



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 2 Spring Term 2025



It has been another very busy week at West Jesmond Primary. We have had dragons hatching in Reception (with some damage including burn marks!), lots of sports, music and a number of exciting visits and visitors. We have also all been very excited by the incredibly vivid sunrises and the sense of the days getting slightly longer as we have been travelling to school – we hope you have been able to enjoy them!



Safeguarding at West Jesmond: Keeping Our Children Safe

The most important job for all of us is keeping our children safe. We have ongoing training for all staff in Safeguarding and we train a number of staff to a greater depth in this area to become DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads). You will see posters all across school telling you who these people are and how you can speak with someone. Mr Dinsley has now replaced Mr Jones as the key Safeguarding lead and you can speak with him or with me at any time if you have safeguarding worries.

Safeguarding Our Children On-Line

One of the places our children are at risk is when they are online. This week, Julian Hughes from GEM education came in to school to talk with parents and children. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who were able to come and listen to Julian in the school hall on Wednesday. I know you found it very eye-opening and informative. Julian also worked with Year 4. He taught them about cyber bullying and how to keep ourselves safe online, including thinking carefully about what information we share and how to create strong passwords and change our privacy settings.



Well Done Boccia Team

We were very proud of our Boccia Team who represented our school so brilliantly in the Newcastle School Games Competition this week. The staff with the team told us about their fantastic effort, skill and resilient sporting attitudes! Well Done West Jesmond Boccia Champs!



Headteacher: Matt Ward
Deputy Headteacher: Mark Dinsley
West Jesmond Primary School, Tankerville Terrace,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE2 3AJ
☎ (0191) 2810000 📧 office@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk
🌐 www.westjesmondprimary.org.uk



PINS and Parent Carer Forum Coffee Mornings

We have joined a national programme called PINS (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools). This has given us a bespoke and intensive training programme for our staff in order to develop and upskill our staff.

One of the main elements of the project involves schools working in partnership with parents, the local authority and outside agencies in order to support the education and health needs of neurodivergent children in schools.

Based on feedback from the successful Autism in Schools programme, PINS is designed to develop approaches that enable earlier support for children in school that will help prevent distress and challenge which may require further intensive intervention across health, education and care.

PINS has been developed around the key principles of the Autism in Schools project:

- * Whole school approach
- * Good quality training for staff
- * Parents supporting parents groups
- * Understanding students experience of schools

As part of this project, we are holding a number coffee mornings for our parents alongside the **Newcastle Parent Carer Forum**. We are opening it up to all of our parents and carers of children at West Jesmond, not just those whose children may have an additional educational need. We have attached an information leaflet about the Newcastle Parent Carer Forum with a bit of information about who they are.

The first coffee morning will be on **Tuesday 28th January at 9am** and will be led by the Parent Carer Forum. It will be an opportunity for you to come and share what you would like in terms of support and advice. They will then use this information to plan the next coffee morning, where they will invite other specific agencies or services that have been identified from this session.

We would appreciate as many families attending these coffee mornings as possible so that we are able to improve as a school and offer you as West Jesmond parents and carers the support you want and need that is tailored specifically to you.

In order to gauge interest, we would appreciate you answering yes or no to whether or not you are able to attend using the Survey Monkey link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QDGQZHM>

Year 4 Geographers

On Monday and Tuesday, Year 4 went on a fieldwork trip to the River Tyne to finish off their Geography topic on rivers. They travelled across from Gateshead and up to the Ouseburn. They created sketch-maps to show what uses the River Tyne had today and labelled some of the key features they found on our walk. Year 4 parents, please ask your geographers to tell you all about it!



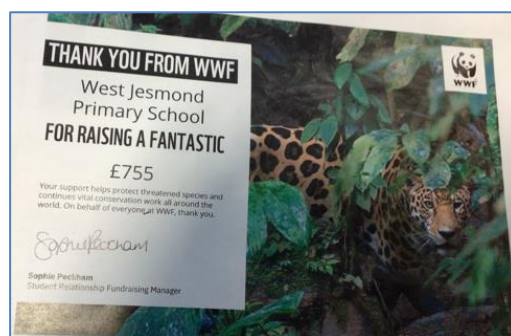
And even more Geographers in Year 5!

As curious geographers, Year 5 have enjoyed adventuring into the rainforest this week. We very much enjoyed going to the Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens and finding out about all sorts of Amazonian wildlife and plants. Marie, who led our workshop, was a fountain of knowledge and let us handle cocoa beans, Brazil nuts, bamboo and seed pods.



Well Done West Jesmond WWF Fundraisers!

We want to thank and congratulate a large number of our children for their incredible fund raising efforts for the World Wildlife Trust. Well done to Rose, Amelie, Myla, Orla, Viera, Edith, Grace, Clare, Hannah, Eloise, Holly and everyone else involved for their incredibly successful cake stall! They raised an incredible £755. They all received a special certificate.



 Friends Of West Jesmond Cake Stall Spring 2025

Every Friday 3.15 pm Undercroft



 10/01/25 - Y1A
17/01/25 - Y1S
24/01/25 - Y1Y
31/01/25 - Y2D
07/02/25 - Y2V
14/02/25 - Y2W
21/02/25 - Y3EW

Friends Cake Stalls

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our class Cake Stalls. Look out for when it is your child's turn this term!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!
Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

- ❖ Monday 20th January Year 6 SEN Reviews
- ❖ Wednesday 22nd January Governors School In Action Morning
- ❖ Thursday 23rd January Year 4 Bikeability
Year 6 Dance Workshops
- ❖ Friday 24th January Year 3 SEND Reviews
Cake Stall 1Y

Further Ahead

- ❖ Monday 27th January Year 5 SEN Reviews
- ❖ Tuesday 28th January Parent and Carers Forum PINS meeting
- ❖ Wednesday 29th January Parent Partnership Meeting (9am) All Welcome
Year 6 Netball Competition
- ❖ Thursday 30th January Year 5 Dance Workshops
- ❖ Friday 31st January Year 4 Bikeability
Cake Stall 2D
- ❖ Weds 5th – Friday 7th Feb Book Fair in School
- ❖ Wednesday 5th February Reception Visit to Northumberland Zoo
- ❖ Monday 10th – Weds 12th February Year 4 Robinwood Residential Visit
- ❖ Thursday 3rd February Year 3 Parents' Maths Workshop
Friends Key Stage 1 Disco
- ❖ Tuesday 18th – Thursday 20th Feb Reception Writing Workshops
- ❖ Friday 21st February Break up for half term.
- ❖ Monday 3rd March Back to school
- ❖ Thursday 6th March Storytelling Evening
- ❖ Thursday March 13th Northern Stage Shakespeare Performance
- ❖ Tuesday 18th & Thursday 20th March Parent Consultations
- ❖ Friday 11th April End of Spring Term