

# **West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 4 Autumn Term 2025**



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We have been enjoying the cold crisp mornings and sunny days this week and hope this weather continues into the weekend to allow all of our families the chance to get out and about. I am one of those who are lucky enough to walk into school over the Town Moor and each morning enjoyed the glorious sun rise over West Jesmond Primary!



# **Year 2 Quayside Visit**

Year 2 have been making the most of the weather during their Quayside visits. The trips were part of our geography focus on local landmarks and physical and human features. The children enjoyed spotting well-known sights like the Tyne Bridge, the Glasshouse and the Millennium Bridge. At the Baltic's viewing gallery, they took in the views and sketched their own pictures of the Quayside. Their drawings were so creative- we have some talented artists in the making! Thank you to all the parents who came with us!



#### **School Allotment: Can You Help?**

Our allotment is a very important part of the provision for our children at West Jesmond. An incredible team of volunteers work on the allotment and with our children throughout the year to create a unique and very special learning space. Each year, we ask if there are any parents or grandparents who would like to join the team. You don't need to be gardening experts and would need to spare only a couple of hours a week to join in with the growing and learning alongside our children. If any parents, grandparents or friends are interested, please speak to the school office and we will pass your details on to the Allotment Team.



#### **Reception 2026 Parent and Carer Tours of School.**

We are starting our tours for families who are choosing schools for Reception 2026.

If you know any families who have children at a Nursery and are joining Reception in 2026, please tell them to look on the website or contact the school office to book a visit.

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# Parent Consultations 14th and 16th October

Information and our sign-up forms for our Parent Consultations will be coming to you over the next few days. Please sign up for a meeting with your child's teacher. If you have any problems with the sign-up process, speak to the school office. If for any reason you cannot make the meetings on these days, please speak to the classteacher.

## Friends AGM Monday 29th

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to support the Friends of West Jesmond this year. We also hope to see as many of you as possible at our AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> September helping to prepare for the year ahead!



#### **Clubs and Sports**

School is bursting with activity before the start of the day, at dinnertime and at home time in our many clubs. Please speak with the school office to find out about spaces and waiting lists. Remember, if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, the school will pay for any club that has a fee.

## Do You Have Any Spare Bike Helmets?

Reception are looking for any donations of bike helmets that your children have maybe outgrown. If you have a helmet you are not using any more, please can you hand it to the School Office or to one of the Reception team – thank you.

#### School Playground At The Start and End of the Day

Can we remind parents to keep a careful watch over children on the yard at the end of the day. Please do not allow your child to climb over equipment or the shelter in the Secret Garden area. This causes damage to structures we have there and is also dangerous for the children. Please remind your children that the playground safety rules are the same at the end of the day as during playtimes. If your child goes on the trim trail or pirate ship, you must closely supervise them. Thank you for your support.

#### **Achievements!**

One of our talented children took part in the WKKC (World Kickboxing & Karate Council) Ippon Challenge in Doncaster. He competed in the Under 30kg, 10–11 years old category and won – Wow!



We also got to hear about the achievements of a very proud Footballer with her trophy!



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

# **Dates for Your Diary**

#### **Next Week:**

❖ Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September Friends AGM (9am)

❖ Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September Year 6 Lockerbie Information Evening

❖ Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Cake Stall R1

# **Further ahead**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October
Flu Vaccines

**❖** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October Year 6 Great North Museum Workshops

**❖** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30 - 6pm

❖ Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October People's Kitchen collection

❖ Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October
Year 4 Trip to Jarrow Hall

❖ Week Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> October Local Study Week

❖ Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October
Break up for half term

❖ Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November School Closed for Staff Training

❖ Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November Back to school

❖ Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November Year 3 Rising Sun Trip

**❖** Weds & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> October Year 6 visits to SafetyWorks

❖ 19<sup>th</sup> − 21<sup>st</sup> November Year 6 Lockerbie Residential Visit

❖ Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December End of Term

❖ Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January
Start of the Spring Term