explore drama techniques as they work together to bring their ideas to life, which will be performed at the end of the week in our studio space.



A Play in a Week. Ages 11-15

Become a Live Creator and create your own original show from scratch in just five days! Explore storytelling through devising, improvisation, theatre games, and a variety of drama techniques. Over the week participants will experiment, collaborate, and bring their ideas to life, ending in a sharing of their finished show in our studio space.

Mon 27 July - Fri 31 July, 9:30am - 3:30pm Story Makers. Ages 7-10

Step into the world of stories and bring your imagination to life! Over five fun filled days, participants will create their very own illustrated story to take home, while enjoying drama games and hands on crafts. A perfect mix of storytelling, creativity, and play for our Live Makers.

Story Writers. Ages 11-15

Dive into the world of storytelling and develop your own original story over five immersive days. Through creative writing, drama exercises, and collaborative activities, participants will explore character, plot, and narrative, leaving the five days with a finished story of their own. A creative, hands-on experience for Live Creators to bring their ideas to life.

Live Theatre is able to offer a limited number of bursary places. These are available to families with a low household

<https://www.live.org.uk/blogs-resources/banish-boredom-summer-live-theatres-super-holiday-schools>

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

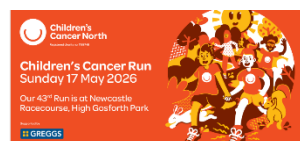
- ❖ Monday 27th April – Thursday 30th Year 2 to Newcastle Castle
- ❖ Wednesday 29th April Railway Safety Assemblies
- ❖ Thursday 30th April Year 4 Parents' Workshop

Further ahead

- ❖ Friday 8th May Year 4 Visit to Buddhist Centre
- ❖ Monday 11th – Thurs 14th May KS2 SATs (Year 6)

- ❖ **Sunday 17th May**

Children's Cancer Run



- ❖ Wednesday 20th May WJPS Festival of Music Jesmond Library
- ❖ Thursday 21st May International Evening
- ❖ Friday 22nd May Break up for Half Term

- ❖ Monday 1st June Back to school
- ❖ Tuesday 2nd June Yr 5 Dance City Workshop
- ❖ Wednesday 3rd June Yr 6 Dance City Workshop
- ❖ Thursday 4th June Yr 4 to Wooler Country Show
- ❖ Saturday 6th June Allotment Open Day
- ❖ Wednesday 10th June WJPS Green Day
- ❖ Wednesday 17th June WJPS Health Careers Fair
- ❖ Wednesday 1st July Year 4 Scottish Opera Performance
- ❖ Friday 3rd July Friends Summer Fair
- ❖ Monday 6th July KS1 (am) & KS2 (pm) Sports Days
- ❖ Tuesday 7th July (am) Reception Sports Day
- ❖ Monday 13th July Year 3 Voices in Colour Performance
- ❖ Wednesday 15th July Year 6 Graduation Evening
- ❖ Friday 17th 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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