



West Jesmond Primary Family Newsletter 13 Autumn Term 2025



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Christmas plans

Last week, we sent out our Winter and Christmas at West Jesmond letter with lots of details about events over the next couple of weeks. Thank you to families in Reception and Year 2 who have registered for tickets for performances. We will be opening the doors to the hall down the side entrance (to the left of the main entrance) just before 9am & 2pm.

- **Reception Christmas Shows:** **Tuesday 9th & Weds 10th December (9.15am)**
- **Thursday 11th December** **Year 2 Christmas Show (9.15am & 2.15pm)**
- **Friday 12th December** **Year 1 Christmas Songs and Crafts (2pm)**

Eco-Tree Competition St Hilda's

This Saturday, come and see our West Jesmond Eco Committee's spectacularly decorated Christmas tree at St Hilda's Church! For this special Christmas tree competition, our Eco Committee have created beautiful, eco-friendly decorations for our entry, the 'SustainabiliTREE'. Please come along, enjoy the fantastic trees and cast your vote for our creation! Voting takes place on Saturday up to 4pm.

Our MP Visits School Council

Last week, School Council were delighted to welcome Catherine McKinnell MP into our school. We enjoyed a brilliant Q and A with her first of all, hearing all about her interesting career pathway to becoming an MP and why she wanted the role and also her visions and priorities for Newcastle and our local area. Then, we gave her a full tour of our amazing school!



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Winter at the WJPS Allotment

This week, on their visit to the allotment, Year 3 children went around the various planting areas checking the impact of the weather. They looked at what was still growing in the ground and identified various cuttings from trees. The whole class then got together around a warming fire pit and sang songs, including, Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes and The Twelve Days of Christmas."



Be A Santa 2025!

School Council are delighted to say that the 'Be a Santa' gift tags have now arrived in school and have been sent home in book bags. Thank you everyone who has already sent in gifts. You can support our 'Be a Santa' campaign, if you are able to, by sending a gift, suitable for an elderly person, into school.



Star In Our School

Last week we told you about the support staff Stars in School celebration. Here are some of the members of staff receiving awards from the children. Have a look on the school Facebook page to see lots more awards to staff across school!



Achievers

This week, we want to celebrate a super swimmer with a very large collection of medals from galas last weekend! Well done!



And just to make everyone feel especially festive, have a look at these fantastic felt decorations made by children in 2W!



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

(Please also see the Winter and Christmas at West Jesmond Letter)



Next Week

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| ❖ Tuesday 9 th & Weds 10 th December | Reception Christmas Shows (9.15am) |
| ❖ Tuesday 9 th December | Y4FR Fieldwork Trip to the Quayside |
| ❖ Thursday 11 th December | Year 2 Christmas Shows 9.15am & 2.15pm
Year 5/6 Choir to Grainger Market
Y4BC Fieldwork Trip to the Quayside
Reception visit to St Hilda's Church |
| ❖ Friday 12 th December | Year 1 Song and Crafts (2pm)
Y4D Fieldwork Trip to the Quayside |

Further ahead

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| ❖ Monday 15 th December | Year 5 Xmas Party |
| ❖ Tuesday 16 th December | Year 1 and Year 4 Xmas Parties |
| ❖ Wednesday 17 th December | Year 2 and Year 3 Xmas Parties
Year 5 & 6 Winter Songs (School Yard) 2.15pm
Reception and KS1 Xmas Lunch |
| ❖ Thursday 18 th December | Year 6 and Reception Xmas Parties
Year 3 & 4 Winter Songs (School Yard) 2.15pm
KS2 Xmas Lunch |
| ❖ Friday 19 th December | End of Term |
| ❖ Monday 5 th January | Start of the Spring Term 2026 |



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