



“Sharing life in all its fullness.” John 10:10

Values : The value we are focussing on this half term is Compassion

Dear Parent/Carers,

Happy New Year. I hope you had a lovely festive period.

It has been a very enjoyable start to 2026 at school and it has been wonderful to start the year with our annual Arts week. I hope it has inspired some of the children to further develop their knowledge and skills within the Arts. I would like to thank Mr Ogilvie for his time in organising this opportunity for the children alongside the teachers for what they have delivered to the children this week.

Arts Week 2026

This year, our Arts Week focused on the inspiring work of composer and poet Antonio Vivaldi. The children listened to his famous composition The Four Seasons and explored the beauty of each season through creative activities. They expressed their ideas by producing stunning artwork, writing poetry and designing soundscapes that captured the essence of spring, summer, autumn and winter. It was an enjoyable and enriching week for everyone involved. More examples of the children's wonderful work will be shared on the school website shortly.

Mr Ogilvie



School Curriculum for the Half-term

We are excited about the term ahead and your child/ren's class teacher/s have been working hard in preparing some great learning experiences and opportunities. To learn more about the curriculum being offered in your child/ren's class this half-term you can either see the post on Class Dojo or by going to the class pages section of our school website.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Next week our wide range of extra-curricular clubs start and you will have been notified by text if your child has been offered a place. It is wonderful that so many children are keen to participate in these opportunities.

The following clubs have a small number of places still available if your child is interested:

Wednesday	Choir Yrs 4-6 Please only sign up for choir if you are able to take part in the Wellington School Come & Sing, which is on the evening of	Mrs E Williams
Wednesday	Endzone Netball/Basket ball Yrs 3-6	Mr A Ogilvie
Wednesday	Creative Yrs 5 & 6	Mrs L Chave

Attendance

Good school attendance is classed as 96% or above. Our school attendance this week is just below that at 95.76%. Children having good attendance and punctuality is hugely important in enabling to develop as learners but also develop great habits for life. At times, we do not feel 100% but with determination we can manage the day and often feel better as the day progresses. This is a message that we often share in school as we know building this resilience has many benefits.

Our school attendance for the Autumn term was 95.2% which is below the 96% (considered good attendance) that we aim for. Our attendance for the Autumn term in 2024 was 96.4% and therefore our attendance is 1.2% lower this academic year when comparing the two terms. Can I please ask you to ensure that your child has good attendance moving forward through 2026. Thank you.

Punctuality

Can I please remind everybody about the importance of punctuality to school each day. This enables each child to have a successful and calm start to the day and to do their very best. Children who are late do not have this same start and this can also disrupt the learning for others by being late in.

The children are able to go into class at 8.40am when the first bell goes and then all children are expected to be at school by 8.45am when the second bell rings. We saw an improvement in punctuality last half-term and with starting a new calendar year I am hoping it will improve even further. Thank you for your support so your child/ren is able to do the best they can.

Parking

Can I please remind everybody to park safely around the school. This is likely to mean parking further away and walking. With Brookland Roads being a cul-de-sac it is not an ideal place to be driving and parking either at the beginning or the end of the school day. The car movement also puts both our children and parent/carers at greater risk too. This also occurs due to parking across curbs and making crossing safely more challenging. Please can I ask everybody to show respect and thought to everyone within our school community as well as the residents who live around the school. Thank you.

Diary Dates 2026

Diary Dates	Event
	February 2026
Tuesday 10th	Head Boy and Girl Tea Party at 2.40pm
Friday 13th	Final Celebration Assembly
	Last day before half term
Monday 16 th to Friday 20 st	Half Term - School Closed
Monday 23 rd	School re-opens
	March 2026
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Thursday 12 th	Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm
Tuesday 17 th	Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
Monday 30th	Head Boy and Girl Tea Party at 2.40pm
Monday 30 th & Tuesday 31 st	Year 5 Bikeability (12 children)
	April 2026
Wednesday 1 st April	Reception & KS1 Easter Service at All Saints Church at 9.15am The school choir performing at the Come and Sing event at Wellington School
Thursday 2 nd April	KS2 Easter Service at All Saints Church at 9.15am
	Final Celebration Assembly
	Last day of term
Friday 3 rd to Friday 17 th	Easter Holiday - School Closed
Monday 20th	School re-opens to pupils