Wellington Primary School

Newsletter 12: Tuesday 5th May 2026

Working Together, Achieving Together

Respect • Responsibility • Aspiration • Community

A message from the Headteacher

It was great to see so many of you at parents' consultation evening recently and to celebrate your children's fantastic achievements.

This week's newsletter is filled with photographs of the many exciting activities which Wellington pupils have enjoyed during the last few weeks, both within school and on day trips. I hope you enjoy sharing these experiences.

The children have been telling me about some of the things that they got up to over the Bank Holiday weekend - I hope all of you had a lovely long weekend with your families. The weather was not brilliant, but there was definitely some sunshine!

Kindest regards,

Joy Wood

Our Wellington rules

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Safe

Our assembly focus

Protected characteristics



Reporting absence

Unplanned Absence: It is very important that you contact us every day your child is absent. Please make contact before 9.00am using one of the following methods, explaining the reason for your child's absence.

- Telephone - 01274 774446
- Email - office@wellingtonps.co.uk
- App message via Arbor

Check us out online

Keep up to date with all things Wellington, see photos from your child's class and check out events and key information by looking on our website or following us **on our recently launched Facebook page**. We hope that more in our community will be able to connect with us this way and all the brilliant things that happen at Wellington!

Website: www.wellingtonprimaryschool.co.uk

Facebook: Wellington Primary School, Bradford | Bradford VIC | Facebook

Our Wellington community

If you would like to share with us something your child does outside of school that you are proud of, this could be from a sports club, a drama club, an art club or something else in the community, let us know by contacting the School Office and we will share it in assembly.

Go Team Wellington!

Diary dates

Monday 11th May to **Thursday 14th May**	Y6 SATs week – please make sure your child is in school
Friday 22nd May	School closes – half term holiday
Friday 22nd May	Y5 Nell Bank residential full payment due
Monday 1st June	School opens
Tuesday 2nd June	4I trip to Rodley Nature Reserve
Thursday 4th June	4H trip to Rodley Nature Reserve
Tuesday 9th June	**new date** RC / RD trip to Ponderosa Zoo
Wednesday 10th June	Summer term open morning (9:00 – 10:00)
Wednesday 8th July to **Friday 10th July**	Y5 Nell Bank residential
Tuesday 14th July	**new date** 6LO / 6C trip to Lightwater Valley
Wednesday 15th July	Rock Steady Music concert (9:15 – 10:00)
Friday 17th July	School closes – end of term holiday
Monday 20th July	School closed – training day

*Should any dates change due to unforeseen circumstances, we will endeavour to let parents / carers know as soon as possible. Any new dates will be added to the above dates over the course of the academic year and will be indicated as **new date** so that these are clear to see.*

Academic year 2025 / 2026

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Jul 2026						
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Key			
Bank Holiday	Occasional Day	Training Day	Statutory

Keeping our school grounds tidy



Our Site Manager and School Council have been doing a fantastic job helping to keep our school grounds tidy by organising regular litter picks. They have shown great teamwork and responsibility in caring for our environment. However, we have noticed that there is still quite a lot of litter being dropped around the school. We would like to remind everyone how important it is to put all rubbish in the bin to keep our school clean, safe, and pleasant for everyone. Let's all work together to take pride in our school and look after it every day.

Celebration certificates

Congratulations to all the children who have received certificates in assembly – we are so proud of you!

w/c 23rd March			w/c 13th April	
Rec	RC Ayub, RD Amaya		**Rec**	RC Ruqaiya, RD Syaam
Year 1	1H Sebik, 1L Szymon		**Year 1**	1H Ibrahim, 1L Hashim
Year 2	2M Hoorain, 2F Aaira		**Year 2**	2M Ismail, 2F Tilly
Year 3	3MM Hana, 3RM Fatheha		**Year 3**	3MM -, 3RM Alfie
Year 4	4H Aiman, 4I Laraib		**Year 4**	4H Adam, 4I Danyal
Year 5	5RH Isla-Rose, 5KH Jide, Aadam, Jakub		**Year 5**	5RH Madinah, 5KH Khadijah
Year 6	6C Matthew, 6LO Frances		**Year 6**	6C Isla, 6LO Daniyal

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Rec	RC Aleena, RD Ethan		**Rec**	RC Faris, RD Musa
Year 1	1H Halima, 1L Sarim		**Year 1**	1H Naad-E-Ali, 1L Leo
Year 2	2M Kierat, 2F Sabiha		**Year 2**	2M Saad, 2F Melody
Year 3	3MM -, 3RM Alfie		**Year 3**	3MM Marci, 3RM Zeak
Year 4	4H Archie, 4I -		**Year 4**	4H Noah, 4I Duaa
Year 5	5RH -, 5KH -		**Year 5**	5RH Dawud, 5KH Aadam, Carter
Year 6	6C -, 6LO -		**Year 6**	6C Zaeem, Taha, 6LO Shayaan

Attendance

Congratulations to our attendance winners in EYFS / KS1 and KS2. The winning classes each receive a £5 reward which they can spend or save to buy a class treat!

Our school target for attendance is 95.0%.

w/c 16th March (%)			
RD	95.83	**4H**	90.95
RC	91.91	**4I**	91.13
1L	99.19	**5RH**	92.50
1H	92.50	**5KH**	95.83
2M	87.50	**6LO**	95.83
2F	81.67	**6C**	90.42
3MM	91.67	**Whole school**	90.94
3RM	91.25		
EYFS/KS1 Attendance Award Winner: 1L KS2 Attendance Award Winner: 5KH / 6LO			

w/c 23rd March (%)			
RD	92.67	**4H**	96.21
RC	89.04	**4I**	93.23
1L	97.74	**5RH**	92.00
1H	87.67	**5KH**	97.33
2M	92.33	**6LO**	86.67
2F	79.33	**6C**	98.00
3MM	92.00	**Whole school**	92.01
3RM	96.33		
EYFS/KS1 Attendance Award Winner: 1L KS2 Attendance Award Winner: 6C			

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w/c 13th April (%)			
RD	94.00	**4H**	93.45
RC	96.61	**4I**	93.55
1L	96.77	**5RH**	91.00
1H	95.00	**5KH**	90.67
2M	87.67	**6LO**	93.67
2F	84.67	**6C**	92.67
3MM	92.33	**Whole school**	92.43
3RM	91.67		
EYFS/KS1 Attendance Award Winner: 1L KS2 Attendance Award Winner: 4I			

w/c 20th April (%)			
RD	93.00	**4H**	93.45
RC	93.86	**4I**	87.10
1L	93.23	**5RH**	88.33
1H	94.67	**5KH**	94.33
2M	95.33	**6LO**	98.33
2F	87.67	**6C**	93.00
3MM	99.00	**Whole school**	93.05
3RM	93.67		
EYFS/KS1 Attendance Award Winner: 2M KS2 Attendance Award Winner: 3MM			

Uniform

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Before you buy your uniform for the new school year we want to remind you and your child what is and isn't Wellington uniform and PE kit.

Children will be expected to wear the correct school uniform.

Jumpers/cardigans may be plain or have the school logo







Uniform



Our learning

Nursery

The Nursery children have settled back in to routines after the 2-week holiday. We have made a great start with our Farmyard Fun topic and the children have loved using paint to print sheep and pigs. We also now have some fantastic singers with 'Old McDonald had a farm'. In our Maths area, the children have enjoyed practising their counting skills, pointing really carefully to each object for accuracy.









Reception

Reception have had a successful start to a new round of Bikeability sessions, with a group of children developing their core skills in balance and coordination, whilst having lots of fun! Our minibeasts topic and activities have captured the children's imagination - with bees, ladybirds and butterflies all buzzing, flying and fluttering around the provision, inside and out! The recently acquired construction resources continue to encourage collaborative efforts, as has the 'Toadstool Number Matching' this week! The warmer (and importantly, drier, weather) has encouraged more children to spend more time in the outdoor provision, with circuit creating, car chute racing and crazy crate jumping (adult present for safety of course), proving popular.



















Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed decorating eggs at home for the Easter competition. Devlynn was the winner in 1H.











Year 1 have started learning about measuring in Maths. They enjoyed drawing pictures that were taller and shorter. In this unit they will be measuring with cubes and then a ruler.





Year 1 had a fantastic Africa Day! We had a session learning how to play the African drums and dancing too. Then we made our own passports and boarding pass so we could go on our flight to Africa! In the afternoon, we designed our own masks using paint which was followed by tasting some African food. Year 1 had a great day - well done!














































Verbs


Adverbs
Nouns
Verbs







Year 2

Year 2 visited Cannon Hall farm and had a lovely day! We saw many animals and their babies including goats, donkeys, reindeer and even a long-eared hedgehog. The farmer gave us a ride on his tractor around the field so we could spot the highland cows and alpacas. The children enjoyed feeding the goats and ponies.


















DO NOT



Year 1 and 2 Road Safety

Year 1 and 2 had a road safety workshop to learn more about the Green Cross Code. Some children acted out how to cross the road safely - remember to 'Think, Stop, Look and Listen' as well holding an adult's hand!









Year 3

3MM were very excited to go and visit our Linking School - Russell Hall Primary. They all had so much fun getting to know each other in the playground and the local park, showing off their climbing and spinning skills! We then had an amazing rainforest animals experience and many of the children were very brave and either held or touched a giant African millipede, looked at a Goliath bird eater spider (from a safe distance!) Some brave children touched a boa constrictor and Miss M'Itwamwari even got to have the snake slither around her neck! Finally, we were treated to a parrot who did a little dance for us. It was a fantastic day and we are looking forward to welcoming Russell Hall to Wellington Primary in June.



















On Tuesday, 3RM visited their School Linking buddies, the Three Monkeys Class at Lees Primary School in Keighley. It was a fantastic day of team-building activities and fun games! The children explored similarities and differences between themselves and their buddies, worked together to build the tallest towers and enjoyed circle and parachute games. We can't wait to see our buddies again and welcome them to Wellington School on Tuesday 9th June!
















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Year 4

Year 4 are continuing to develop their ukulele skills with Mr Stokes from the Bradford Music Service every Thursday. This week, they have revised the notes they have already learnt and then learnt a new note, D minor, which they then used to play a song by Taylor Swift. In PE, the children have completed their last lesson in their fitness unit. They have learnt lots of different exercises and the importance of breathing and the role of the heart and the lungs during work outs.







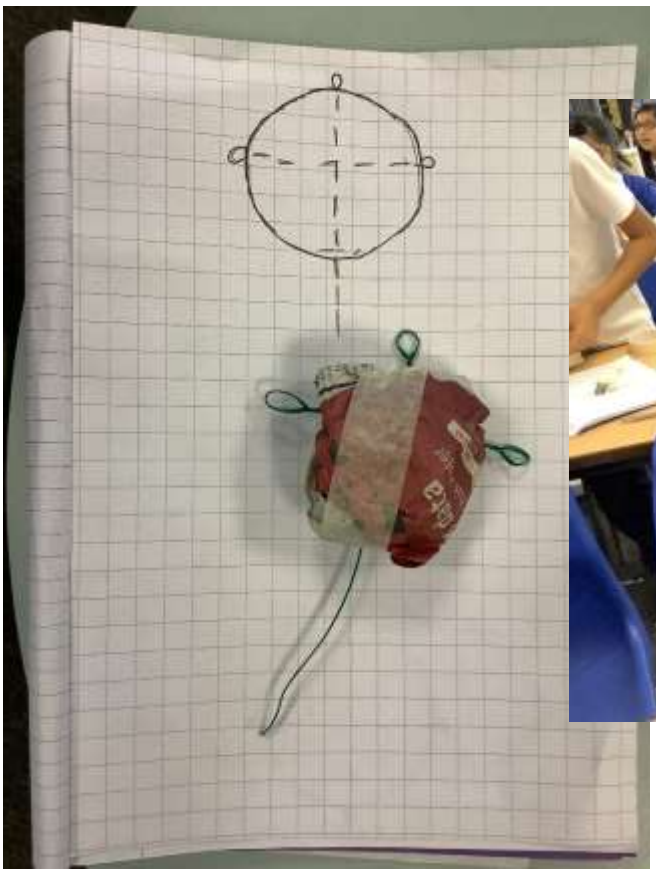






Year 5

Year 5 are really enjoying reading 'The Puppet' in English. It is about Silvester, an old puppeteer, and his puppet called Kenneth. Inspired by their reading, they have started to make their own puppet in DT. So far, they have just made a head. It was a bit tricky but they persevered. Hopefully the puppets will be used for puppet shows in the Summer Term.


















History



Year 6

As Year 6 prepare to write their suspense stories, they have had a fun lesson watching a couple of short movies filled with suspense. They have then gathered together in small groups and started to develop suspense in their own stories by torchlight. The children developed their skill of creating atmosphere and suspense and helped each other to support this challenging task.

















Virtual private networks (VPNs)

What is a VPN?

A VPN is an app or program that lets someone connect to the internet through a special private connection, sometimes known as a 'tunnel'. It hides their location and can make them harder to identify online. This usually makes their online activity more private.

VPNs are often used by businesses but can also be used for things like getting around geographical limits (like watching streaming services' content in another country).

Since the Online Safety Act 2023 introduced age restrictions on adult content, social media sites and other sites/apps that might cause harm, there's been an increase in downloads for VPN apps and programs. VPNs can help someone bypass these restrictions and blockers.

You can get VPNs in the form of:

- Downloadable apps from the Apple App store and Android Google Play store
- Plugins/extensions for web browsers (e.g. Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge)
- Desktop apps/programs on your computer

This means your child could use VPNs on their computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

Many VPN services require a one-off or monthly payment, but there are a lot of free VPNs, too – see below for the risks around using a free VPN.

What are the risks?

Your child might use a VPN to access adult and/or harmful content by bypassing the age gates. They can use the VPN to change their location to another country with no or fewer restrictions and access content that might be harmful to them.

Some VPNs (especially free VPNs) might also collect information about your child's browsing history and sell the data. These VPNs might:

- Track your child's browsing history
- Sell your child's data
- Contain malicious software that could reveal their device and personal information to someone who shouldn't have it

How to spot if your child is using a VPN

This isn't always easy to do, but you can:

- Keep an eye on your child's download history on their computer, phone or tablet. Look out for any apps or programs you don't recognise, and look them up to see what they are. See below for instructions on how to do this:
  - Google Chrome (computer/laptop) – type 'chrome://downloads' into your address bar
  - Microsoft Edge (computer/laptop)

- Mozilla Firefox (computer/laptop)
- Safari (computer/laptop) – open 'Finder', select 'Go' and then 'Downloads'
- Apple app store (iPhone/iPad)
- Google Play Store (Android smartphone/tablet)

- Look out for secretive behaviour, especially if your child is hiding their device's screen from you or keeping the entire device hidden from you
- Where possible, look at the adverts that pop up on your child's device. If they're using a VPN to pretend to be in another country, adverts might show foreign currencies or languages
- Pay attention to their phone's display, especially for key or shield icons in the top corners (usually next to the Wi-Fi, mobile data, or battery symbols) – this can indicate that a VPN is active

What can you do at home?

We'll talk to pupils about harmful material online in school, but this is more effective if you speak to them about it at home, too:

- Have an open, zero-judgement conversation with your child about what they do online
- If they are using a VPN, explain to your child why certain content is restricted and the dangers of using a VPN to access it (see 'What are the risks?' above)
- Set clear rules with your child about the apps they can use and the sites they can go on
- If you're planning on giving your child a smartphone, tablet or laptop, consider setting up parental controls so you can monitor and limit their activity. See how to do this on:
  - Apple (iPhone/iPad)
  - Android (restricts downloads on Google Play)
  - Windows (computer/laptop)
  - Mac (computer/laptop)