



West Jesmond Primary Family Newsletter 12 Autumn Term 2025



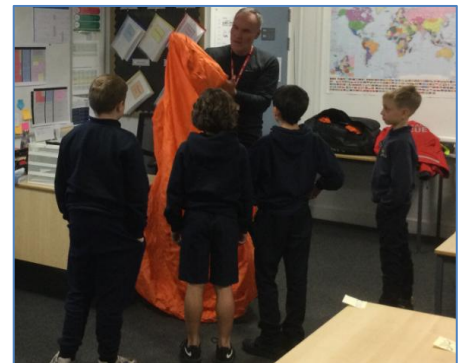
Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

The term is racing along, and we are rapidly approaching the season of winter and Christmas events in school. Please look out for the letter on Weduc about Christmas at West Jesmond which includes information about tickets for shows.

Year 5 Mountaineers!

We often talk about how lucky we are with our parents, carers and wider community. Everything we achieve in school is only made possible by our partnership with all of you. We are particularly excited when parents come into school to share experiences, interests, skills and knowledge. You will have seen a message last week from Mrs Oades who works hard to build up these links and to create a directory of people who can support curriculum areas.

This week, we had a great example of this as an area of our curriculum was brought to life through hands on experiences. One of our parents very kindly came to speak to Year 5 as part of their mountains topic, thrilling them with tales from the Mountain Rescue team and letting them try out survival shelters.



Year 1 Historians

We also had a special visitor enhancing our Year 1 history curriculum. We learned all about Toys in the past and how they have changed over time, leading up to the toys we enjoy today.

Important Christmas Dinner Reminder: If your child would like a Christmas dinner, please make sure that you have signed your child up!

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Stars in Our Schools November 28th, 2025!

We have been talking with our children about Stars in Our Schools, an annual celebration of school support staff. In assemblies, and around school, we give our thanks to all the people who ensure that our school is a safe, happy and successful place for us all. Our support staff team (Learning Support Assistants, Breakfast/After School Club, Office team, Wellbeing team, Cleaners, kitchen staff, caretakers...) are all a vital part in creating the school and the provision for your children and we take this week to thank them and celebrate the incredible work that they do! Here is a proud Mrs Finnegan receiving a special Stars In Our School Award from Class 2WD.



Digital Leaders

Our West Jesmond Digital Leaders had a fantastic visit to the Apple Store this week. We learned all about how to code our very own app using programming language and designed our own characters. A huge thank you to the amazing staff at the Apple Store for giving us all such a memorable experience!



WJPS Eco Tree

Our Eco Committee have been busy creating beautiful, eco-friendly Christmas decorations for the St Hilda's Church Christmas Tree Competition, taking place on Saturday 6th December. It would be wonderful if you could come along on the day, admire all the fantastic trees and cast your vote for our 'SustainabilITREE'!



Christmas Tree Festival 2025

St Hilda's Church, Jesmond

Saturday 6th December (ticketed preview on Friday 5th Dec)

A wonderful opportunity to be creative and publicise your group, business or school.

Prizes for the **Top 3 Trees** as voted for by the public. Winners will be announced during the **Carol Service** which closes the festival on **Saturday 6th December at 4.30pm**. Voting closes at 4pm.

A Sporting Week

Girls Football Team

Well Done to our Year 5/6 Girls Football team for their efforts this week. They continued with their Girls Central League competition on Tuesday evening at Jesmond Park Academy. The girls battled hard, winning one game, drawing one game and narrowly losing their two other games. The girls are already looking forward to their remaining football fixtures in the New Year.



Year 3 Cricketers

Pupils from Year 3 took part in a Cricket Skills Festival at Walker Activity Dome, on Wednesday Afternoon. They had a fantastic time showing brilliant batting, fielding, and teamwork skills throughout the festival. Great work from everyone involved!



Here are just a few of our Reception children developing their gymnastics skills coached by our very own incredibly talented gymnast, Miss Moore!



Last year in the summer term, we launched a logo design competition on behalf of Northern Rail to celebrate 150 years of their Heaton TrainCare Centre. After a huge amount of wonderfully imaginative and creative entries, we are excited to announce we had 5 winners in our school! A huge congratulations to these talented individuals and well done to everyone who entered. Northern Rail described our designs as being brilliant ideas which were full of colour and imagination demonstrating our amazing talent.



We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our Christmas Fair next Friday. Look out for a letter next week with some further details.

We are asking for donations for the fair - bottles, chocolates and new toy donations if possible and **children are invited to come in non-uniform on the day**. If they have a Christmas Jumper, they are welcome to wear it.



The Friends are always looking for more volunteers to help with stalls. We really need your help, before and/or during the fair. If you can help, please contact friendswjps@mail.com

You will have had a letter this week about the Be A Santa Campaign. The campaign supports people in the community, who may not otherwise receive a present, by giving them a gift at Christmas time. We invite our families, who feel able, to send in a wrapped gift donation, which can be a gift of your choice suitable for an older person, male or female.



One of our Year 3 children has had a great couple of weeks, winning first place at an interclub local competition on the 16th of November and then, last week, he won gold medal at the regional judo competition across the North-East! We are very proud of this incredible achievement! Here he is with trophies from both tournaments.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)



Dates for Your Diary

(Please also see the Winter and Christmas at West Jesmond Letter)

Next Week

❖ Wednesday 3rd December

2W Discovery Museum



❖ Friday 5th December

Friends Xmas Fair (From 3.30pm)

(Non-uniform day for fair donations: Christmas jumpers or accessories welcome)

Further ahead

❖ Tuesday 9th & Weds 10th December

Reception Christmas Shows (9.15am)

❖ Thursday 11th December

Year 2 Christmas Shows 9.15am & 2.15pm

❖ Friday 12th December

Year 1 Song and Crafts (2pm)

❖ Wednesday 17th December

Year 5 & 6 Winter Songs (School Yard) 2.15pm
Reception and KS1 Xmas Lunch

❖ Thursday 18th December

Year 3 & 4 Winter Songs (School Yard) 2.15pm
KS2 Xmas Lunch

❖ Friday 19th December

End of Term

❖ Monday 5th January

Start of the Spring Term 2026



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