



CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No 15

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry..

Farewells

Mrs Clarke has finally sold her house (after a long process) and will be leaving us later this month. She won't completely leave us as she will be providing some online admin support for a while to allow us to reorganise things and train other staff. Her last day in person will be Friday 23rd January 2026.

Thank you

Thank you for the many kind and generous cards and gifts that were given to us at Christmas. I do hope that you had a good Christmas break and New Year.

PE

Please may I remind you that sometimes, it is appropriate for children to go barefoot for indoor PE lessons. In these cases, all children must be barefoot for the safety of all of the children.

School Council

The School Council have been busy asking their classes about: event days, clubs and kindness activities in school. We will update you with some of their plans.

Curriculum Newsletters – Spring Term 2026

The Curriculum Newsletters are now available to view on the school's website via the following link:

<https://cassiobury-junior-school.secure-primariesite.net/curriculum/>

Consumables – Spring Term 2026

We will shortly be adding the Spring Term 2026 consumables payment request on the School Gateway which covers items such as ingredients for food tech (cooking), art, science and design/technology. Please check and make sure you have paid for the Autumn Term consumables which is still available on the School Gateway as we note that there are some payments still outstanding for your child.

School Dinner Menu

Just a reminder that all school dinners booked must be paid for at the time of booking and please always allow at least 2 days before the day required and please pay for all meals booked at the time of booking.

Year 5 & Year 6 Trips next week

Just a reminder that if your child is attending a school trip next week, please ensure they bring a packed lunch to school on that day. If you have booked a school dinner, this will be refunded back to your account.

Half Term Holiday Camp – CSE

Please see flyer below regarding the February half term holiday camp – please book directly with Challenge Sport and Education.

After School Sports Clubs and Wraparound Care

Please see the flyer below regarding the after-school sports clubs and wraparound care for Spring Term 2026.

January Calorie Burner Morning!

Please see flyer below regarding Emma Breen's January Calorie Burner Morning on Sunday 25th January 2026. 3 hours of fitness and fun (adults only). Please contact Emma directly to book.

Mock Transfer Tuition – Special Offer Year 4 & 5

Please see the flyer below - *To help parents considering engaging a tutor, we are offering trial classes at 50% off standard rate. (£19.75)*

Held at Queens' school, this gives families the opportunity to explore options without a commitment to the rest of the term.

Special Mentions

3 Alder - **Blaise C** - for making some fantastic contributions in our maths lessons this week and **Anika Y** - for creating a brilliant clay sculpture in our art lesson using a range of sculpting skills.

3 Apple - **Francis B** - for being resilient with his learning and for being a role model for others - well done! **Thea M** - for engaging more in class discussions, showing kindness to others and for being resilient with her learning - keep it up!

3 Ash – **Saanvi R** - for correctly punctuating dialogue in her writing in English this week - well done! **Sofia B** - for carefully and accurately finding the perimeter in Maths - great work!

4 Hawthorn – **Aryana A** - for returning to school ready to learn and showing a fantastic attitude to work and **Imogen C** - for really engaging in the lessons this week and displaying a wonderful attitude to learning.

4 Hazel – **Saskia B** - for ongoing contribution to the class and for pushing herself and working hard in maths this week.

4 Holly - **Sophia M** and **Joann M** - for starting the year with great energy and determination to achieve great things.

5 Pear – **Josh W**, **Kaashvi A** and **Sophia P** - for their excellent ideas and suggestions for our representatives to take to the School Council meeting.

5 Pine - **Mason P** & **Conrad M** - for both being excellent classrooms assistants during the Autumn term when applicable.

5 Poplar - **Aadam S** - for challenging himself in maths this week when converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and **Vedansh K** - for being a thoughtful member of the class and helping others in the classroom.

6 Beech – **Esme O** - for always being engaged in lessons and asking thoughtful and interesting questions and **James D** - for his hard work and effort in improving his handwriting and presentation.

6 Maple - **Adam H** - for taking on a new responsibility this term and being supportive in the classroom and **Eesa H** - for his participation and engagement in reading our new class text, 'Shackleton's Journey' this week.

6 Oak – **Araiz R** - an excellent start to the new year. Following expectations and participating fully in all lessons. **Shaan N** - for volunteering for many additional tasks and compromising to make the whole system work.

Thank you to..

Fatema D and **Araiz R** – **6 Oak** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Well done to..



Kyle P - 5 Pine – has passed Stage 6 of swimming. He will be starting Stage 7 next week – well done!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY 2026	
13 th	6 Maple & half of 6 Oak (surname A to K) visit to Bentley Priory Museum, Stanmore – see separate correspondence
14 th	Year 5 visit to Rickmansworth School performance – AM – see separate correspondence
15 th	6 Beech & half of 6 Oak (surname L to T) visit to Bentley Priory Museum, Stanmore – see separate correspondence
16 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
FEBRUARY 2026	
2 nd	Watford Foodbank collection week for Harvest
4 th	Young Voices 2026 – Year 6
6 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
16 th – 20 th	Half Term
25 th	Year 5 – Life in Ancient Greece Day – see separate correspondence
MARCH 2026	
6 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
6 th	CSA Quiz Night – more details to follow
11 th	Spring Term Concert – more details to follow
12 th to 17 th	Book Fair – open to parents and children
19 th	Year 3 Science Workshop
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
25 th	SEND Support Plan Meetings after school
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
MAY 2026	
4 th	Bank Holiday
8 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
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
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	
23 rd	Author Visit – Paterson Joseph visiting – see School Gateway

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



EMMA BREEN
FITNESS

January Calorie Burner Morning!

10am Watford Zumba (with Dawn)
11am Piloxing Barre (with Leigh)
11.45 Sculpt your shoulders (with Emma)
12.00 Pilates abs focus (with Emma)
12.30 Food myths and simple nutrition Q&A
(with Hayley)

£45 (early bird price of **£35** if booked and paid by **15th January!**)

Sunday 25th Jan - 10am-1

This fun event is held at Cassiobury Junior School

Let's start the year as we mean to go on!
Dance, balance and lift!

3 hours of fitness and fun! Also including motivational chat with a local nutrition coach!

To book contact Emma on **07749 316396**

HOLIDAY CAMP AT CASSIOBURY!

NEW LOOK COURSES offering Sports, Games, Arts & Crafts, Indoor Activities, Outdoor and Nature activities, Scavenger Hunts & more!

WD17 3PD

AGES 5-11 YRS

**FLEXIBLE TIMINGS
BETWEEN 8AM - 5PM**

STARTING FROM £22

**CHOOSE FROM SPORT ALL DAY
OR A MIX OF ACTIVITIES**



**SCAN QR OR CLICK
HERE TO BOOK**

For more information, please email
info@challengesporteducation.co.uk
or text/call 07719315932



**LED BY THE
CASSIOBURY TEAM
INCLUDING**

Malachi & Ella



CHALLENGESPORT.EDUCATION



Challenge Sports Club & Wraparound Childcare Spring Term 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to continue running both a range of sports clubs and wraparound childcare throughout Cassiobury Junior School in 2026

The information below outlines what is on offer and when you can book.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

All clubs run from 3:20 pm to 4:20 pm and combine skill-based games with match play. The main emphasis for clubs is participation and fun. Sessions cost £6 per session. Booking is made on a termly basis. If, once booked, your child no longer wishes to attend (either before the start of the term or during the term), we will cancel your space and refund you. Unfortunately, we don't offer refunds for individual sessions missed.

All clubs run from the first day back, Tuesday 6th January and run until Thursday 26th March

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Start Date
Monday	Netball (Y5/6 Playground)	Netball (Y5/6 Playground)	Netball (Y5/6 Playground)	Netball (Y5/6 Playground) OR Football (MUGA)	Monday 12th January
Tuesday	Girls Football (MUGA)	Girls Football (MUGA)	Boys Football (Playground) OR Girls Football (MUGA)	Girls Football (MUGA)	Tuesday 6th January - First Day Back
Wednesday	Dodgeball (Dance Studio)	Dodgeball (Dance Studio) OR Football (MUGA)	Dodgeball (Dance Studio)	Dodgeball (Dance Studio)	Wednesday 8th January
Thursday	Football (MUGA) OR Basketball (Playground)	Basketball (Playground)	Basketball (Playground)	Basketball (Playground)	Thursday 9th January

PLEASE NOTE - THE FIELD IS CLOSED DURING JAN & FEB

Booking will be open from Monday 15th December at 8pm. [Please click here to book](#)

To book, please click [here](#) and scroll down to Cassiobury Junior School (please note, spring term courses will not show until 8 pm on Monday 15th December)

WRAPAROUND CHILDCARE (Monday - Friday)

Our childcare offering will remain the same for the remainder of the 25/26 academic year

Prices:

- Morning: £6 (7.30 am - 8.40 pm)
- Afternoon: £13 (3.20 pm - 6 pm) or £8 (if attending after a different club that finishes at 4.15 / 4.30 - 6 pm)

In the morning, children will be served a choice of cereal, toast or sandwiches. Children can either play board games, jigsaws, Lego, puzzles, or colouring in the dining hall, or participate in sports and games in the dance studio. There will be a minimum of three leaders on site each morning.

Drop off will be from the Junior School main entrance.

In the afternoon, all of the above is on offer. We will have access to the hall in both the Junior and Infant schools, along with other indoor and outdoor spaces. There will be a minimum of four leaders on site each afternoon.

Collection will be from the Junior School main entrance (use the walky talky - more details sent in Jan)

You can book individual days or weekly bookings. We take bookings in advance or on the day. As always, should you wish to cancel a pre-booked date, as long as you provide notice (even if last minute), we will offer you the following:

1. A free day swap
2. A voucher for 100% value to book another day
3. A refund back to the card used to make the booking - 100% of the value, less £3 per day.

You can notify us via email or WhatsApp (preferable)

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If you have any questions, please email us at info@challengesporteducation.co.uk or message WhatsApp 07719 315 932

Mock Transfer Tests



Special Offer Trial Class - 50% Off

Year 4 & Year 5



MTT recognises the significance of selecting an appropriate tutor. Successful learning depends on both personal compatibility and teaching approach.

Experience a class firsthand.



MTT tutors will provide feedback directly to parents at the end of session.

- 50% off standard fee
- No commitment to enrol



Year 5 - Wed 7th Jan - 5.00pm – 6.30pm
Queens School, Bushey

Year 4 - Wed 14th Jan - 4.45pm
MTT Hall, Bushey

These interactive sessions are led by a qualified teacher, supported by an experienced TA, covering verbal reasoning and maths (11+)

Limited spaces, first come, first served. T's & C's apply, see website for details.

www.mocktransfertest.co.uk

