



# Wellingtonians, Industry and Growth

## Year 6 History Knowledge Organiser Spring Term 2026

This term, in History, we will explore how Wellington has grown in size and developed in industry over the past 50 years. The children will gain a greater understanding of Arthur Wellesley's achievements and learn of the work of Sir John Popham and his link to Wellington. The children will discover the history and changes to our school and church and focus on the developments of industry in the town, including local business Relyon. In addition, we will look at how the town has grown to accommodate the rise in residents, for example the building of new residential estates and a school.



### **Key Vocabulary**

*Wellington industry*

*growth motorway*

*business transport*

*Arthur Wellesley*

*Sir John Popham*

### **Arthur Wellesley**

Arthur Wellesley, later known as the Duke of Wellington, was a famous British soldier and politician. He rose to fame in 1815, when he led the British army at the Battle of Waterloo and defeated Napoleon's French army with help from Prussian allies. He also gave his name to Wellington boots!

### **Sir John Popham**

He was elected as an MP in 1571. In 1581 he was elected Speaker of the House of Commons, and later that year was appointed Attorney General. In this role, and then as Chief Justice, he presided over the trials of Sir Walter Raleigh (1603) and Guy Fawkes (1606). His legal career developed rapidly alongside his parliamentary activities and was extremely lucrative for him. He was also involved in early American colonisation projects.

### **Population of Wellington**

2001: 10,600

2011: 11,213

2021: 16,669