

West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 5 Autumn Term 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Residential

We were very proud of our Year 6 children on their residential trip to Derwent Hill last week. This year, we made some changes with an earlier visit and to a new venue. These photos show how the weather, the beautiful Lake District – and our fantastic children! – made this one of the best trips ever. Here are a few of the photos of our mountain climbing, cave exploring, lake canoeing, high swinging, and river sliding stars!








Reminder: World Mental Health Day 9th October – Wear Yellow!

We would like to invite the children to come to school in their own clothes wearing something yellow on Friday 9th October. ***(Year 4 children who are going to Jarrow Hall on the Friday are invited to wear their clothes and yellow on the Thursday.)*** Throughout the week we will be giving assemblies and completing activities to support our children in looking after their mental health.

YoungMinds - Lucy Edwards

IMPORTANT: Parent Consultations

You will have had a notification about our Parent Consultations this week. We would like to apologise for the delay in the sign up system going live. Along with a number of schools, are affected by issues with our computer admin system that allows us to link our registers to some of our apps. We are working hard to get it sorted and will hopefully have the sign up links in the next few days.

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Black History Month 2026 at West Jesmond Primary



During October we mark Black History Month, a national celebration that aims to promote and celebrate the contributions black people have made to society. Over the next few weeks, we will be talking about Black History in our assemblies and within our classrooms and sharing with our children, the contributions black people have made over the centuries in shaping the dynamic and diverse community and country we have today.

The theme this year is Honouring Our Communities; recognising the communities that shape, support and strengthen Britain. The theme reflects the fact that Black history is not only made through landmark events or by famous names. It is also created through everyday acts of leadership, care, service, creativity, courage and commitment. Across Britain, black people are contributing through education, healthcare, faith, business, sport, culture, heritage, public service, environmental action, youth work, volunteering and grassroots community leadership. Some have influenced national conversations. Others have transformed individual lives, neighbourhoods and local communities. If any of our families would be interested in contributing to our learning this month, please speak to Mr Ward.

We shared the link below previously and I know many families found the local aspect fascinating. 8 Places Connected to Black History in Newcastle – The Historic England Blog (heritagecalling.com)

Reminder The Big Future Survey – Your Child's Voice!

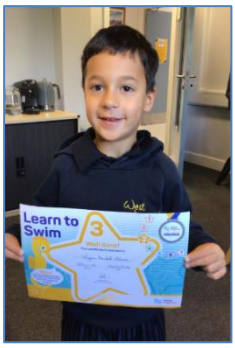
There is still time to join in with the request from the Children's Commissioner For England, Dame Rachael De Souza. The Big Future Survey allows children to ensure that their experiences, views and aspirations will be represented when she presents the findings of the survey to Government. It is crucial our children at West Jesmond have the chance to add their voices too. A number of our children have already taken part in the online survey, and we want lots more to add their voices to the hundreds of thousands who have had their say! The survey can be completed here:
https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture.

Achievers

This week we celebrate two talented gymnasts who travelled down to an event in Scarborough, a very proud Level 3 swimmer, a footballer with a special trophy and some more tremendous examples of Year 2 Quayside homework!











Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week:

- **Wednesday 7th October** — **Year 5/6 STEMFest**
- **Thursday 8th October** — **2M Trip to Newcastle Quayside**
- **Friday 9th October** — **World Mental Health Day**
  Year 4 Jarrow Hall Trip
  Cake Stall R1

Further Ahead

- **Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October* Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30 - 6pm**
  ***(3GJ Weds/Thurs & R1 Tues/Weds)**

- **Week Beginning 19th October** — **Local Study Week**
- **Friday 23rd October** — **Break up for half term**
- **Monday 2nd November** — **Back to school**
- **Friday 18th December** — **End of Term**
- **Monday 4th January** — **Start of the Spring Term**