



West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 5 Autumn Term 2025



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Black History Month 2025 at West Jesmond Primary

During October we mark Black History Month, a national celebration that aims to promote and celebrate the contributions black people have made to society. It is also an opportunity to promote an understanding of black history in our school more widely. Over the next few weeks, we will be talking about Black History in our assemblies and within our classrooms and sharing with our children, the contributions black people have made over the centuries in shaping the dynamic and diverse community and country we have today. We shared the link below last year and I know many families found the local aspect fascinating. [8 Places Connected to Black History in Newcastle – The Historic England Blog \(heritagecalling.com\)](https://www.heritagecalling.com)



Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing: World Mental Health day October 10th

World Mental Health Day is celebrated each year on 10th October. The day provides an opportunity to come together to talk about mental health and show everyone that mental health matters. To raise awareness, we would like to invite the children to come to school **wearing something yellow on Friday 10th October**. We will be joining many others who come together to make World Mental Health Day that little bit brighter by wearing something yellow! (Don't worry if you don't have many yellow items of clothing – small accessories, ribbons, our yellow polo shirts...all are fine.) Throughout the week we will be giving assemblies and completing activities to support our children in looking after their mental health. <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/>



People's Kitchen Foodbank Collection

This week, you will have seen a letter about our annual People's Kitchen Collection From **Monday 13th October until Friday 17th October, every morning**, School Council will be accepting food donations onto trolleys placed at the entrance gates. There are details in the letter about the best items to bring. If you feel you are able to contribute, please do so during that week. All donations will be collected by the People's Kitchen on Friday 17th October.

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Apple Day 2025

On Saturday 11th October, there is a very tasty community event for all the family. Jesmond Community Orchard (in the cemetery behind our school) are holding their annual Apple Day. Many of our families go every year and I hope many of you will experience this lovely event this autumn. There are games, stalls, apple identification, juicing and the chance to taste some unique apple flavours! Hope to see you there!



Apple Day 2025
Jesmond Community Orchard

Saturday 11th October
1.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Stalls, games, apple juicing,
food made with fruit - a
lovely community day!

Located in the
northwest corner of St
Andrew's Cemetery

We are on Facebook and at
www.jesmondcommunityorchard.com

Well Done Girl's Football Team

Congratulations to our Year 5/Year 6 Girls Football Team. They took part in Newcastle Schools ESFA Year 5/Year 6 Girls Football Cup at Jesmond Park Academy. The girls battled hard, winning one game, drawing another, and narrowly losing their third one. We are looking forward to seeing how they progress in further fixtures over the next few months.



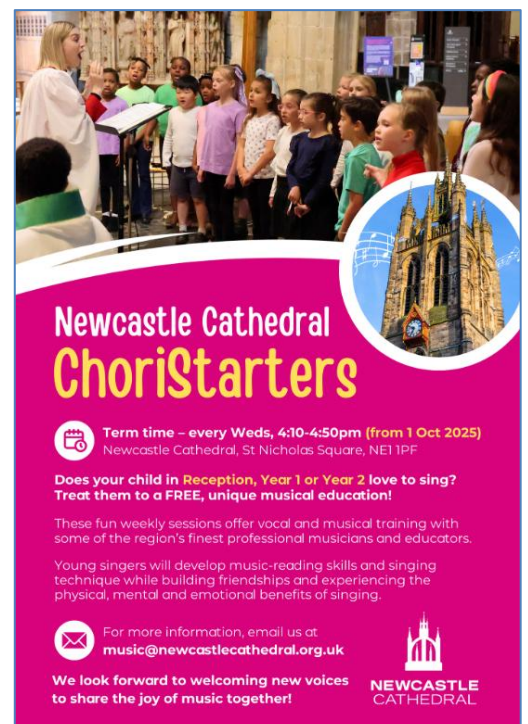
Jesmond Library Needs Your Help

Our friends at Jesmond Library urgently need to repair two areas of the library roof to prevent heat loss, in order to improve the energy efficiency of the library and save money on energy bills. Full details are available on the Just Giving page that you can access via the link below.

Please visit https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/greenlibrary?fbclid=IwY2xjawNGJFRleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmIkETBVOGdrQ3VtME9WcXpyUGoxAR79IMNXScjg5QOs3sdBlpZSEjnj1KhDXfWmMwZEB432_shj04TYtvrI_NeJTQ_aem_P2iCfHJSr5G7Y9Q09uvPRg

Singing Opportunity For Reception, Year 1, and Year 2

We have been asked to share information about an exciting free singing group, ChoriStarters. This is an opportunity for children in Reception, Year 1 or 2 to benefit from singing teaching and an education in the foundations of music theory through song and musical games in a Cathedral environment. It is held every Wednesday from 4.10pm. For more details email music@newcastlecathedral.org.uk



Newcastle Cathedral ChoriStarters

Term time - every Weds, 4:10-4:50pm (from 1 Oct 2025)
Newcastle Cathedral, St Nicholas Square, NE1 1PF

Does your child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 love to sing?
Treat them to a FREE, unique musical education!

These fun weekly sessions offer vocal and musical training with some of the region's finest professional musicians and educators.

Young singers will develop music-reading skills and singing technique while building friendships and experiencing the physical, mental and emotional benefits of singing.

For more information, email us at music@newcastlecathedral.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming new voices to share the joy of music together!

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL

Achievements!

We have lots of exciting achievements to celebrate this week. An extremely successful swimmer from the Newcastle Swim team, three talented ballet dancers with their certificates and awards, a proud footballer and a super scientist with her model of the planets!



Newcastle Young People's Voice and Influence

Please see, attached with this newsletter, a copy of the newsletter from the Newcastle Voice and Influence group. This group work to ensure the voices of young people in our city are heard and can influence decisions as well as sharing information about events and opportunities.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

(It might be a bit windy on Saturday, but Sunday would be a great day to get out and see a fantastic forest and some of our impressive trees!)

Matt Ward (Headteacher)



Dates for Your Diary

Next Week:

- ❖ Monday 6th October Flu Vaccines
- ❖ Tuesday 7th October Year 6 Great North Museum Workshops
- ❖ Friday 10th October Cake Stall R2

Further ahead

- ❖ Monday 13th – Friday 17th October People's Kitchen collection
- ❖ Friday 17th October Year 4 Trip to Jarrow Hall
- ❖ Week Beginning 20th October Local Study Week
- ❖ Friday 24th October Break up for half term

- ❖ Monday 3rd November School Closed for Staff Training
- ❖ Tuesday 4th November Back to school
- ❖ Friday 14th November Year 3 Rising Sun Trip
- ❖ Weds & Thursday 5th/6th October Year 6 visits to SafetyWorks
- ❖ 19th – 21st November Year 6 Lockerbie Residential Visit

- ❖ Friday 19th December End of Term
- ❖ Monday 5th January Start of the Spring Term