



CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No 22

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Families,

Message from Miss Sherry..

Parent Reps

As ever, a huge thanks to the Parent Reps for their feedback, ideas and conversation. Today we discussed: changing for PE, PE kits and uniform, Year 6 events and costs, sharing out parts in productions, and several other areas. I have spoken to a couple of governors and, when we meet, we are going to run a consultation with parents about uniform and PE kit.

Red V Blue School Wars

We are aware of the Tiktok created 'School Wars.' I have spoken to Year 6 today and explained that it is not a playground discussion as it is somewhat more serious than '6-7.' We discussed safe behaviours and I reminded the students that, if they feel unsafe outside of school, they can come back to school in the afternoons.

CSA Quiz Night Tonight!

We hope the CSA Quiz goes well tonight and we look forward to hearing who is the winning team this year! Thank you to the CSA who have organised this event.

Late notice collection reminder

Trying to collect your children on time, with a parking space and do all your other tasks can feel like an Olympic Sport sometimes and we understand that sometimes you get held up. To avoid missed communications, please remember that in order to open the gates and be ready, staff cannot also manage lots of phone messages, late MUGA club bookings and emails AND get those messages to class. It isn't us being difficult, it is just logistics.

If you are late or another person is collecting then, without a message, staff MUST send the children to the office where collection can be managed. We cannot let the children go with other parents or to clubs if we do not have that information. Once at the office, we can check all of this, it might mean a delay but it does mean it is checked. Thank you 😊



Thank you for your donations! We did it!

We raised a total of **£392.36** for our Electric Umbrella visit yesterday! Thank you so much for your kind donations and please keep an eye on our website for the photographs of their visit. Our former student, Tom Billington, Co-Founder and Artistic Director, was thrilled to lead the assembly and work with some of our children in the afternoon workshop "I am".

CSA Readathon

Please see separate email regarding the Readathon starting from yesterday, 5th March 2026 to 15th March 2026.

Book Fair – Thursday 12th March 2026 to

We have a travelling book fair in school from next Thursday 12th March to Tuesday 17th March 2026 held in our Year 3 & 4 Library.

The children will have the opportunity to view all the books.

If you would like to purchase any books for your child, please come via the school office between 3.30pm to 4.00pm on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th, Monday 16th or Tuesday 17th March 2026.

Please note, all books will need to be paid for by CASH OR CARD

If you are unable to come along to the fair, you can give your child the cash in a named envelope and their teacher will look after it until the end of the day.

Amazon Wishlist

We are extremely grateful to the parents and carers who have bought from our Amazon Wishlist.

If you would like to purchase any items, please visit this link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/registries/gl/guest-view/3H1EHS9D57F?ref_=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_W7W63M9T724EM1ADMG74

Thank you for your continued support.

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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RYFolahMv0peKKRbilpvB0XIBzvXim58/view>

Watford Junior Challenge – Saturday 21st March 2026

See flyer below regarding the Fun Run Challenge.

Spring Term Concert – Wednesday 11th March 2026 – Audience Tickets

If your child is in the *School Band*, *School Orchestra*, *Recorder Club* or *Year 5 & 6 Choir*, please book your audience tickets ASAP! Once everyone has booked their tickets we will hopefully be able to offer you some more tickets, if required.

Year 4 Production – Monday 16th March 2026 (PM) and Tuesday 17th March 2026 (AM)

Don't forget to order your tickets on the School Gateway ASAP! The Year 4 children have been working extremely hard to learn their lines and the songs



Non-uniform Day / Wear Something Funny / Wear Red

Friday 20th March 2026

We will be holding a "Wear Red, Wear Something Funny or Wear Non-Uniform" on Friday 20th March 2026 to raise money for Comic Relief. Please donate via the School Gateway or in the donation buckets on the school gates.

Watford Foodbank – Spring Newsletter

Please see below the Spring Newsletter from the Watford Foodbank.

CSE Holiday Camp – Easter holidays

Please see the flyer below from Challenge Sport & Education regarding their Easter Holiday Camp.

Special Mentions

3 Alder - **Luca A** - for applying known number knowledge to support his calculations in maths lessons this week. Great work! **Hussain M** - for working hard in our geography lesson to identify human and physical features in landscapes. Well done!

3 Apple - **Maahir W** - for his lovely sentences in English using emotive language and description for persuasion - well done! **Anaahat K** - for working hard on learning her spellings and times tables as well as contributing more to class discussions - keep it up!

3 Ash – **Mahi S** and **George M** - for both or showing consistent focus and effort in Maths lessons and for pushing themselves onto challenges - keep it up!

4 Hawthorn – **Ayra S** - for great work on her times tables and **Andrea L** for excellent input in our lesson about Ancient Egyptians.

4 Hazel – **Paarisa H** – for being very resilient in her learning and for her positivity and encouragement towards others.

4 Holly - **Charlotte T-V** - for showing great focus and determination in maths and **Keana N** - for contributing lots of answers in class discussions.

5 Pear - **Lara N** and **Kaashvi A** - for showing kindness and friendship to their peers.

5 Pine – **Ciara R** and **Waniah B** - for showing kindness to friends.

5 Poplar - **Sebastian H** - for confidently sharing his 'I am' in the workshop with Electric Umbrella this week, well done!

Cora F, Chloe G and **Charlotte J** - for consistently having a positive attitude and treating adults and your peers with respect. Your behaviour sets a wonderful example for others, and you are a fantastic role model.

6 Oak – **Pranaav P** and **Hiyasvi P** - for well written and delivered persuasive speeches.

6 Maple – **Hanaa J** and **Aryan B** - for their enthusiasm, efforts and thinking during a Geography lesson on trading where they had to work out how to trade as different countries in the world.

6 Beech - **Rohan R** and **Bhargav P** - for their confidently and passionately delivered Room 101 speeches.

Well done to..



Sienna P – **4 Hawthorn** – for completing her Swimming Stage 7 award – well done!

Amba K – **4 Holly** – for playing the piano to the whole school in Singing Assembly this week – well done!

Anika Y – **3 Alder** – for playing the piano to the whole school in Singing Assembly this week – well done!



Kian N - **3 Apple** - recently completed his NICAS level 2 in bouldering (a form of climbing) – well done!

Thank you to..

Abigail J and **Damaine B** – **6 Beech** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH 2026	
11 th	Spring Term Concert – see separate correspondence
12 th to 17 th	Book Fair – open to parents and children
13 th	Year 4 Dress Rehearsal to whole school
16 th	Year 4 Production – AM – more details to follow
17 th	Year 4 Production – PM – more details to follow
19 th	Year 3 Science Workshop – see separate correspondence
20 th	EHCP Support Plan Meetings – see separate correspondence
23 rd	Year 6 Ben Kinsella Trip – 6 Maple
24 th	Year 6 Ben Kinsella Trip – 6 Oak
24 th	Year 3 St Luke's Church visit
24 th	SEND Support Plan Meetings after school * CHANGE OF DATE
26 th	Year 6 Ben Kinsella Trip - 6 Beech
27 th	Spring Term 2026 ends @ 1.05pm – non uniform
APRIL 2026	
13 th	Back to school for the Summer Term 2026
17 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
20 th	Year 6 SATS and Residential Parent Talk – School Hall – 5pm to 5.45pm
21 st	Careers Fair – Year 6 – see separate email
22 nd	Year 3 – Roman Day – History off the Page – see separate correspondence
MAY 2026	
4 th	Bank Holiday
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
15 th	Year 6 Dress Up Day – see separate correspondence
18 th to 22 nd	Year 6 Bikeability – more details to follow
25 th – 29 th	Half Term
JUNE 2026	
5 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
JULY 2026	
3 rd	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
6 th	Crucial Crew – Year 6 – see separate correspondence
6 th & 7 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations – 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



Watford Harriers Athletics Club
watfordharriers.org.uk

WATFORD JUNIOR CHALLENGE

**Sat 21st
March 2026**



The Junior Challenge is an exciting, fun run road race held annually in Cassiobury Park!

10:00 - 13:00 Cassiobury Park, Gade Ave, Watford WD18 7LG, UK

This is open to **all children in Primary School and Secondary School Years 7-9**, regardless of ability. It is a great opportunity for athletes to represent their schools in a competitive event. We have two races in the following age categories: **Under 8s (from age 5 upwards) & Under 10s-Under 14s.**

Races will start and finish on the path between the **Stratford Way entrance to Cassiobury Park and the bandstand.**

See Map: <https://www.google.com/maps/@51.6604607,-0.4136463,16z?entry=t:tu>



DUE TO EXPECTED NUMBERS, THERE WILL BE TWO SEPARATE RACES:

The first, for **UNDER 8s** of approx. 1.2 km, will start at **11.45 am.**

The second, for **UNDER 10s, UNDER 12s and UNDER 14s** of approx. 2.5 km, will start at **12:15 pm**

Please arrive by 11.30 am for a warm up!
A runner's medal will be given to all finishers.

The first three boys and girls in each category will be presented a prize as soon as possible after the races

Find us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram

Register at: <https://www.atwevents.co.uk/e/watford-junior-challenge-9306>

If you have any queries, please contact our Watford Harriers Club Race Organiser at whogm@watfordharriers.org.uk

Newsletter



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The festive season combined with the start of a new year is always a busy time for many food banks as families struggle to deal with extra expense. While we welcome the warmer weather, the cold reality of food insecurity unfortunately remains for many. Looking back on 2025, you helped us to provide 6,255 emergency food parcels. Together, we have not only provided emergency food but also holistic support to help people move out of crisis. Demand for our foodbanks remains high. To work towards a future where nobody needs to use a foodbank, we continue to need your help.

Here are some ways you can work with us, but we're always open to new ideas!

**Make us your Charity of the Year * Take part in some Corporate Volunteering *
Arrange a food collection * Fundraise for us * Share our social media posts - spread the word!**



Thank you so much for your kind and generous donations, for every penny and every tin!
With your help, we are able to continue helping those in need in our community.

Meet the Team

My name's Jacqui, I've been volunteering on Wednesdays for just over three years. Mostly I pack boxes or help sort through stock but I'm also privileged to be trusted on the front desk when our Wednesday manager, Sunil, is away; that involves greeting clients, giving them their food parcel and any toiletries they may need. If it's not too busy we'll also take the time to offer tea or coffee and have a chat; I think that's a surprise to some clients but you can see that those who do stay for a bit really appreciate it. I love being part of the Wednesday team; it's a really great bunch of people. Volunteering at the Foodbank feels very worthwhile; knowing that you're helping to support people who, for a period of time in their lives, are struggling, gives me a real sense of purpose.



Chris and Ken are our Wednesday Team drivers. Chris joined in March 2024 and Ken in July the same year. Wednesday is a busy day for them, as well as delivering food parcels to clients, their day also includes delivering food parcels to our centres at Wellspring and St. Michaels & All Angels. Time for a quick cuppa and then they're off to Sainsburys to collect the instore customer donations. Ending with a bread collection from Seven Seeded bakery and then dropping some off to The Haven, New Hope. All done with a friendly smile!



Christmas Appeal

We are delighted to report that our target of £15K was reached in our Christmas Appeal. A huge thank you to everyone who donated, many of whom remain anonymous.



The popular Watford Phoenix Choir are delighted to announce that the proceeds of their three charity concerts for 2026 will go to Watford Foodbank. The first event, their 'Brighter Days' Concert will be held in St Mary's Church in central Watford on Saturday 21 March at 6.30pm. So do go along and enjoy their cheerful programme of music including guest singers. Tickets cost £12 (under 16s free) and will be available through Ticket Source or on the door. Further concerts in support of the Watford Foodbank will be held on 11 July and 5 December.



Talking Therapies Update.....

Watford Foodbank's talking therapies service ('TTS') has formed a partnership with New Hope, Watford's homeless charity. Our respective services work with the same people on occasion. Under the new arrangement, New Hope will be able to refer people they work with to the TTS. There are also plans underway for TTS to work with One YMCA in a similar way.

Christians Across Watford



On Thursday 26th February Wellspring Church hosted the first Christians Across Watford Agency Showcase. Watford Foodbank joined New Hope, One YMCA, Dignify, Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy, Charis Tiwala, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Outdoors Group & Watford Schools Trust. It was a privilege to join with over 50 people from various agencies and churches to connect, learn & share lunch. Thank you to Peter Taylor - Mayor of Watford for his words of encouragement.



The free app shows you exactly what your local food bank needs right now.

Easter Preparations

When people in our communities are facing hardship, treats are often simply unaffordable, so it's always heartening to see generous Easter treats coming in in addition to essentials. Easter Sunday is on 5th April this year so we would welcome such donations to be with us by Tuesday 31st March so that we can distribute them ahead of the Easter weekend.

What's in the Warehouse?

Our warehouse is still currently very well stocked with Baked Beans, Pasta, Rice & Breakfast Cereals.

Current most needed items are....

Tinned fruit	Long-life milk
Tinned meat	Tinned soup
Custard	Tinned tomatoes
Tinned fruit	Instant Mash
Long-life juice	Jam or spreads
Pasta sauce	Small jar of coffee
Shower gel	Tinned fish
Deodorant	

Fresh Food for all Clients

We all know that food banks give tins, dried and long-life food. However, not everyone realises that Watford Foodbank always gives clients a choice of fresh fruit and vegetables too.

We use some of your financial donations to buy fresh food each week. We always insist that our children eat their fruit and veg; we think that everyone deserves that same option. We have been offering fruit, veg and often bread at sessions for a number of years.



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