



WELCOME BACK

Friday 24th April 2026

My welcome to Wellington has been very warm and I truly feel that I have joined an engaging and dynamic community made up of students, staff, parents, and the wider community. I have started my 121s with staff and have been walking the school speaking to lots of students. The Meet the Headteacher events have been scheduled, and I am looking forward to meeting parents and members of our local community. There are a variety of dates and times to choose from, all I ask is that you register your interest using the link so that we can cater for drinks on arrival.

Recognising excellence in students is central to celebrating success and fostering a culture of positivity, I will be hosting Headteacher's Breakfast weekly with a select group of students where we will discuss their views on the school, how we can make Wellington a place everyone can be proud of and also celebrating how amazing they are.

Thank you for your feedback on the proposal to amend uniform so it is more cost effective, for September 2026 (Year 7, optional for other year groups). The survey result was 11% wanted to keep the current uniform, 38% wanted to remove the blazer and add a black jumper, and 51% wanted a jumper and polo shirt. For the shoe survey 13% wanted to keep regular black school shoes whilst 87% wanted the option of regular black school shoes or black trainers. Further to my conversation with our Student Council, our Subject Leads and Pastoral team, I have provided you with two questions to gather more parent voice. There was a lot of debate with the Student Council about the polo shirt vs shirt and tie, and the option of a summer uniform. Please find the survey link in the email.

During my first two weeks at Wellington I have identified some things which need immediate action due to safety.

- I know that drop off and pick up can be challenging, with lots of cars and pedestrians and I thank you for your patience. To ensure that our students are safe we are putting measures in place to restrict access and allow the bus safe passage. We appreciate your cooperation in parking in designated bays and keeping the traffic moving to reduce congestion.
- A reminder, students should not be bringing prescription medication into school without the completion of a consent form with our First Aid Lead.
- If a student has a concern and they are not sure who to report to, they can use our Worrybox and a member of our pastoral team will then support them.

I thank you in advance for you continued support.

Wishing you all a fun filled weekend in the sunshine. Don't forget to wear your sun cream!

All the best,

Hannah Whitaker
Headteacher



NOTICES

Diary Dates

April

Tuesday 28th

Trust Dance Festival - Kingsbury Green Academy

Thursday 30th

Year 9 - Td-IPV & MenACWY Vaccinations begin

Year 8 - Parents Evening*

May

Thursday 7th

Swimming Gala

Friday 22nd

CCF Dinner Night

Term Dates

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday - School Closed

Friday 22nd May

Last Day of Term

Monday 1st June

Return to school

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Catering Specials

Tuesday 28th April - Taco Tuesday

Thursday 30th April - Welly Kebab

Wednesday 6th May - Doughnut Day

Lost property Reminder

We currently have a large number of items in lost property. All lost property is available to collect from Student Services, located by the Pastoral Hub. Please remind your child to collect any belongings before the half term.

Celebrations and Trips

Well done to our Year 7 Netball Team who beat John Hanson school **9-6** in a thrilling Andover league final on Wednesday - Congratulations girls - We are so proud!!

A group of Year 7 students enjoyed a trip to St Mary's Stadium to watch Southampton Vs Bristol - they thoroughly enjoyed the trip - watch out for more sports trips throughout term 5 & 6.

Year 10 enjoyed a thrilling Drama Trip to watch 'The Women in Black' in Guildford.

Good Luck to the Year 7 girls football team who will play in the Wiltshire Plate Final on Wednesday 29th April.

April - The Month of the Military Child

This month we celebrate the military child, to honour the resilience, sacrifices and unique challenges faced by children of military families.

DANDELION POEM

Dandelions put down roots almost anywhere, They are hardy and upright, A survivor in a broad range of climates.

Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them, They are well-rounded, culturally aware, tolerant and extremely resilient.

Dandelions and Military Children are ready to fly in the breezes that take them... to new adventures, new lands and new friends.

They learn that to survive means to adapt, That when one door closes another door opens.

Their roots are strong, cultivated deep in the Armed Forces, planted swiftly and surely.

Military children know that home is where their hearts are, That a good friend can be found in every corner of the world.