



## The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 3 Summer Term 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We hope everyone enjoyed the longer weekend. There are a number of big school events coming up before half term so please keep looking out for Weduc messages and in the Dates For Your Diary Section of these newsletters. Next week, we have our Year 6 SATS, the Year 3/4 Beach Party and a Year 1 Phonics Workshop and the Children's Cancer Run. The following week, look out for the West Jesmond Festival of Music at the library and our International Day!

### Attendance: Every Day Matters: 96.4%

Thank you to all of our parents and carers and children for ensuring our attendance has increased, once again, this year to date. Our current attendance is 96.4%. We know how important every single day is for our children's academic learning as well as their social development and friendships. As we move into the summer term, can we remind everyone that we are not allowed to authorise holidays and that this includes missing weeks of school to visit families. If you or your child have any difficulties with school attendance or punctuality, we are there to offer support. Please speak with the school office or our Parent Support Officer, Emma Clark [eclark@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:eclark@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk).

### Reception Artists

In Reception, we had a special visit from Miss McKay, the artist! We looked at how she uses plasticine to create her artwork of swimming pools and we were inspired to create our own pieces using salt dough. Thank you Miss McKay, we had a wonderful session!



### Children's Cancer Run Assemblies

I hope your children told you about our special visitors who came in to school to talk about Children's Cancer North and how we can all help to raise money through the Children's Cancer Run. Please search for West Jesmond Primary to join our team. <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/ChildrensCancerRun2026>

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## Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week. RISE Northeast, a part of the Children's society, are hosting free webinars designed to help adults feel more confident talking about mental health with children and young people. Wednesday's session is for parents and carers, focusing on understanding mental health difficulties and how to start supportive conversations at home. The webinar offers clear, accessible tools you can use straight away to support children's wellbeing. Event details and joining instructions are included below.

For more information about RISE please visit:

 [rise.childrenssociety.org.uk/](http://rise.childrenssociety.org.uk/)

 [www.youtube.com/@rise-ne](http://www.youtube.com/@rise-ne)


 [facebook.com/rise.ne](http://facebook.com/rise.ne)

 [@rise.ne](https://www.instagram.com/rise.ne)






Talking about MH: Parents and Carers  
Scan the QR Code to join the Webinar

 Wednesday  
13 May 2026

 9.30am-10.30am



Or join with this link: [bit.ly/TalkingaboutMH](https://bit.ly/TalkingaboutMH)

**Talking About Mental Health**  
Two free webinars for Mental Health Awareness Week: Wednesday for parents and carers, Thursday for schools.

Aims:

- To understand what mental health difficulties are
- To learn about the benefits of talking about mental health
- To learn strategies for having successful conversations about mental health

If there are any questions before the webinar, or any issues logging on please contact:  
RISEnortheast@childrensociety.org.uk





## Achievers

This week, we would like to celebrate three footballers with their end of season medals and trophies – including another player of the season. We also have a proud swimmer who reached Stage 5 and told us all about the many skills needed to reach this level!

We are also immensely proud of one of our Year 3 children who has signed for Sunderland! We look forward to seeing him score against Nottingham Forest in the years ahead! Well done everyone!



We are also really proud of our young West Jesmond engineer! Who won a special award for his highly creative design for an ocean litter picking machine!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)



## Dates for Your Diary

### Next Week

- ❖ Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 3N Great North Museum Workshop
- ❖ Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May KS2 SATs (Year 6)
- ❖ Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May Yr 3/4 Beach Party
- ❖ Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May Yr 1 Parents' Phonic Workshop
- ❖ **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May** **Children's Cancer Run**

### Further ahead

- ❖ Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May WJPS Festival of Music Jesmond Library
- ❖ **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
- ❖ Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Yr 5 Dance City Workshop
- ❖ Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Yr 6 Dance City Workshop
- ❖ Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June Yr 4 to Wooler Country Show
- ❖ **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June** **Allotment Open Day**
- ❖ Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June WJPS Health Careers Fair
- ❖ **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** **WJPS Green Day**
- ❖ Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July Year 4 Scottish Opera Performance
- ❖ **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** **Friends Summer Fair**
- ❖ Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July KS1 (am) & KS2 (pm) Sports Days
- ❖ Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July (am) Reception Sports Day
- ❖ Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July Year 3 Voices in Colour Performance
- ❖ Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Graduation Evening
- ❖ 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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