

January 2026 Newsletter



Wellington Place

Primary School

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Dear Parents and Families,

January is often associated with the “January blues”, but here at Wellington we’ve had the most cheerful, busy and uplifting start to 2026! The children have returned with such an inspirational attitude to their learning. Their enthusiasm is infectious and has brought real joy to our school community.

During a recent visit from Trust leaders and our Advisory Board, the children’s attitude to learning and the strong routines embedded across the school truly shone. Every child demonstrated focus, engagement, and a genuine love of learning. I could not be prouder of them.

Some of you may have heard that Year 1 even brought me to happy tears in assembly last week—their amazing phonics progress absolutely blew me away. Thank you for your ongoing support at home. When you read regularly with your child, we see the difference in their vocabulary, storytelling skills, decoding and letter formation. It really matters, and it really shows.

Children’s Mental Health Week – “This is My Place”

Next week is Children’s Mental Health Week, and this year’s theme is This is My Place, focusing on fostering a sense of belonging—one of our core Discovery Trust values and something so important to us at Wellington.

To start the week, Monday’s assembly will invite children to share groups, clubs, families or organisations they belong to outside of school. If your child would like to speak about this, you are welcome to send in photos that can be shared during assembly. We are very excited to celebrate the many communities our children are part of.

Curriculum Road Maps – Foundation Stage

We would like to direct you to our school website, where you will now find our new Curriculum Road Maps on the Foundation page under the Pupil Zone. These documents outline what your child is learning each term and are a helpful way for you to stay informed and support their learning journey at home. Please do take a look.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

We are very excited for World Book Day, which we’ll celebrate on Thursday 5th March. As we did last year, children and staff are invited to come to school in pyjamas, ready for a cosy day of “bedtime stories”. (This is an optional dress up day.)

- Morning: We will welcome our friends from Oat Hill Mews Care Home for a shared story session.
 - Afternoon (from 2pm): Families are warmly invited into school to read with the children.
- It promises to be a truly special day, celebrating our love of reading across the whole school.

Parents’ Evening – After Half Term

Parents’ Evening bookings are now open on Arbor for the week after half term. If you have any difficulties booking your appointment with your child’s class teacher, please pop into the school office and we will be happy to help.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Cressida Knox, The Proudest Headteacher