



# JYS News

Newsletter: 14 ~ 10th January 2025

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## Welcome Back / Information

Happy New Year

On behalf of all the staff at Jessie Younghusband School, we would like to thank the children and parents for their kind and generous gifts before we broke up for Christmas.

Following last term's trial of a choice-based approach to **homework** and the subsequent feedback from our follow-up survey, we have decided to return to a more formal weekly homework structure. Starting this term, homework will be assigned weekly and will include either a reading, writing/grammar, or maths activity, along with spellings and number facts. We want to emphasise that homework is not compulsory; we understand that life can sometimes interfere with completing assignments, and children will not be quizzed or penalised if homework is not returned. However, we encourage families to prioritise reading, as research consistently highlights its positive impact on children's learning and development.

**Parents Evenings** will be held on Wednesday, 12th February, and Thursday, 13th February. We have received inquiries from several parents regarding the possibility of offering an online or virtual option as an alternative to in-person appointments. We are currently exploring the feasibility of providing both in-person and virtual options. Before we proceed, we would like to gauge your interest in this initiative. If you have a moment, please complete the survey linked below.  
<https://forms.gle/KpzBUqxTFdg8dTYm8>

## This Week

We were back to school this week, ready to face 2025! The snow came on Wednesday - and promptly melted away, much to everyone's disappointment! In Year 5, science lessons continued from last term, and the children tried to dissolve sand, sugar and salt in water to see which dissolve fully, and which don't. As you can imagine, they had lots of fun with this. Next week, they will see if they can extract the solids back from the solutions!

Mrs Potter's husband, Steve Potter, is well on his way rowing across the Atlantic with his three friends in their "Lessons from a boat" craft. The pupils are tracking his progress, have heard from him live and are looking forward to some live lessons! All of the children from Year 1 upwards have had a chance to use the rowing machine we have borrowed to see how physically tiring rowing is!

And for all you TTRockstar Fans, on Thursday Mr Neaves activated the new "TTRockstars - 2025 Rocking Glow Up". When you go on to play now, you should notice some changes. Click on the link to learn more - and good luck!

<https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/JmsJFmSRZbQ>



## House Points

Children earn house points for different things throughout the week, and here are this week's results:



|       | This week | Term Total (Since Jan '25) | Year Total (Since Sept '24) |
|-------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ash   | 79        | 79                         | 1700                        |
| Beech | 84        | 84                         | 1524                        |
| Maple | 77        | 77                         | 1636                        |
| Oak   | 82        | 82                         | 1751                        |

## Important Dates Coming Up

Monday 20th January - Paul Ullson in to Y5 for the morning  
 Friday 7th February 2025 - TTRockstar Day!  
 Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day  
 Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February - Parent Consultation Evenings

Monday 17th Feb 2025 - Friday 21st Feb 2025 - Half term holiday (School closed)  
 Monday 24th February 2025 - INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Friday 7th March - World Book Day Celebrations (details to follow)  
 Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day  
 Friday 4th April - Last Day of Spring Term