

West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 9 Autumn Term 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Local Study Week 2026: Shipbuilding Pop Up Museum

After a week exploring the rich history of shipbuilding in the North East, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers into our very own Pop-Up Shipbuilding Museum. The school hall was transformed into a wonderful celebration of the children's historical learning, creativity and artwork. Visitors enjoyed exploring displays from across the school, examining artefacts from the shipbuilding era and discovering more about an industry that played such an important role in shaping our local area.

Our children were brilliant History Ambassadors and took on the role of museum guides, proudly sharing their knowledge with visitors, while our school choir provided a lovely musical backdrop, accompanied by a collection of historic shipbuilding photographs on the big screen.

It was wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic about sharing their learning and celebrating our local heritage. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the afternoon such a success!





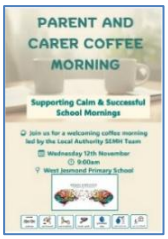
Children in Need 2026 Friday 13th November

You will have received a letter from Mrs Oades and the School Council this week about BBC Children in Need. This year, we would like all children and staff to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 13th November and to 'be spotacular' in spots/pyjamas/fancy dress/onesies and wearing their Pudsey ears if they wish. If you are able to give, we suggest a minimum donation of £1 in support of this year's BBC Children in Need appeal, but please give what you can. Donations for our fancy dress non-uniform day can be made via Weduc at any point from Monday 9th November or in cash on the day itself.

Every class will be learning the Strictly 26 challenge dance routine in their classes and PE sessions over the week! Each day, we will learn a new part of the routine and will be sharing our full performances with our buddy classes on Friday. We will be holding a CIN bake sale after school, on the Friday, under the Undercroft and on the KS1 yard. For this event, could we please ask for bake/cake donations from Reception and KS1 children only.

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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 Seasonal Chefs!

Year 3 have been developing our understanding of seasonal fruits and vegetables in our Design and Technology unit. We visited our allotment to find out more about which fruits are in season in Autumn and then practised our peeling, chopping and measuring skills to create a delicious fruit tart!





Reception Spare Clothing Appeal

Reception classes are looking for donations of underwear, socks and jogging bottoms/leggings to help us when children are needing to be changed on occasions in school. If you have any second hand items to spare, please drop them off at the school office for Mrs Thompson.

Football Report

Our Year 5/6 Girls football team were in action on Tuesday evening at Jesmond Park Academy. The team played their second set of Central League fixtures. They played some brilliant football, winning two games, drawing two games and narrowly losing their other game. The team are already looking forward to their remaining Central League fixtures.



WJPS Weekly Achievers

We have news of three special achievers this week.

One of our Year 6 children took part in the Durham County golf trials. The trials lasted 6 hours and he was assessed on all aspects of the golf game including putting, chipping and range distances. Because of a very successful season, and performance at the trials, they have decided to offer him a place directly in the 14U squad!







Two very talented climbers took part in the final round of the North East and Cumbria climbing championships. Our Year 6 child won every round and convincingly took the gold and his brother in Year 4 ended in 3rd on the day which secured bronze overall.

We would also share a picture of a very proud swimmer who has achieved her Level Stage swimming award!



Happy Diwali!

We hope our families who are celebrating Diwali this week have a great time!

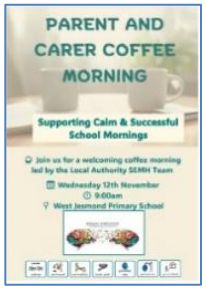


Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week:



- Thursday 12th November — Year 4 Trip to Sport Central
  Parent & Carer Coffee Morning
- Friday 13th November — Children in Need

Further Ahead

- Monday 16th November — Flu Vaccines
  R1 Phonics Workshop
- Tuesday 17th November — R2 Phonics Workshop
  School Council Visit to The People's Kitchen
- Wednesday 18th November — Year 3 Trip to the Rising Sun
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  Year 4-6 Choir to Newcastle Cathedral
- Thursday 19th November — Year 2 Trip to Sport Central
- Friday 20th November — Year 3 Trip to the Rising Sun
- Thursday 26th November — Year 3 Trip to Sport Central
- 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