

West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 4 Autumn Term 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We are at the end of another busy West Jesmond Week. We are still enjoying the autumn sunshine – especially our Year 6 children on their residential visit to the Lake District!

The Big Future Survey – Your Child's Voice!

Can we start the newsletter with a 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.**

World Mental Health Day – Wear Yellow!

World Mental Health Day is celebrated each year on 9th October. The day provides an opportunity to come together to talk about mental health and show everyone that mental health matters. This year, to raise awareness, 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



Jesmond Park Academy Open Evening: Thursday 1st October 5 – 7.30pm

Year 6 parents are invited to the Jesmond Park Academy Open Evening. Last year was another very successful year for JPA with some of the very best results in the city at GCSE with a 97.3% pass rate! During the Open Evening, children and families can meet the Head of school and staff, speak with students, take part in a range of activities, watch musical performances, learn more about the curriculum and opportunities for children and have the chance to tour the impressive facilities.

Reception 2027 Parent and Carer Tours of School.

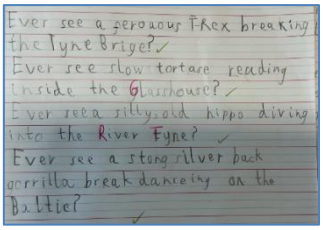
We are starting our tours for families who are choosing schools for Reception 2027.

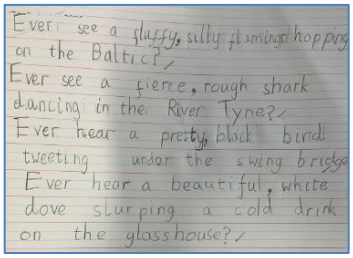
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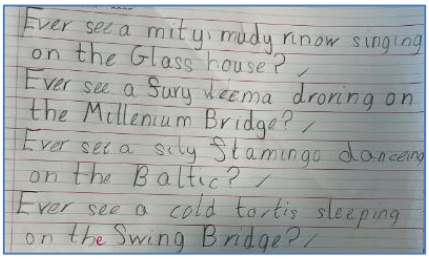
If you know any families who are joining Reception in 2027, please tell them to look on the website or contact the school office to book a visit.
https://www.westjesmondprimary.org.uk/web/welcome_to_west_jesmond_/519235

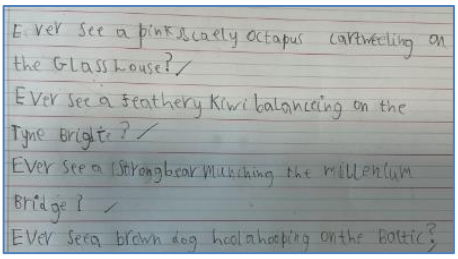
Year 2 Poets

Year 2 have been writing poems in the style of Roger McGough. We made them entertaining for our audience by using exciting adjectives and verbs. We linked our poems to our topic 'Our Quayside' by choosing a Quayside landmark for our animals to cause mischief on!



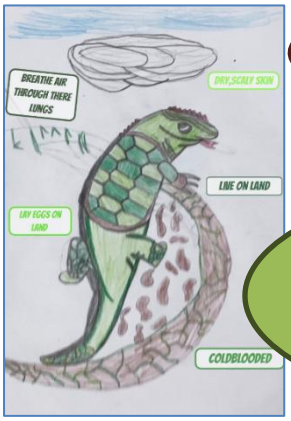






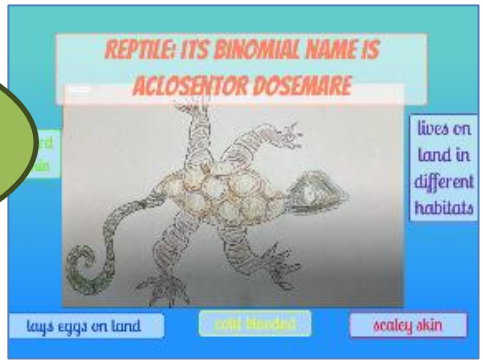
Year 6 Scientists

Year 6 have been exploring their Science topic of classification looking at Carl Linneaus. We chose the characteristics of one animal group and thought about related features to design and name our own animal.



I have designed my own vertebrate that is a reptile. It has a back like a turtle, face like a chameleon, scales like a crocodile and tail like a snake. Its binomial name is minimus longicauda. **Oliver**

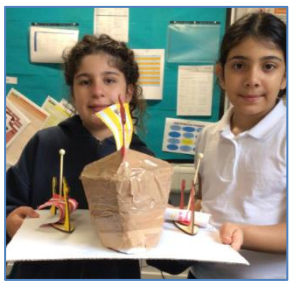
I have created a vertebrate with the tail of a snake, shell of a tortoise, head of a chameleon and legs of a Komodo's dragon. **Rosalyn**



Vikings Approaching!

A number of our children in Year 5 have been construcitng Viking longships at home. Here are some examples of their clever and detailed creations!







Girls' Football Team

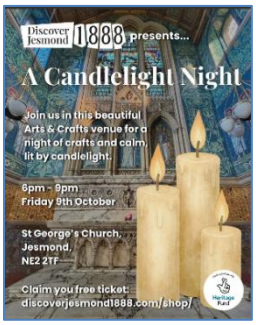
Our Year 5/6 Girls football team took part in ESFA Cup on Tuesday evening at Jesmond Park Academy. The girls played some fantastic football winning two games, drawing one game and narrowly losing their two other games. The team are already looking forward to their upcoming fixtures over the next few months. Well Done Girls!



Reminder Friends of West Jesmond – AGM | Monday 28th September, 4pm at school

We'd love to see as many parents as possible at our AGM — whether you've been involved with the PTA before or have absolutely no idea what we do! We're keeping the first part really informal, with an open house from 4–4.30pm. Come along, grab a cuppa, meet some of the people involved and find out a bit more about the Friends of West Jesmond and how you could get involved (if you'd like to!).





A Candlelight Craft Night

On Friday 10th October 2026 6 pm - 9 pm, Discover Jesmond and St George's Church are lighting the church with hundreds of candles, hosting a series of craft workshops, and welcoming a selection of local artisans and traders.

Book here:www.discoverjesmond1888.com/product/candlelight_night/

Reminder Children's School Photographs - Sibling Photographs

The Tempest photographers will be coming in to school on Friday 2nd October, to take the individual school photos. This will be during the school day.

Siblings' photographs: Please come to the school office, between 7.45 and 8.50, and you will be invited into the music room. Be aware that this can be very popular and very busy and there will be a queue!

If your children are still waiting for their photo at 8.40 you may leave them with us and we will supervise the photographs and take them to their classes.

Achievers

This week, we are sharing with you some more fantastic Quayside homework. Have a look at this colourful and informative poster and this very clever model bridge.

We also have a very proud swimmer, with so many medals from a recent swimming competition!







Yom Kippur Greetings

Can we send special West Jesmond thoughts and greetings to all of our families who marked Yom Kippur together at the start of this week.



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary



Next Week:

- Monday 28th September — Friends of west Jesmond AGM 4pm
- Weds 30th September — 2W Trip to Newcastle Quayside
- Thursday 1st October — 2DE Trip to Newcastle Quayside
  JPA open Evening
- Friday 2nd October — Children's Photographs (siblings from 7.45am)
  Cake Stall 1Y

Further Ahead

- Wednesday 7th October — Year 5/6 STEMFest
- Thursday 8th October — 2M Trip to Newcastle Quayside
- Friday 9th October — Year 4 Jarrow Hall Trip

- 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