



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 12 Spring Term 2025



Aprils Fools?

Hello to everyone at the end of another sunny week at West Jesmond. We were very impressed with some of the April Fool tricks played by some of our children. Well done to the person who caught out Mr Dinsley with the Brown E (brownie)!

However the best April Fool was created by our Year 5 Children's Newspaper creators with their claim that WJPS were allowing McDonalds to run school dinners! The School Times publication is now on its second issue. It is packed full of great stories, information, reviews and news about our school, Newcastle and the world! This fantastic publication is created completely at home by our talented team of journalists and we are so proud of their effort, creativity and commitment to making something the whole school can enjoy. Everyone will have received a link via Weduc and we hope you enjoy sharing it with your child at home.



Eco Team News: Great British Spring Clean Tidy Up

Our Eco team is taking part in the Great British Tidy up this weekend and would love for everyone to join them in improving the environment! All you need to do is go out into your local area and pick up a bag of litter, or more, over the weekend. Litter-picking is a simple action that anyone can do to make an immediate and visible difference to the environment where we live, work and play. Don't forget to send in any pictures of you making our local area a tidier and healthier place!



Decorated Eggs at West Jesmond 2025

Children are invited to create a decorated egg to mark the end of term and the start of the Easter and Spring Holidays.

The eggs need to be hard boiled and there isn't a theme - you can be as creative as you like - no yolk! There's plenty of time to crack on. Eggs will need to be brought in to school on **Friday 11th**. We will create a special



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Egg-hibition of decorated eggs that children will be able to visit on the Friday afternoon. We're looking forward to seeing what ideas the children can hatch.

Well Done Dancers

On Tuesday afternoon, dance club wowed us at Whitely Bay Playhouse performing as part of the Newcastle Schools Dance Festival. The team did their routine brilliantly and enjoyed watching the performances by all the other schools that took part too. A huge thank you to Brooke for helping us with the choreography. We are looking forward to performing again as part of Jesmond Festival.



Year 3 Roman Experience

Thank you very much to all of the parent volunteers who accompanied Year 3 to Housesteads Roman Fort in Northumberland last week. Year 3, you were absolutely amazing. Despite us experiencing all four seasons over the course of the day - mainly the depths of winter, with lots of snow - you were resilient, enthusiastic and positive at all times. You asked so many great questions and were a pleasure to take away. We were lucky enough to have a workshop with a Roman soldier who recruited lots of us to his legion, see and touch Hadrian's Wall and also explore the remains of the fort. We all had a brilliant day out!



Allotment Open Day Saturday 3rd May

It's the time of year when we begin to look forward to our annual School Allotment Open Day! On Sat 3 May we'll be opening the allotment to all our families to celebrate this wonderful garden where our children learn about growing the food we need for a healthy diet and get hands-on experience of growing delicious fruit and vegetables. Come and visit us on between 10.30 and 2.00pm and listen to our school



choirs sing, choose from a wide range of plants to buy (sown by children in Y3 and Y4) and enjoy refreshments provided by our allotment volunteers and the Friends of WJPS in this beautiful natural setting on Highbury NE2 3EA, 10 minute walk from school. You might even get to meet some of the newts in our school pond!

Year 6 Leavers Coffee Morning Friday 11th April 8.30am - 9.45am

Next Friday, our Year 6 parents are holding a coffee and cake morning to help raise funds for the Leavers' Celebrations in July. Join them before or after you drop your children at school, your children are welcome too. There will also be a second hand uniform sale provided by the Friends of West Jesmond.

Events For Children and Families

Seven Stories Easter Events For Children Eligible For Free School Meals

Seven Stories are holding special sessions open to any pupils **aged 4-16** entitled to **means tested free school meals as places are intended for those most in need**. Children will get to take part in interactive story times, crafts, exploring the magical building and local area and will finish with a meal. They will be running **free sessions** on:

Dates: Monday 14th April, Tuesday 15th April, Wednesday 16th April, Thursday 17th April
Tuesday 22nd April, Wednesday 23rd April, Thursday 24th April, Friday 25th April.

Places are limited, please book via the website through: <https://sevenstories.org.uk/event/haf-best-spring-ever-2025/>

Little Artists at the Laing Gallery

Little Artists is a session aimed towards nursery, reception aged and key stage one children

This activity aims to be fully inclusive and anyone with additional needs is welcome.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/newcastle-upon-tyne/laing-art-gallery/little-artists-plus/2025-04-14/d-lpxbgvivbgxov>

Train Rides at Exhibition Park

We have the return of a Jesmond families favourite! The miniature train rides at Exhibition Park are back for the spring and summer.

The next event is this Sunday.

If you are lucky/unlucky you might, as a number of children have, get to see Mr Ward and his dog walking past as you steam around – please wave!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)



The Tyneside Society of
Model and Experimental Engineers

Located in Exhibition Park, Newcastle
(behind Wylam Brewery)

Miniature Train Rides



Sunday April 6th 2025
11am until 3pm

Please check the web site if the weather is bad
www.tsmee.co.uk or Facebook: TynesideSocietyMEE