

New Year 2026 Newsletter



Wellington Place
Primary School
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Dear Parents and Families,

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas break and that the children feel well-rested and ready for an exciting term of learning and exploration. We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the handmade cards, handwritten messages, gifts, and delicious treats we received before the holidays; your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. As we embark on this new year, it's a perfect time to reflect on the incredible journey we've had together as a school community. We are eager to see what the future holds for our children as they continue to work hard to fulfill their potential at Wellington. Firstly, we are thrilled to introduce Miss McManus to our school community. Miss McManus is training to be a teacher on our Trust's Inspiring Leaders course and will be working alongside Mrs Loomes in Year 1 this Spring term. Welcome to Wellington, Miss McManus!

Secondly, the term dates for the next academic year (2026/2027) are now available on the school website. Attendance is crucial and we are proud to report that our whole school attendance last term was 97%, exceeding the national average of 94.6%. This term, we aim for an even higher attendance rate of 98% to 99%. Please review the Trust's attendance policy on our school website and remember to inform the office by phone if your child is too unwell to attend school. Continuously updating us each morning until your child returns is essential.

Thirdly, a gentle reminder to label your child's school uniform. We often accumulate a collection of unnamed jumpers and cardigans. To help address this, we are introducing Eco-Warriors in Year 1 who will set up a lost property stall in the playground every Friday. Additionally, please refrain from allowing children to bring toys or extra jewellery to school, as these items can become lost and distract from learning. Children are always welcome to bring in their Wellington bear for comfort.

Next, regarding dogs in the playground: due to an incident at another school within our Trust, the Trust are introducing a 'dogs in school' policy that prohibits unknown dogs on school premises. Although Chester, our school Yoga dog, visits every Monday and has undergone a thorough Trust approved risk assessment, we must now prohibit dogs in the playground. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

Lastly, I have noticed an increase in families using the staff car park and drop-off bay parking during pick-up times. While this area is primarily for staff, we understand that it can be helpful for families. For this year only, we welcome you to use this parking area if it is free, but as a sustainable community we encourage walking, scooting, and biking to school whenever possible. We will reevaluate this travel arrangement next year when our school community increases in size again. Also please note for snow closures - if the school has to close for a snow day this information will be shared via an email to all primary guardians and a notification will be added to our school Instagram page.

Please note that the deadline for school applications for younger siblings starting in August 2026 is 15th January. We are already at capacity with first-choice applications, indicating another year of an oversubscribed intake. This is a remarkable testament to the exceptional school community we continue to grow here at Wellington - it's the Wellington Way!

Here's to a healthy and happy 2026 for us all!

Warm regards, Mrs Cressida Knox, the proudest Headteacher.