



West Jesmond Primary Family Newsletter 11 Autumn Term 2025



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

It has really felt like winter has arrived at West Jesmond this week! However, it has not stopped us enjoying a busy week of events.

Year 6 Lockerbie Residential

Our year 6 children have been at Lockerbie for three days full of adventure. You can see from the photographs some of the exciting activities they are doing and the strong team building. We look forward to welcoming back some very tired, but very happy children (and staff) on Friday afternoon!



Year 4 Bikeability

While Year 6 were out at Lockerbie, lots of our Year 4 children were building up their awareness of cycling safety with our Bikeability sessions. They braved the weather and completed their Level 1 cycle training which developed their handling skills in traffic-free environments and taught them how to cycle safely and responsibly.



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Choir at the Cathedral

On Thursday, a large west Jesmond Choir of nearly 70 children, travelled to Newcastle Cathedral for the Winter Choirs Celebration.

We joined a number of other schools in our city for the chance to sing in this incredible venue. Thank you to Mrs Anderson for leading our choir and for all the parents who supported the event.



Year 3 Osteologists

The budding Year 3 osteologists visited the Great North Museum this week to take part in a very special bone workshop. We were lucky enough to be able to handle and learn about bones from elephants, dolphins and sharks - to name a few! We also got the chance to see a giant tortoise shell and had an exciting discussion about if it constituted an endoskeleton or an exoskeleton. This is a hot debate amongst scientists at the moment! Our favourite bone was the walrus skull - complete with giant tusks. If you see us around, be sure to ask us about the different types of skeletons and the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates.



Sporting Efforts

Congratulations to the Year 5 Sports hall Athletics team for their efforts this week. They represented West Jesmond Primary School at Newcastle City Sports hall Athletics competition at The Lakeside Centre, Killingworth on Wednesday afternoon. The group showed some fantastic running, jumping, throwing, and teamwork skills throughout the competition. Well Done to all who were involved!

We also had a Y5/6 boys' football league night on Tuesday. The team played fantastically well winning 2 more league games.



Year 6 Learning About respectful relationships

Vicky from Northumbria Police came to talk to Year 6 about respectful relationships. We discussed how we respond to different emotions and how this can affect others around us. We learned about which actions are healthy and appropriate, and which are not. We also learned the difference between good and bad secrets and who to tell if something makes us uncomfortable.



Share the joy: Help make Christmas magical for Newcastle's young people

West Jesmond parents, would you like to Join Newcastle City Council's Christmas gift appeal and help bring festive joy to Care Leavers and children in need across our city. Last year, over 1,800 gifts reached more than 700 young people, thanks to the incredible generosity of our community and they want to do even more this year. The season can be a challenging time, and every gift makes a huge difference. Items like cosy hats, gloves, pyjamas, and fitness watches were handpicked by the young people themselves.

Please select **"Evry Christmas 2025"** as the delivery address to ensure each gift reaches the LA directly.

Let's make this Christmas brighter for every child

Find out more via the links below:

Amazon wish

list: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/VAXK3M60FVX2%3Fref_=wl_dp_view_your_list

More information: <https://new.newcastle.gov.uk/news/2025/share-joy-help-make-christmas-magical-newcastles-young-people>

Christmas Fair

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our Christmas Fair on Friday 5th December. Doors will open at 3:30 and our [Friends of West Jesmond Primary School](#) will be selling tokens around pick-up time.



Achievers



Art Club Watercolours

Rhonda and Key Stage 1 Art Club wanted to share some of their lovely sunsets created with watercolours. They really pick out the vivid autumn sunsets, starry skies and beautiful reflections on the water.

We were incredibly impressed by this very accurate and very detailed model of the Quayside – can you identify the different buildings? It even had a tilting bridge to allow the boat through!



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

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| ❖ Tuesday 25 th & Thurs 27 th November | Yr 5/6 Girls' Football Matches |
| ❖ Thursday 27 th November | Digital Leaders Apple Visit |
| ❖ Friday 28 th November | 2WD & 2V Discovery Museum
Cake Stall 3B |

Further ahead

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| ❖ Wednesday 3 rd December | 2W Discovery Museum |
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| ❖ Friday 5 th December | Friends Xmas Fair (From 3.30pm) |
| <i>(Non-uniform day for fair donations: Christmas jumpers or accessories welcome)</i> | |



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| ❖ Tuesday 9 th & Weds 10 th December | Reception Christmas Shows (9.15am) |
| ❖ Thursday 11 th December | Year 2 Christmas Shows 9.15am & 2.15pm |
| ❖ Friday 12 th December | Year 1 Song and Crafts (2pm) |
| ❖ Wednesday 17 th December 2.30pm | Year 5 & 6 Winter Songs (School Yard)
Reception and KS1 Xmas Lunch |
| ❖ Thursday 18 th December 2.30pm | Year 3 & 4 Winter Songs (School Yard)
KS2 Xmas Lunch |
| ❖ Friday 19 th December | End of Term |
| ❖ Monday 5 th January | Start of the Spring Term 2026 |



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