



**'Make Every Minute Meaningful'**

Dear parents and carers,

We are so excited to welcome you back for the 2024-25 academic year. We are looking forward to working closely with you, building strong relationships that lead to the best outcomes for your child and your family.

At Wellington, we 'make every minute meaningful' and thank you for your continued support on ensuring that your child makes excellent progress. If you need any support in this, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best wishes, Mrs Mark-Richards and Mrs Webb



**Our School Team:** Please see our school team below to help you find the right person to talk to if you would like any support. We are passionate about working closely with you.

Amanda Webb Collaboration Headteacher	Sarah Mark-Richards Head of School	Russell Davies and Alexis Pinto Assistant Headteachers
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Phase Leaders	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
<b>Reception Leader:</b> Alex Houghton <b>KS1 Leader:</b> Poppy Williams	<b>Badger Class:</b> Mrs Carter Mrs Costigan and Mrs Evans	<b>Owl Class:</b> Miss Strawn and Miss Walker Mr Whitehead	<b>Camel Class:</b> Miss Brooks Mrs Noor
<b>LKS2 Leader:</b> Khayrun Begum <b>UKS2 Leader:</b> Joe Bostock	<b>Rabbit Class:</b> Mr Hastings Miss Wright and Mrs Strachan	<b>Squirrel Class:</b> Miss Williams Mrs McGonagle	<b>Zebra Class:</b> Mr Davies and Miss Beattie Mrs Tokarz
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Crocodile Class:</b> Miss Mead Mrs Williams and Miss McCabe	<b>Giraffe Class:</b> Mrs Begum Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Williams	<b>Meerkats Class:</b> Mr Bostock Mrs Wade and Mrs Hunter	<b>Gorilla Class:</b> Miss Tugwell Mrs Saunders, Miss Moszcwicz and Mrs
<b>Alligator Class:</b> Mrs Williams Mrs Kelland-Nel and Miss Moonan	<b>Ostrich Class:</b> Mr Smith Mrs Jeremic	<b>Tigers Class:</b> Mr Williams Mrs Hashemi	<b>Lion Class:</b> Mrs Osborne Miss Soden and Miss Doughty

<b>Office Staff:</b> Mrs Quelch, Mrs Fattore, Miss Cox and Mrs Hotham	<b>Site Manager:</b> Mr Fattore	<b>Pastoral:</b> Mrs Monk, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Freeman <b>Other Teaching Staff:</b> Mr Laws and Ms Howell
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## Important—New School Start Times

Our new school start times have changed, inline with the DfE expectations.

Doors open at 8.40

School starts at 8.45

School finishes at 3.15

## Jobs and responsibilities September 2024

At Wellington we encourage our pupils to take on roles and responsibilities. We have a number of roles which children can take on to help develop their independence, confidence and resilience. These include:

**Play Leaders:** These students support during playtimes and lunchtimes - initiating positive play in the playground.

**Librarians:** Children who are passionate about reading often thrive in this role which includes supporting children in choosing new books and organising the library.

**School Councillors:** These students are chosen through a democratic election process and have real say in the school.

**House Prefects:** Available to Year 6 only. These students are role models for the rest of the school—there will be two for each house.

## Cycling and Scooting to School



Please note that, if your child wants to cycle or scoot to school, we encourage this; however, they must ensure they are wearing a helmet and cannot cycle or scoot on school grounds.



All children need to be confident in their times tables and number facts—they are the foundation of a huge amount of other learning. Your child's teacher will let them know if they need additional practice. Watch out for your child's TT Rockstars or NumBots log-in.

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## Attendance

Attendance at school is vital in ensuring your child does not miss learning, as well as in building resilience. We will be working closely with you to ensure your child's attendance is above 97% as a minimum. This gives your child the best opportunity to achieve their full potential.

We use the following NHS guidance to advise you on when your child can attend school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please reach out to us if you have any concerns as we want to work with you. We know that odd days off school can have significant impact on a child's outcomes.



## Uniform

At Wellington we take great pride in our appearance.

Our school uniform consists of:

- white shirt/polo shirt
- grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- purple checked summer dress
- purple sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan
- smart black school shoes



Whilst branded uniform is not compulsory, this can be purchased by completing the order form on the school website or by contacting the school office.

Leggings are not school uniform.

## PE Kit

On days when your child has PE, they should come to school in their normal school uniform with their PE kit in a bag.

Our PE kit consists of:

- a plain white polo shirt or t-shirt
- black shorts
- socks
- trainers or plimsolls



In the colder months, children will need to wear tracksuit bottoms and their school sweatshirt as we often do PE outside, even if the weather is a little cooler.

## The Local Library is a great resource

Chatting to your child about their learning helps them to remember. You can see each year group's own newsletter for more information but here is an overview. Please do make use of your local library to find more texts to explore with your child.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<b>Feelings</b> Look at books on emotions and changes in living memory—linked to toys and how they have changed over time.	<b>Continents and Oceans</b> Explore maps of the world. Locate the UK and other key elements such as Oceans and continents.	<b>Digging Up The Past</b> Explore dragons and the Stone Age with your child. Try using salt dough to make dinosaur fossils—or to create your child's own imaginary animal!
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Rise of the Robots &amp; Raging Rivers</b> Learn about technology and how things work. Try building a circuit using a potato!	<b>Anglo-Saxon Attack!</b> Try looking at maps to see where the Vikings travelled to and from. Building a Viking mead hall from lolly sticks could be fun!	<b>Seven Seas</b> Discover how adventurers explored new lands. You could try to find the most unexplored place in the world and learn about it.

## Key Dates for your Diary

### September:

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th: Year 6 Titanic Topic Days

W/C 3rd and 9th: Friendship Week

Wednesday 11th: Year 6 trip to Chessington World of Adventures

Thursday 12th: Year 5 Beowulf and Anglo-Saxon Workshop

W/C 16th: Scholastic Book Fair

### October:

Wednesday 2nd: School Photos—Individual

Friday 4th: Author visit Year 3 and 4

Friday 4th: Cake sale after school (raising funds for the Duck House)

W/C 7th: Year 6 Mock SATs

Thursday 10th: Year 1 trip to Milestones Museum

Tuesday 15th: Year 3 Butser Hill trip

Friday 25th: Last day of half term

### November:

Monday 4th: INSET day—no children in school


Tuesday 5th: First day back at school

Friday 8th: Year 2 Fort Nelson Trip

Monday 11th: Whole school Remembrance Day

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th: Parent Consultation Evenings

## Online Safety

 **Childnet** has some excellent resources to help you feel confident in supporting your child with staying safe online.

If you have specific concerns about your child online, please come and talk to us. We teach Online Safety in every year group from the first half-term so your child will be aware of how to protect themselves.

Remind your child to be SMART online by following these rules.

Click here for a link to [ChildNet](https://www.childnet.org.uk)

