



West Jesmond Primary Family Newsletter 3 Spring Term 2026

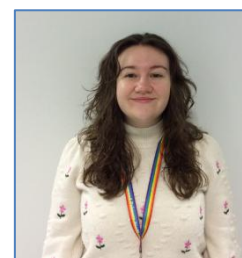


It has been a bit of a dark and cold week for our West Jesmond families, but the days are slowly getting a little lighter - and there are some early signs of spring!

This weekend is the perfect time to take part in the **Big Garden Birdwatch** (details attached). Whether you're outside or watching from your window, it's a great way to connect with nature.

Welcome Molly!

We are delighted to warmly welcome Molly Atkin to our West Jesmond Family! Molly joins Mahnaz, Sarah and Nikki in our school office. I know she has already met with many of you and thank you for making her feel so welcome.



Inclusion Coffee Morning For Parents 11th February: All Welcome

All parents and carers are welcome to join us for an informal drop-in coffee morning on Wednesday the 11th of February 9am-10am. It will be a great opportunity to make connections with other families; find out what support and resources are available in schools and in the community and talk to professionals and organisations that will be able to offer advice on a range of issues. It will include information on SEN drop-in sessions, Autism Hub information and also a range of parenting workshops or sessions. These will cover a variety of topics such as understanding your child's emotions, sleep workshops, as well as many other areas of family support.

Year 6 Special Author Visit

Year 6 were really lucky to have a visit from local author, and ex-member of staff, Steph Bellwood, who wrote our class texts - Crimes of their Times and Wayward Women. Steph told us all about the history of Anne Askew and her family and gave us a bit of background on Tudor punishments. She also told us about the importance of religion during the Tudor period. Steph read us the first part of the story of Anne Askew, and we had a chance to ask some of our questions too. A huge thanks to Steph - we can't wait to read the rest of the story!



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Well Done Boccia Team!

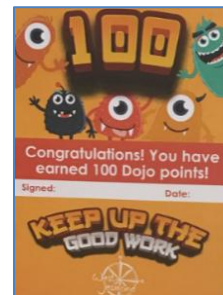
Here is a photo of our excellent Year 5 Boccia team who went to Walker Dome for the Boccia Festival on Wednesday.

Boccia is a fast growing and very inclusive sport of strategy and accuracy. Our team competed against other schools by throwing and rolling coloured balls as close as possible to a white target ball, known as the jack. Well done team WJPS!



100 Dojo Achievements

Many of your children will be coming home over this term with their 100 Dojo certificates. We award Dojos when we see our children following the West Jesmond Way around school and demonstrating the Fantastic Five Qualities of West Jesmond Learners. The children come to see us to be awarded their special certificates and to talk about the efforts that helped them to earn them. We hope all children will gain their certificates this year and we look forward to seeing their proud faces arriving at our office door!



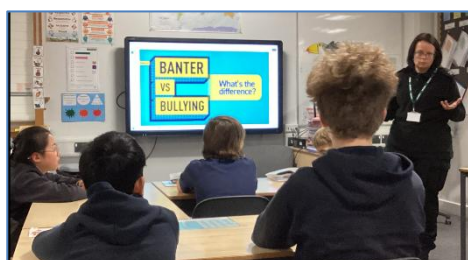
Year 1 Sculpture

The Year 1 art topic this half term is sculpture. A lot of exploration and enjoyment took place this week as the children embraced making sculptures out of recyclable materials. Thank you to all the families who brought into school, copious amounts, of boxes, tubes, egg cartons, tins and other materials for the children to use.



Cyber Bullying Workshop

Vicky from Northumbria Police came to talk to Year 6 this week about bullying and cyber bullying. She told us all about what bullying is and how it includes an imbalance of power in a relationship. We also talked about the word banter and how it can escalate and turn into bullying. Vicky also talked to us about cyber bullying and what to do if we see or experience this.



Would You Like A Place For Out of School Club?

We currently have a 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.



Big Garden Birdwatch

This weekend, our school, led by our Eco Committee, is taking part in the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds **Big Garden Birdwatch**. It is the world's largest garden wildlife survey and every year hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part.

Sign up for free at the RSPB website [Big Garden Birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) to record your sightings and help us learn how birds are thriving in our area! All you need to do is make a tally of how many birds you see land in your garden and send this information to the RSPB. Please see the attached information that comes with this newsletter which can be printed at home so you can take part.

Our Eco Team have drawn a few examples of birds you might see in your garden over the weekend. Let your class teacher know if you spot any of them!



Mrs Groot Fundraising Challenge!

In September, Mrs Groot is doing a 10km Charity swim through Snowdonia one of the UK's wildest open water swims! She will be raising money for Level Water, a charity who teaches children with disabilities to swim and discover the freedom of being in the water.

If any families would like to support Mrs Groot here is her Just Giving page and information about the charity.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/verity-groot-1?newPage=true>

<https://www.levelwater.org/who-we-are>

Have a lovely weekend everyone! (it might stop raining!)

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

- ❖ Monday 26th January Year 4 Trip to El Torero
- ❖ Friday 23rd January Cake Stall 6S

Further ahead

- ❖ Monday 2nd February Choir of The Year (Glasshouse)
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th Parent Consultation Evenings
- ❖ 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

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

AVAILABLE
TO ALL:
**RECEPTION -
Y6**

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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