

West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 7 Autumn Term 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent consultations this week. It was lovely to invite you all into school to talk about how your children have settled into this school year. We hope you found them a useful and constructive insight into your child's learning and development at school. These meetings are only a part of our conversation with you and all parents are able to arrange to speak with class teachers at any time between the formal parent consultations.

Local Study Week 2026: Shipbuilding *Why was shipbuilding significant in The North East?*

Next week is our annual Local Study Week. During the week, we focus on the history and geography of our local area. Our children, staff and families come from Newcastle, the North East, from many parts of Britain and from all over the world. At school, we celebrate and explore our many diverse backgrounds, histories and cultures, and we also share an ownership of a common local history that we all shape and can claim as ours! Over recent years, we have looked at topics including the Town Moor, coal mining, local suffragettes and Jesmond Dene. This year, each year group will be studying shipbuilding with each having a different focus. We are also looking forward to welcoming in some special visitors! It will be a great way to end this half-term as we investigate important part of the history of the North East. Parents are invited into school from 2.15pm on Friday to visit our special **Shipbuilding Pop Up Museum!**



Year 6 JPA Visitors

Our Year 6 children enjoyed a special assembly with Mr. Merrifield, Head of School at Jesmond Park Academy, joined by three familiar faces – former West Jesmond pupils! They shared what life in Year 7 is like, including lessons, tutor groups, classes, break times and lunch, before answering the children's questions. It was a lovely opportunity to help our Year 6 children feel more prepared and excited for their next chapter, wherever their secondary school journey may take them!



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The People's Kitchen Donations Collection Next Week

At WJPS, we are very proud to frequently hold food collections in school to support our local foodbanks.

From **Monday 19th October until Thursday 22nd October**, every morning, School Council will be accepting food donations onto trolleys placed at the entrance gates to school in aid of The People's Kitchen.

The foodbank gratefully receives all gifts, but items that would be of particular benefit to them at the current time, are listed in the poster you received on Weduc. Please note - they only accept adult clothing and not children's. 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 Thursday 22nd October.

Thank you for your continued support; together I know we can make a big difference.

Lucy Oades, Raising Aspirations, Careers and Enterprise Lead.

Year 4 Jarrow Hall Visit

Year 4 visited Jarrow Hall, an Anglo-Saxon farm. They took part in a Crime and Punishment workshop, a Burials and Religion workshop and even got the chance to listen to a story by fireside in an Anglo-Saxon hall.









Year 6 visit Ancient Egypt

Year 6 had an exciting opportunity to welcome expert visitors from Durham University and Oriental Museum, who helped us become real-life historians as we investigated the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt! The children explored a range of artefacts, examined hieroglyphics and discovered how historians use evidence from the past to build our understanding of ancient civilisations. They put their detective skills to the test, asking questions, sharing ideas and making careful observations to uncover clues about life in Ancient Egypt.





Lost Property

We have already collected a lot of lost property this half term. Items of clothing will be on tables under the Undercroft (Year 5 entrance) Tuesday to Thursday next week. Please help us to reunite clothing, water bottles…to their owners. **Please remember to put names on all your children's things!**



Keeping Our Journeys to School Safe: Dangerous parking near school – Is it you?

Once again, we issue a plea to all of our parents to drive and park with full consideration for the safety of our children. Please try not to park or drive near school at pick up or drop off times.

Do not attempt to turn around in the road at these busy times and do not park on yellow lines or zigzags.

We will continue to work with local traffic enforcement to enforce the safety rules around our school.

WJPS Weekly Achievers

This week we celebrate the achievments of a very talented Irish dancer with her trophies, four swimmers proud of their certificates and medals, a great gymnast, a high bouncing trampolinist and a fantastic Viking axe piece of homework! Well done everyone!



















Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

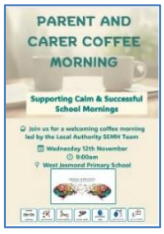
Dates for Your Diary

Next Week:

- **All Week WJPS Local Study Week Shipbuilding**

- **Tuesday 20th October** — **Year 5/6 Football Team Matches**
- **Wednesday 21st October** — **Friends Pumpkin Competition**
- **Thursday 22nd October** — **Year 5 and 6 Halloween Disco**

- **Friday 23rd October** — **Local Study Pop Up Museum 2.15pm (Hall)**
  6MO & 6C Great North Museum Workshops
  Cake Stall 4D
  Break up for Half Term



Further Ahead

- **Monday 2nd November** — **Back to school**
- **Thursday 12th November** — **Parent & Carer Coffee Morning**
- **Friday 27th November** — **Friends Christmas Fair**
- **Tuesday 8th December 9.15am** — **Reception Christmas Show**
- **Wednesday 9th December 9.15am** — **Reception Christmas Show**
- **Thursday 10th December** — **Year 2 Christmas Show 9.15am & 2pm**
- **Friday 11th December** — **Year 1 Christmas Songs and Crafts**
- **Wednesday 16th December 2.30pm** — **Key Stage 2 Winter Songs on the yard**



- **Friday 18th December** — **End of Term**

- **Monday 4th January** — **Start of the Spring Term**