



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 11 Spring Term 2025



Growing Together and Gardening Together at WJPS

We hope everyone has had the chance to enjoy the sunshine and spring weather this week. It really makes a difference at school on the playgrounds, during our clubs and activities and especially with our outdoor learning. We make the most of all the green spaces in and near school to enhance learning for our children. Learning to plant seeds, care for plants, to harvest produce and to learn more about where food comes from are all integral parts of our curriculum. However, we think there are even greater benefits to our children's physical and mental health from being outside, gardening and being close to nature. This spring and summer, we will be working hard to further increase the chances for our children to be outside. We are also developing exciting smaller group projects such as Noticing Nature and redeveloping our Secret Garden area and outdoor classroom.

The **allotment** is a very important part of our school. Our incredible team of volunteers work with our children caring for the plants in the many beds and greenhouses. And of course there are also the ponds and the newts!

Parents and grandparents can you help? We are always looking for more volunteers. It doesn't matter how much gardening experience you have! If you want to help with the allotment or with gardening at school please contact the school and ask to speak to Mr Cook.



SEND Parent & Carer Forum Coffee Mornings

Thank you to everyone who came to our SEND Parent & Carer Forum this week. We hope you found the informal meeting and conversations very interesting and useful. We hope, going forwards, to hold these meetings for our parents and carers every month and Mrs Jordan will be seeking your views on how we can make them as relevant, useful and inclusive as possible for everyone.

Online Safety

Please look on the Website to see our fully revised and updated online Safety policy - [West Jesmond Primary - School Policies](#). We also have a, slightly shorter, child friendly Safe Use Of Technology charter in every classroom. Online safety is a vital part of our work at school. This year we had our workshop for parents as well as a number of special sessions led by experts for our KS2 children. We know it is something many of you have questions about. Please do not hesitate to speak to us at school if you want further advice. Below are two useful websites full of information.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> <https://www.internetmatters.org>

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Eid Mubarak

A number of our families will be marking the end of Ramadan and celebrating Eid in the next few days.

We hope you all have a wonderful time and look forward to hearing from our children about how they have enjoyed the day.



50 Fantastic Things To Do At West Jesmond

New parents may not be aware of our special 50 Fantastic Things to do at West Jesmond. Coming out of the Covid lockdowns, these 50 Things were chosen from a long list as experiences and opportunities we wanted our children to have before they left West Jesmond. They also form a part of our planning for the personal development of all of our children. Where we spot gaps for groups or individuals, we make sure we try our hardest to provide that opportunity. Please ask your children about how many of the Fantastic Things they have done and what they are looking forward to do as they move up through school (You might have seen quite a lot of them in these newsletters!) The list is in all of the children's Personal Development Journey Books and on our website [West Jesmond Primary - 50 Fantastic Things to Do at West Jesmond Primary](#)

50 Fantastic Things to Do at West Jesmond			Developing Curiosity, Confidence, Creativity and Community		
1	Visit an art gallery and museum	26	Perform on stage	41	Stand up and give a presentation in class or assembly
2	Handle historical artefacts	27	Meet an author	42	Compete and beat an on-screen record
3	Perform a dance, song or play to an audience	28	Raise money for charity	43	Make a difference to our local environment
4	Watch the seasons change of the school	29	Teach a skill to someone else	44	Be part of the audience for a play, storytelling, dance and live music
5	Plant, grow and eat vegetables from our allotment	30	Participate in a sporting event	45	Perform an act of kindness in class, on the playground and around school
6	Greet someone in five different languages	31	Learn first aid skills	46	Create and share your own digital content
7	Work with others to solve a puzzle	32	Explore lots of exciting possibilities for my future	47	Meet different people who change the world
8	Travel along the River Tyne	33	Create a habitat for an animal	48	Go pond dipping or rock pooling
9	Watch a chick from an egg	34	Learn to sew	49	Display one of your creations to the public
10	Spend a night away from home	35	Climb up Newcastle's castle	50	Proudly graduate
11	Vote in a democratic election & meet a politician	36	Make a difference to our local environment		
12	Prepare a meal and eat it	37	Respectfully debate a point of view		
13	Visit places of worship	38	Be a friend to a younger child or a child new to our school		
14	Help people in our community	39	Try foods from around the world		
15	Navigate using a map	40	Travel to an island and a lighthouse		
16	Work alongside an expert	41	Stand up and give a presentation in class or assembly		
17	Learn a poem by heart and perform it	42	Compete and beat an on-screen record		
18	Encounter unusual creatures	43	Make a difference as a leader in school		
19	Dine in a restaurant	44	Be part of the audience for a play, storytelling, dance and live music		
20	Celebrate festivals from around the world	45	Perform an act of kindness in class, on the playground and around school		
21	Play a musical instrument	46	Create and share your own digital content		
22	Join a school club	47	Meet different people who change the world		
23	Design and build a moving vehicle	48	Go pond dipping or rock pooling		
24	Sing a song around a fire	49	Display one of your creations to the public		
25	Represent our school	50	Proudly graduate		

Year 6 Leadership Event

Congratulations to members of Year 6 for their efforts this week. A group of children from Year 6 took part in a Leadership Challenge at Walker Activity Dome on Thursday afternoon. The group showed excellent problem solving, teamwork and communication skills during these challenges. Well done to all the children!



Talented West Jesmond Musician

We would like to share news of the achievements of one of our talented Year 4 musicians.

Last week, he was one of the youngest musicians to perform at the Ryton Music festival – his first concert in front of an audience!

He also accompanied his, very talented, dad and mum when their band Sur Taal were invited onto Spice FM for a live interview and performance! Wow! We are very proud!



Have a lovely weekend everyone!
Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

- ❖ Monday 31st March Year 2 Parents' Workshop
- ❖ Tuesday 1st April Dance Festival
- ❖ Wednesday 2nd April R1 to Laing Gallery
- ❖ Thursday 3rd April R2 & R3 to Laing Gallery
- ❖ Friday 4th April Cake Stall 4BC
- ❖ Friday 11th April End of Spring Term

Summer Term

- ❖ Monday 28th April Start of Summer Term
- ❖ Wednesday 30th April Special Parliament Assembly
- ❖ Wednesday 7th May 2W Newcastle Castle Visit
- ❖ Thursday 8th May 2D Newcastle Castle Visit
- ❖ Friday 9th May 2V Newcastle Castle Visit
- ❖ Friday 23rd May School Closed For Training Day
- ❖ Mon 12th – Thurs 15th May Year 6 SATs Week
- ❖ Thursday 15th May Friends Yr. 3&4 Beach Party Disco
- ❖ Wednesday 21st May Jesmond Music Festival

Half Term Break

- ❖ Monday 2nd June Return to school
- ❖ Friday 18th July 2025 End of Term

