



## West Jesmond Primary Family Newsletter 9 Spring Term 2026



I want to start this newsletter by giving our thoughts and best wishes to all of our families who are affected by the events currently taking place in countries across the Middle East. We know many will have friends and families affected by the conflict and that there will be deep worries for many of the West Jesmond community. If any one of you would like to discuss any concerns or issues arising, or if any child needs someone to speak to in school, please speak with me.

### Shakespeare at the Northern Stage'

On Tuesday, we were privileged to watch our Year 6 Shakespearian actors perform Romeo and Juliet. The children thrilled us all with their powerful production. They worked as a team to bring the play together and performed with incredible energy, creativity and confidence. Huge thanks go to our incredibly talented and dedicated directors Miss Nelson and Mr Allen.

#### A message from our director, Miss Nelson

*Since the Autumn Term, Year 6 Shakespeare cast have worked so incredibly hard on their performance of Romeo and Juliet. All of their efforts were celebrated on Tuesday evening at the Northern Stage for the Coram Shakespeare Festival. To say the children were incredible is an understatement. Their dedication to the role shone through; they were loud, proud and showcased their wonderful talent fantastically! Backstage, they were kind, encouraging and inclusive, a credit to West Jesmond and our West Jesmond way. This was commented on by the theatre staff too. Shakespearians - you have been phenomenal from start to finish. It has been a joy to work with you all, and I know you'll have created memories to last a lifetime. Well done!*



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## Big Walk and Wheel 2026

Look out for the letter today about **Big Walk and Wheel**, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March 2026. We want as many of our children and families as possible to take part to help us reduce traffic around the school and to make our journeys to school as healthy and safe as possible. Please read the letter to see how everyone can join in!



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

## Comic Relief 2025 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

You will have received a letter from our School Council about Comic Relief Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Red Nose Day. On the day, School Council would like to invite children to come in to school wearing something red for a suggested minimum donation of £1, but please give what you can. In addition, we would like to invite children to do 'something funny for money' making an extra donation where possible, to wear crazy hair on the day, either their own crazy hair or a crazy wig. In our classes, and in our whole school assembly led by School Council, we will be spending time during the day learning about the importance of charities such as Comic Relief and hearing about where our money goes and who we help by donating. Finally, to boost our fundraising in school even further, we will also be holding a cake stall after school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March and this time it is Key Stage 2's turn to bake!

## Ramadan

We send our greetings and best wishes to all of our families who are fasting over this period and marking the month of Ramadan. Could we remind parents to please inform school if your child is choosing to fast on any days during this time.

## Newcastle Piano Festival

Newcastle Piano Festival returns to Jesmond on 20–22 March and 9 May with concerts, storytelling, interactive workshops and inspiring live piano music for families. Children can discover how the piano works, hear professional musicians and even try the instrument themselves in a welcoming festival atmosphere. Free tickets are available for under-18s. More information: [www.nclpianofestival.co.uk](http://www.nclpianofestival.co.uk)

## Achievers

This week, we two fantastic artists who have created these very detailed, vibrant and creative paintings and a proud swimmer and gymnast who came to show her certificates and medal! Well done everyone!



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

## Dates for Your Diary

### Next Week

- ❖ **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** Parent Consultation Evenings
- ❖ **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** Year 1 School Trip to Hancock Museum
- ❖ **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** **Comic Relief**

### Further ahead

- ❖ **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
- ❖ **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** Break up for Easter Holiday
- ❖ **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** Start of Summer Term
- ❖ **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



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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