

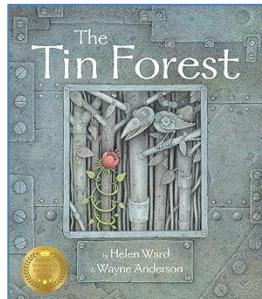
## West Jesmond Primary Family Newsletter 1 Spring Term 2026



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 14<sup>th</sup> 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/l7ytpjy>



### 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 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> January
- ❖ Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January
- ❖ Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January
- ❖ Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January
- ❖ Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January

- Year 5 Bikeability
- 5S to Sunderland Winter Gardens
- 5D to Sunderland Winter Gardens
- Yr 4 Robinwood Parents' Meeting (5pm)
- Online Safety Workshop for parents (9am)
- 5TG to Sunderland Winter Gardens
- 6M Cake Stall

### Further ahead

- ❖ Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Weds 11<sup>th</sup> February
- ❖ Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February
- ❖ Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February
- ❖ Half Term Holiday
- ❖ Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- ❖ Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March
- ❖ Weds 4<sup>th</sup> – Tues 10<sup>th</sup> March
- ❖ Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March
- ❖ Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March
- ❖ Break up for Easter Holiday Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- ❖ Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April Start of Summer Term
- ❖ Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May
- ❖ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- ❖ Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June
- ❖ Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

- Year 4 Robinwood Residential
- KS1 Disco (3.30-5pm)
- School Closed for OLTT Training Day
- Back to school
- Careers and Enterprise Week
- Scholastic Book Fair in school
- Shakespeare Performance Northern Stage
- Comic Relief
- Children's Cancer Run
- International Evening
- Break up for Half Term
- Back to school
- End of Summer Term

West Jesmond Primary  
School

# Breakfast and After School Club

## 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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