



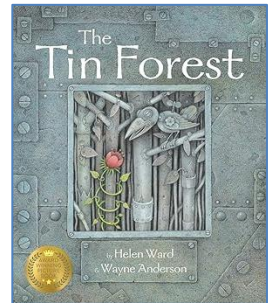
West Jesmond Primary Family Newsletter 1 Spring Term 2026



I hope all of our families were able to enjoy time together over the holiday period and that the New Year has started well for you all. It has been a rather cold and icy start to the term, but lots of children, and parents, have told us how they have been enjoying the snow!

Take One Book week 2026!

We have started the new term with our annual Take One Book Week. Each year, we choose a shared book for every class in the school to work on. We look for books that will allow us to provide stimulating learning with tailored activities from Reception to Year 6. This year, we are using the book *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson as our inspiration for poetry, drama, discussion and artwork. We have welcomed in lots of great artists to help us with our exploration of the themes in the book. Here are a few pictures from the week, there are more on our Facebook page and in the newsletter next week.



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All Welcome Keeping safe Online: Advice For Parents and Workshop 14th January

On Wednesday 14th January at 9am, Julian Hughes, Primary Computing Consultant from GEM Education will be holding a parent workshop in the hall outlining some of the key messages about keeping children safe when using digital devices. Julian will give the most up to date advice on what children may be accessing and how parents can stay on top of monitoring, controlling and supporting children to be safe when they are online.

Parents Online Safety

Would You Like A Place For Out of School Club?

We currently have a small number of places available at our Breakfast and After School Club and have some flexibility if parents want particular days or sessions. Please contact our school business Manager, Nikki Corbett, in the school office to see what we can offer to suit your needs. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.



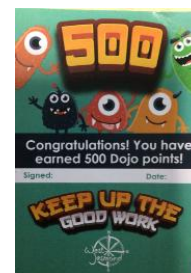
Reminder Year 5 Bikeability

Next week, we are holding Bikeability sessions for Year 5 children. Parents will have received messages about this important road safety training. Children need to walk besides their bikes when in school and all bikes should be parked in the basketball court on the main yard.

500 Dojo Community Award

We are awarding one of our special 500 Dojo Awards to Archie in Year 5. The 500 Dojo award goes to children who go above and beyond in upholding our West Jesmond Way in or out of school.

Archie was interviewed and appeared on the Tyne Tees news alongside his older brother Jack. Archie has been supporting his brother in charity work for the RVI. Over Christmas they created toys and bags for children in hospital. Well done Archie, we are very proud of you!



<https://www.itv.com/watch/news/teenager-creates-bags-of-toys-and-gifts-for-children-in-hospital-after-own-experiences/17ytpjv>

Achievers Jesmond Community Orchard Wassail.

Next Friday, our Year 4 children will be wearing green and processing to the Jesmond community Orchard for a traditional Wassail. Accompanied by music and our very own Green Man, they will be bestowing good luck on our apple trees for a bumper harvest. This Saturday the Orchard are holding a Wassail for all the community and everyone is welcome to attend and to learn more about this ancient custom.



Achievers

We have seen some great work from home since Christmas. We know you will like this very intricate, colourful and beautifully constructed bridge model!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!
Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

- ❖ Monday-Weds 12th - 15th January Year 5 Bikeability
- ❖ Monday 12th January 5S to Sunderland Winter Gardens
- ❖ Tuesday 13th January 5D to Sunderland Winter Gardens
- ❖ **Wednesday 14th January** Yr 4 Robinwood Parents' Meeting (5pm)
Online Safety Workshop for parents (9am)
- ❖ Friday 16th January 5TG to Sunderland Winter Gardens
6M Cake Stall

Further ahead

- ❖ Monday 9th – Weds 11th February Year 4 Robinwood Residential
- ❖ Thursday 12th February KS1 Disco (3.30-5pm)
- ❖ Friday 13th February School Closed for OLT Training Day
- ❖ Half Term Holiday
- ❖ Monday 23rd February Back to school
- ❖ **Monday 2nd – Friday 6th March** **Careers and Enterprise Week**
- ❖ Weds 4th – Tues 10th March Scholastic Book Fair in school
- ❖ Tuesday 10th March Shakespeare Performance Northern Stage
- ❖ Friday 20th March Comic Relief
- ❖ Break up for Easter Holiday Thursday 2nd April
- ❖ Monday 20th April Start of Summer Term
- ❖ Sunday 17th May Children's Cancer Run
- ❖ Thursday 21st May International Evening
- ❖ Friday 22nd May Break up for Half Term
- ❖ Monday 1st June Back to school
- ❖ 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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