



CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No 28

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry..

Recent Events

It is always unsettling to hear in the news about violence directed at certain groups. We regularly review security but if you feel you would like to discuss anything around safety or security then please feel free to contact me via the School Office.

Talent Show

We are currently reviewing the Talent Show applications and will feedback next week. If you applied, you will hear from us next week.

School Trips

I have had some queries around the cost of school trips. Year 3 are due to go on their trip to Tring Museum. We are not permitted to make money out of trips so the cost of the trip is for the coach and £2 to the museum to cover the costs of hosting a school trip for the museum. We always look at prices from different companies when selecting coaches and this was the best price we were able to get on the day. It is also worth remembering that the DFE states that, 'trips must have clear educational aims, supporting learning outside the classroom.' This trip is designed to support the curriculum in Year 3.

DSPL9 Parent, Carer and Family Newsletter

Please see the link for this week's DSPL9 newsletter - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s1F_m2pfL0iC-amzrcNIZ7XK_SoQW3w/view

South West Herts Partnership Family Support Service – Parenting Course Calendar

See flyer attached.

Second Hand Book Sale – Friday 8th May 2026

Please see the flyer below regarding the Second-Hand Book sale on Friday 8th May 2026 from 3.20pm to 4pm. If you have any book donations, please bring in from Friday 1st May 2026. Thank you!

Online Safety Newsletter – May 2026

This month's online safety newsletter is below.



Chess Tournament – Tuesday 19th May 2026

Please see the flyer below regarding the Chess Tournament run by the Chess Challengers Club on Tuesday 19th May 2026! Good luck to those taking part!

MHST Wow Camp – 10th to 14th August 2026 - A summer camp for **8 to 12 year olds** that supports children's mental health, and provides a safe space for them to grow, connect, and thrive – see flyer below.

Special Mentions

3 Ash - **Alaya B** - for putting lots of effort and trying her hardest into division in Maths this week - keep it up! **George G** - for always showing respect to adults in the classroom - well done.

3 Alder – **Nikolas G** - for always having a positive attitude towards his learning, supporting others and being a role model in the classroom and **Felix H** - for making some great contributions in our history lesson this week which looked at Roman settlements.

3 Apple - **Wiktor B** - for creating a lovely art piece with the theme of space. Well done!

Miles P - for demonstrating a readiness to learn, contributing well to class discussions and for always taking pride in his presentation in all books. - keep it up!

4 Hawthorn – **Keyaan V**, **Avantika M** and **Maryam U** - for excellent sentence formation during English lessons this week.

4 Hazel – **Alayna K** - for an impressive improvement in English sentence work and for growing confidence in independent writing.

4 Holly - **Sophia M** - for using excellent editing skills for pieces of writing and **Joann MP** - for always modelling excellent behaviour and manners in class.

5 Pear - **Sophie G** - for solving problems independently in maths with increased confidence and **Elsa C** - for contributing well in all class discussions.

5 Pine – **Jack S** and **Mason P** - for both having excellent skills and sportsmanship in PE.

5 Poplar – **Alberta R**- for working well in maths this week by using her knowledge of fact families and **Liyang R**- for working reflectively in RE this week when discussing fairness and equality.

6 Oak – **Haleema R** - for always listening and excellent behaviour and also completing Spiderwick Feature spotting work to a high level and **Shaun C** - for considering others and being supportive to his peers in a range of ways.

6 Maple – **Shanaya M** - for her focus and hard work this week. She has engaged, contributed and asked good questions in lessons and **Avya N** - for showing an excellent ability to concentrate on his independent learning and manage the distractions around him.

6 Beech – **Adrian H** - for working hard to improve his writing this week and **Meher S** - for being kind considerate and helpful towards others.

Well done to..



Thieran Y – **4 Hawthorn** - On 25/04/2026, Thieran played in a chess tournament in Coventry for the Hertfordshire team and the team won 2nd place – well done!

To all the Buddy Readers - Well done for working hard in every session - it is so wonderful watching you all in the sessions either working hard on your reading or supporting and encouraging a younger pupil. Keep it up!

Thank you to..

Sharoze Q R and **Ani K** – **6 Beech** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Have a lovely long weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY 2026	
4 th	Bank Holiday
5 th	Year 5 Pear & Year 5 Poplar – River Study Trip – more details to follow
6 th	Class Photographs
8 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
11 th to 14 th	Year 6 SATs Breakfast and SATs week
14 th	Year 5 Pine – River Study Trip – more details to follow
15 th	Year 6 Dress Up Day – see separate correspondence
18 th to 22 nd	Walk to School week – more details to follow
18 th to 22 nd	Year 6 Bikeability – more details to follow
19 th	String Day @ Mid Herts Centre (Hertfordshire Music Service in Hatfield)
20 th	Wind Band Day @ Mid Herts Centre (Hertfordshire Music Service in Hatfield)
25 th – 29 th	Half Term
JUNE 2026	
4 th	FUN RUN @ Fullarians Rugby Field - AM
5 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
5 th	"Human Library" – see separate correspondence
8 th – 12 th	Year 6 Residential Trip – see separate correspondence
9 th	Making Music Day @ Watford School of Music (Hertfordshire Music Service in Watford)
25 th	Year 3 and Year 5 Athletics - Watford Boys Playing Fields (nr Fullarians) – more details to follow
29 th	Year 4 Trip – Whipsnade Zoo – more details to follow
29 th	TBC - Year 5 Recorder performance to parents – more details to follow
30 th	TBC - Year 3 Recorder performance to parents – more details to follow
30 th	SEND Support Meetings
JULY 2026	
1 st	Year 3 Trip – Tring Museum – more details to follow
2 nd	Summer Concert – more details to follow
3 rd	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
3 rd	Curriculum celebration open exhibition – more details to follow
6 th	Crucial Crew – Year 6 – see separate correspondence
6 th & 7 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations – more details to follow
9 th	Transition Day
16 th	Talent Show – more details to follow
21 st	Year 6 Leavers Production and Assembly – see separate correspondence
23 rd	Summer Term 2026 ends @ 1.05pm – non uniform
SEPTEMBER 2026	
1 st	Inset Day – school closed
2 nd	Inset Day – school closed
3 rd	Autumn Term starts
OCTOBER 2026	
26 th – 30 th	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2026	
27 th	Occasional Day – school closed
DECEMBER 2026	
18 th	Autumn Term 2026 ends at 1.05pm – non uniform
JANUARY 2027	
4 th	Inset Day – school closed
5 th	Spring Term 2027 starts
FEBRUARY 2027	
15 th – 19 th	Half Term
MARCH 2027	
24 th	SEND Support Plan Meetings after school
25 th	Spring Term 2027 ends at 1.05pm – non uniform

APRIL 2027	
12 th	Summer Term 2027 starts
MAY 2027	
31 st – 4 th June 2027	Half Term
JUNE 2027	
25 th	Inset Day – school closed
JULY 2027	
21 st	Summer Term 2027 ends at 1.05pm – non uniform
22 nd	Inset Day – school closed

Cassiobury Junior School

SECOND HAND BOOK SALE

Friday 8th May from 3.20 to 4.00pm

By the pond
Price- £2, £1 and 50p

Book Donation Day- 1st May



You can bring second hand books into school and hand them to the eco-councils in your class.



Good condition, of ages 7-11 years, complete, clean books will only be accepted.



Ripped, stained, of ages over or under 7-11 years, dirty, unreadable books won't be accepted.

Online Safety Newsletter

May 2026

FreezeNova (Unblocked games)

FreezeNova unblocked is a website that is free to access and contains a wide variety of games, including shooting, multiplayer and racing games. This site may bypass usual filters, making it easier for your child to access games that you may not want them to play. As there are a variety of games, not all games may be suitable for your child.

There is also FreezeNova Chat, allowing users to chat to their friends and meet new ones. Clearly there are concerns with any online chat facility as there is the potential to view inappropriate content, risk of bullying as well as grooming.

We could not locate any age ratings on this site and there are constant adverts. Childnet have a webpage providing advice on gaming and chat features here:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/gaming/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleycitycs.org.uk/may-2026-primary/>

Group Chats

Is your child part of any group chats? This could be on social media, for example on WhatsApp or within games such as Fortnite. If so, it is important that you are aware of the potential risks, which include:

- **Inappropriate content** – there is often a lack of moderation within chat facilities so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.
- **Bullying** – there are many instances where inappropriate/hurtful comments are shared within groups, this could take the form of name calling or body shaming. Bullying can also be in the form of excluding others from the group. These issues often overspill into 'real life'.
- **Strangers** – your child could be added to groups with people they do not know or even with someone that they have previously blocked.
- **Conversations can be shared/screen shot** – make sure your child is aware that anything they share within a group can be shared with others.
- **Sharing personal information** – remind your child to be aware of the information they share with others, including images and location.



How can I help make group chats safer?

- Check the recommended age rating and adhere to them.
- Set up age-appropriate parental controls, suitable privacy settings and set screen time limits.
- On WhatsApp you can do a privacy check, by going to settings, privacy and privacy checkup.
- Show your child how to use any reporting and blocking tools.

What else can I do?

- It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about what they send and how it could be perceived by others. **Talk about positivity and not saying anything hurtful. Ask them to think about whether they would say what they are messaging, face to face.**
- Devices should be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing and who they are interacting with.
- Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

Further information

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

Roblox - update

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. **As a lot of the content is user generated, not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.** If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing as well as set up appropriate parental controls. PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance recommended label, this is because it is a platform of individual, user generated games.



New Age-Based Accounts

From next month, Roblox will introduce two new age-based accounts: Roblox Kids for users ages 5 to 8 and Roblox Select for users ages 9 to 15. Roblox Kids Accounts (ages 5–8) will be limited to games with a 'Minimal or Mild' content maturity label and all communication is disabled by default. Roblox Select accounts (ages 9 to 15) will be limited to games with content maturity labels up to and including 'Moderate'. By default, Experience Chat is ON and Direct Experience Chat is OFF. The differences in chat are outlined here: <https://about.roblox.com/safety-by-age>

Parental Controls

As part of parental controls, you can manage content ratings, communication, screen-time, and spending limits as well as see which games your child is playing on and who their friends are. Roblox are extending these controls to allow you to:

- Block specific individual games (to age 15).
- Manage direct chat settings (to age 15).
- Approve access to specific games.

It is important to regularly monitor what your child is playing on Roblox and who they are interacting with, even if you have parental controls set up. You can find out more about the new accounts and parental controls here:

<https://about.roblox.com/newsroom/2026/04/introducing-roblox-kids-and-select-accounts>

Further information

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-releases-updated-parental-controls-and-age-appropriate-experiences/>

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Screen time guidance for under 5s

The Government now advise limiting screen time for young children. They advise avoiding screen time for under 2 years and to try to keep it to less than 1 hour a day for 2-5 years. Best Start for Life have published an article outlining what content is better, how your own screentime affects your child and how screentime can affect your child's development. Find out more here:

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s/>

Do you know what 'looksmaxxing' is?

It is the idea of improving and maximising your looks. Internet Matters have published this article, which provides more information on this topic and outlines the risks (including links to the manosphere):

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-looksmaxxing-online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

PEGI is expanding their age ratings

From June, PEGI is adding new categories. "Newly submitted games will be classified with a broader set of criteria that will focus on content and functionality, such as purchases of in-game content, paid random items, communication features, and features that incentivise players to continue playing." Find out more here:

<https://pegi.info/news/pegi-expands-age-rating-criteria-interactive-risk-categories>

**Can your child become the
School Chess Champion?**



Chess Tournament

On Tuesday, 19th May 2026

Time: 3:20 to 5:30 pm



Register →



Venue: Cassiobury Junior School

Contact: chess.challengers@outlook.com

MHST WOW CAMP 2026

FREE NHS WELLBEING CAMP FOR 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Note you can sign up for specific days, and not just the whole week



• DATES •

10th August – 14th of August

• TIME •

09:30am – 14:30pm

• LOCATION •

St. Margaret's School
Merry Hill Rd, Bushey WD23 1DT

• ACTIVITIES •

Meeting new people.
Wellbeing Workshops involving psychoeducation.
Access to qualified Mental Health Practitioners.
Arts, crafts, baking, games, sports, and more.

• REGISTER INTEREST HERE •

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd07qvGNRuJsQKj_y7DYGifoCCnS_b1EJsbcAMvrYpTgOaPi0g/viewform?usp=publish-editor

