



West Jesmond Primary School

West Jesmond Primary Family Newsletter 11 Spring Term 2026



Big Walk and Wheel 2026: Thank you!

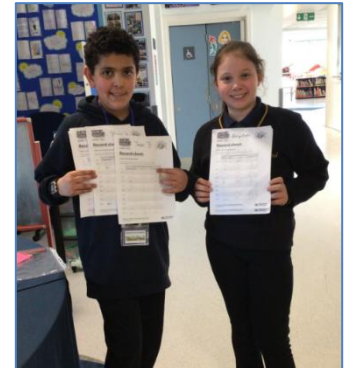
Thank you everyone who has joined in with our Big Walk and Wheel Challenge! Despite the weather on some days this week, we have seen a steady increase in numbers of families choosing to leave the car at home or away from school. Please can we keep this up and continue to choose the healthy and environmentally friendly ways to travel to school.



IMPORTANT: ROAD WORKS: It will be more important than ever to keep away from school in the next few weeks. We have been told that the council will be carrying out resurfacing and remarking works on Tankerville Terrace over the holidays and this may well stretch into the first days back. There will also be new road restrictions to encourage parents to park away from the school.

Our Great West Jesmond Team Leaders

I am sure your children will have told you about the incredible job that our Year 6 Team Leaders do around school. They carry out a wide range of roles that help make West Jesmond a happier place and running smoothly. These roles include Sports Leaders who lead games and play with younger children at dinnertimes, assembly leaders who support great behaviours, the Lunchtime Leaders are invaluable in serving at our salad bar and looking after children when they are eating, resource leaders, library leaders, resource leaders, and many more vital roles!



Over the last two weeks, two of our great resource leaders have been ensuring we are on track with all of our figures for Big Walk and Wheel! Thank you we couldn't do it without you!

Term Dates 2026-27

You will have received a letter this week setting out the term dates for the next school year as well as the two training days in which the school will be closed. Please can you ensure any holidays, visits to family and planned absences to school are taken within the 13 holiday weeks. The school cannot authorise any of these absences during term time.

Term and Holiday dates for 2026 - 2027						
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Year 6 Visit JPA Careers Fair

On Friday, Year 6 had the amazing opportunity to visit Jesmond Park Academy's Careers Fair. We had a brilliant time completing our booklets and questioning the exhibitors to gain a better understanding of potential opportunities we will have open to us as we get older, including university, college or an apprenticeship. We got stamps for asking brilliant questions and lots of freebies to bring home with us too! We all had a great time! Ask us all about what we found out! Thank you so much to JPA for hosting us all so well.



5TG Visit The Civic Centre To Learn About The Arab World

5TG visited the Civic Centre to attend an event about the language and culture of the Arab world. We enjoyed interactive sessions with experts and practised our Arabic and calligraphy. The children were fantastically enthusiastic and focused and learned a huge amount in a very short time!



Comic Relief 2026

Thank you to everyone who supported Comic Relief last week. West Jesmond was a sea of red and there was some very crazy hair! We buddied up across school to share in fun activities together and to tell jokes in our classes. School Council led two brilliant assemblies telling us where our money goes. We also have a fabulous cake stall to look forward to after school! Thank you, Mrs Oades and School Council, for organising the day and for our Friends of West Jesmond for the cake stall!



Reminder: Children's Cancer Run 17th May 2026

We are taking part in the Children's Cancer Run on 17th May. Join us! We are always one of the schools with the biggest teams of runners and supporters and we hope as many of you as possible will come and support this important cause and also enjoy the day. Please search for West Jesmond Primary to join our team. <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/ChildrensCancerRun2026>



Year 1 Artists

This half term, year one have been investigating different styles of printing. This week, they used polyblock to complete their final task where they designed and created their own printing block. Using pencils, they gently carved through their design onto the soft material and used rollers to apply the paint before covering with paper where they used a clean roller to transfer their design onto the paper.



After School Club Cup

A group of our Year 5 children are the latest winners of our After School club Kindness Cup.



'We won the ASC cup because of our creativity and organisation. We also made cartoon versions of the staff and children in the club!'
Kareem, Lena, Heidi, Maggie, Tanvi and Merve

Achievers

This week, we have as super swimmer who has her 25 metres award and a fantastic helper who has been helping out with the training of new nurses and doctors!



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

- ❖ Monday 30th March Under 9's Football Qualifiers
- ❖ Wednesday 1st April Dance Group to Dance Festival
- ❖ Thursday 2nd April Break up for Easter Holiday

Further ahead

- ❖ Wednesday 1st April Dance Group to Dance Festival
- ❖ Thursday 2nd April Break up for Easter Holiday
- ❖ Monday 20th April Start of Summer Term
- ❖ Monday 27th April Year 2 to Newcastle Castle
- ❖ Monday 11th – Thurs 14th May KS2 SATs (Year 6)
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Monday 6th July KS1 (am) & KS2 (pm) Sports Days (details to follow)
- ❖ Friday 17th 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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