

West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 8 Autumn Term 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

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



We have had a very exciting week in school exploring a huge part of our local history. The Big Questions have provoked interesting investigations and discussions from Reception to Year 6. We hope parents who were able to attend our Pop-up Museum enjoyed sharing the discoveries we have made, and we hope all of our children have been coming home excited to talk about ships and shipbuilding in our area! We will share lots more photographs in the newsletter after half term.

Halloween Disco and Pumpkins – Thank You Friends of West Jesmond

A big thank you to everyone who joined in the Friends' Pumpkin Competition. We had nearly 100 entries and we were amazed by your creativity! The School Council picked out three winners for the scariest, cutest and most creative pumpkins – but we think all the pumpkins are amazing and everyone who looked at them was so impressed!

Can we also thank the Friends and all the parent volunteers and staff for the great Halloween disco – lots of ghouls, vampires, monsters, bats, cats…and teachers had a great time!







The People's Kitchen Donations Collection

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our School Council People's Kitchen collection this week. As always, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our West Jesmond family in supporting people in our city and the donation trolleys have been overflowing. When we come back to school after half term, our School Councillors will be visiting the People's Kitchen to find out what happens to our donations.

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Paralympic Athlete Visit



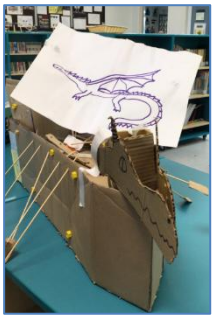


Thank you to Anna Nicholson and Lucy Turner, our visiting Paralympic medal-winner and GB athlete, for leading our sponsored circuits. The children had an amazing time keeping active and got to ask lots of questions in the Q&A at the end of the day. Thank you as well to everyone who sponsored the children, it makes events like this possible and will enable us to further enrich our PE curriculum with new equipment.

Incredible Work From Home

This term, we have been able to share some of the great project's children have done at home. There have been even more to see this week- so many I can't fit them all on here! Have a look at the incredibly creative and inspiring responses we have seen to our history, geography and Local Study themes!









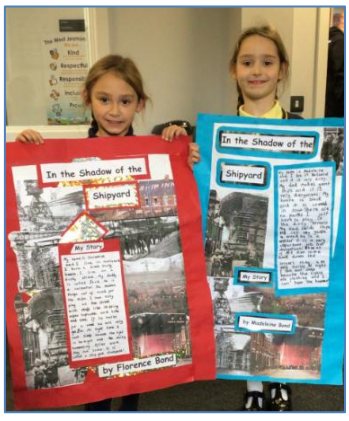














Year 6 Parents Secondary School Applications

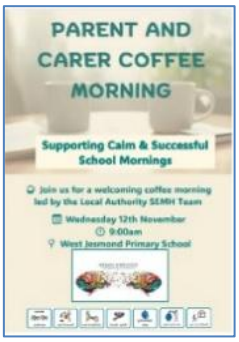
Parents need to submit their application before the deadline of **31st October 2025.**
https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-transfer-places

Children's Cancer Run Awards: WJPS Runners Raised £5774!!



This week, we were invited to attend the 43rd Children's Cancer Run awards ceremony at Newcastle University. We were incredibly proud to receive our certificate for raising an incredible £5774 as a school for Children's Cancer North from the run this year. We heard some brilliant presentations from the experts telling us where our money goes and then got busy making cells and testing our fitness on the Forza react! Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the run and to all those who sponsored us and helped us to raise an incredible amount for this very important charity. Save the date for next year…Children's Cancer Run 2027 is on Sunday 16th May!

Parent Carer Coffee Morning



This is a reminder that we are holding our Parent Carer Coffee Morning on Wednesday 12th November. The Newcastle SEMH team will be talking to us about calm and successful mornings!

Year 3 Athletes



Congratulations to the Year 3 Sports Hall Athletics team for their efforts this week. They represented West Jesmond Primary School at Newcastle City Sports Hall Athletics competition at Newcastle College on Thursday afternoon. The group showed some fantastic running, jumping, throwing, and teamwork skills throughout the competition. Well done to all who were involved!

Attendance: A Great Start to the Year: Whole School 96.9%

Thank you everyone for helping us to a great start to the school year for so many children with attendance at a very high level that builds on one of our best ever years for attendance in 2025-26.

Punctuality: There are a small number of families who are arriving late on a number of days. This can be very unsettling and upsetting for your child when they have to join a class in the middle of a lesson and also has a serious impact on learning. Please try to ensure you arrive at school 5-10 minutes before the doors open to ensure children are ready for the start of the day.

WJPS Weekly Achievers

This week we celebrate the achievments of a a gymnast, footballer, dancer and horse rider! Well done all!









Have a lovely half term everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

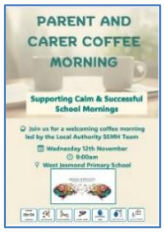
Dates for Your Diary

Next Week:

- **Monday 2nd November** — **Back to school**
- **Wednesday 4th November** — **Year 6 to Safety Works 6C and 6MO**
  Parent Consultations 3MC and 6B
- **Friday 6th November** — **Year 6 to Safety Works 6B**

Further Ahead

- **Thursday 12th November** — **Parent & Carer Coffee Morning**
- **Friday 13th November** — **Children in Need**
- **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**
- **Tuesday 15th December 2.30pm** — **Year 5 & 6 Winter Songs (School Yard)**
- **Wednesday 16th December 2.30pm** — **Year 3 & 4 Winter Songs (School Yard)**





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

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