



Dear Families,

I can hardly believe we've reached the end of our first year! What an incredible journey it has been. It seems like just yesterday that 16 four-year-olds stepped through our door on August 27th, 2025, and now we've grown by four more families. This founding class will always hold a special place in our hearts.

As I reflect on this jam-packed year—from taking the train to the theatre, performing our first nativity, caring for our friends from Badgerbrook, to juggling in our own circus—I want to take a moment to say thank you. Thank you for trusting in Wellington Place, Discovery Trust, our journey and what we are creating here. Our goal from day one has been to ensure every child feels happy, safe, and loved before learning can take place. The amazing progress each child has made speaks for itself—they are happy, safe, and loved. I can't wait to watch them grow even more in Year 1.

### **A few notes for the last few days:**

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, we have some very exciting end-of-term workshops as a special surprise treat. On Wednesday, we will enjoy Indian drumming. The circus, which was our favourite workshop, returns on Thursday morning, and on Thursday afternoon, the children will participate in an African drumming and junk percussion session. The week will conclude on Friday with our annual Teddy Bear Family Picnic. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the last Friday afternoon of the year together as a community and meet some of our new families for next year's foundation class. Children can bring their Wellington Bear back for this occasion. Please use the School reception to enter the school site and bring chairs or picnic blankets. It will be a lovely afternoon together. On Monday next week, we have a final end-of-term treat with "Meet the Beasts," where the children will learn about wild and wonderful creatures and have the chance to hold a snake, spider, lizard, or snail if they choose. I personally I will not be going near the snake!

**A few reminders for the next academic year:** We start back on Tuesday, August 26th, and Year 1 will be back full-time from day one. Additionally, we will be opening our school kitchen in August. We are very excited about this even though Mr B's meals on wheels will be out of business. We thank Mr B for driving every day to collect our lunches. For the kitchen to open, we need 100% uptake of school dinners. and all children to order via School Grid. All KS1 school dinners are free. We understand that some children prefer a packed lunch, which they can still bring to supplement their school dinner with a few items they really like. However, the kitchen will be able to accommodate all dietary requirements or preferences. They can even make a particular sandwich if that is something your child would prefer every day. With an on-site kitchen, we can ensure all children enjoy their school dinner. Mondays will continue to be our PE day, and we are pleased to welcome Faye, our new PE teacher, who will be joining us next year. Please also mark your calendars for a "Meet the Teacher" meeting on Monday, September 1st, straight after school, where you can meet Mrs Loomes and learn all about the Year 1 timetable and curriculum. Finally a note on school timings - in Foundation there is a drop off window for 15 minutes however in Year 1 the class will line up in front of the Year 1 class sign that will be on the left hand side of the half wooden fence in the EYFS playground (the side closest to the field) and at 8.45am Mrs Loomes will come out to the line to bring the class into school. This will also happen at the end of the day at 3.15pm Mrs Loomes will dismiss the children from the Year 1 sign at the half wooden fence. Please can you wait on the left too as Foundation families will be on the right.

Thank you again for your support in our first year of opening. I hope you all have the best summer break with your families. I know the children are ready for a rest. I am so proud to be the headteacher of Wellington Place and I am so proud of my team who have gone above and beyond for 20 very special little people. See you in August! Have fun, go on adventures, make memories and cuddle lots. Happy Summer Holidays, **Mrs Knox**