



CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No 13

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry..

Christmas Lunch

Huge thanks to all of the staff for putting together a lovely and lively lunch for the children. Thanks also to the kitchen for all of the hard work producing all of those meals.

Catching the teachers in the morning

Please make sure that, if you need to speak to the teachers in the morning, that you need to remain outside of the building. Mr Rutherford is available most mornings and any longer messages can also be given to the office.

Our Year 5 Christmas Choir Concert!

Well done to all of our Year 5 children and staff who were involved in the Year 5 Christmas Concert this week – to have a school hall packed with our lovely families was a lovely sight to see and the children looked like they thoroughly enjoyed themselves (especially watching the parents taking part too!). Thank you to all involved and for the generous donations towards our school.

Christmas Postbox – Last Post on Monday!

Just a reminder that our post box is available to the pupils until Monday 15th December 2025. Please ensure that the children have written the child's name AND class as it is difficult to deliver cards that have not been addressed correctly. Thank you!

Autumn Term Ends @ 1.05pm NEXT Friday 19th December 2025

Just a reminder that our Autumn Term ends at 1.05pm on Friday 19th December 2025. Please collect your child promptly

Reminder to parents and carers

Please do not come in to the school building unless asked to do so by a member of staff. Thank you.

DSPL9 Parent, Carer and Family Newsletter – 10th December 2025

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vE4N-6rfqLa0v05R-Mn4ooCgwBKppcww/view?usp=sharing>

Free December workshops for Mums, Dads & Carers

See flyer below for more information.

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.

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops – Jan to March 2026

Please see flyer below.



✦ You're Invited to a Magical Afternoon of Fun! ✦

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to invite you and your families to a very special Comedy Magic Show, proudly presented by the Watford Association of Magicians — and hosted as a fundraiser for our School Association (CSA).

This exciting live show will feature talented magicians competing in a fast-paced, comedy-filled performance that promises plenty of laughs and jaw-dropping magic for all ages.



Monday 30th December 2025



3:00pm – 5:00pm



The Henderson Hub, High St, Abbots Langley, WD5 0AR



Tickets: £5 each (all ages welcome – recommended 3 to 93!)

Every ticket sold helps support school projects, activities, and resources for the benefit of our children — so by coming along, you'll be enjoying a fantastic family event and supporting our school at the same time.



Expect comedy, creativity, brilliant magic, and a wonderfully festive afternoon out during the school holidays!

Tickets are limited, so we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.



Scan the QR code on the poster to secure your seats today.

Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to seeing you there for an afternoon of laughter and magic!

Warm regards,

The Cassiobury School Association Team

Special Mentions

3 Alder - **Amelia T** - for working really hard to improve her spellings and making lots of progress and **Luca A** - for being a thoughtful member of the class and helping others in the classroom and around the school.

3 Apple - **Hadi A** - for working hard in all lessons and for learning all of his lines for the nativity - well done! **Yuvaan H** - for always challenging himself in his learning and being a role model for others - keep it up!

3 Ash – **Tiana S** - for their efforts to perform their best, learn their lines and the learn the song lyrics for the Nativity - superstar! **Isabel M** - for showing exemplary behaviour during every Nativity rehearsal.

4 Hawthorn – **Ethan T** and **Maryam U** - for both showing great resilience and perseverance in all that they do and **Katya M** - for consistently being a sensible, reliable and hardworking member of Hawthorn class and **Adam R-S** - for writing a detailed paragraph about Anglo Saxon jobs.

4 Hazel – **Kylan B** - for making valuable contributions to class discussions and for using your ideas to write a haiku poem in English.

4 Holly - **Kiyansh P** and **Rajan C** - for writing a wonderful haiku in our English lesson this week.

ALL of Year 5 – for their excellent performance in the Christmas concert. Well done!

6 Beech – **Freddie M-W** - for producing some excellent work in writing and **Elizah H** - for sharing some great ideas with some peers in reading and writing.

6 Maple - To the **whole of 6 Maple** - for being an excellent class and showing great maturity and support for each other when in a stressful situation.

6 Oak – **Faleeha A** - for showing initiative and taking care of environment during food tech lessons and **Juliette L** - for detailed research and excellent presentation on her Paralympian home learning.

Thank you to..

Ali A and **Saria A** – **6 Beech** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

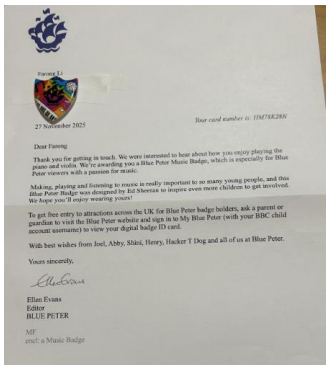
Well done to..



Seb K - 3 Alder and his sister **Mollie** (Infants School) – were official Match Day Mascots, this weekend, at the Watford v Norwich City game where Watford went 1-0 down but went on to win 3-2!



Hannah H – 6 Beech - gained her Chief Scouts Silver Award by completing the seven core badges at Cubs – well done!



Farong L – 4 Holly - was awarded a Blue Peter Music Badge by the BBC for playing the violin and the piano – well done!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER 2025	
15 th	Year 3 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to whole school and Year 2
15 th	Year 3 Nativity PM performance – doors open 1.45pm and prompt start at 2pm
16 th	Year 3 Nativity AM performance – doors open at 9.30am and prompt start at 9.45am
19 th	Autumn Term 2025 ends at 1.05pm
JANUARY 2026	
5 th	Inset Day – school closed
6 th	Back to School for the Spring Term 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
19 th	Watford Foodbank collection week for Harvest
FEBRUARY 2026	
4 th	Young Voices 2026 – Year 6
6 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
16 th – 20 th	Half Term
MARCH 2026	
6 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
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
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
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
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
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
22 nd	Inset Day – school closed



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)

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)

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

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops January – March 2026

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered with a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787>



Workshop	Date & Time
Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16) A workshop focused on adolescents managing their emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.	Thursday 22 nd January 6-8 pm Thursday 12 th March 6-8 pm
Adolescent Self-Esteem and Resilience A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self-esteem and resilience and what parents/carers can do to help.	Tuesday 27 th January 6-8 pm Tuesday 3 rd March 6-8 pm
Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem and Resilience A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem and resilience.	Tuesday 24 th February 10-12 pm
Supporting with Sleep Difficulties This workshop focuses on supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and things parents/carers can do to help.	Tuesday 3 rd February 6-8 pm
Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.	Thursday 8 th January 6-8 pm Tuesday 10 th February 10-12 pm Tuesday 24 th March 6-8 pm
General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents/Carers A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and ability to emotionally regulate.	Tuesday 13 th January 10-12 pm Thursday 19 th February 6-8 pm Wednesday 18 th March 10-12 am

To access the recorded **Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar** please visit:
<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-21/>



The Watford Association of
Magicians
proudly presents:
The Kids' Competition

Magic Show

December 30th 2025

3pm-5pm

Fun for ages from 3-93

All tickets £5 each



The Henderson Hub High St. Abbots Langley. WD5 0AR

For KS2 students
in
Yr 3 to Yr 6

£12 per class (Pay in
advance for the term)

All material will be
provided



CREATIVE MINDS ART CLUB

After School Art Club at
Cassiobury Junior School

Monday 3.20-4.30pm

You will:

- learn painting and drawing techniques
- use a variety of medium
- create your own fantastic artwork

To book please contact
Namita Jain via email at
njain212@gmail.com or via
phone at 07976967824

*Hurry up, spaces are
limited!*



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11+ After School Club

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Yr 4 class & Yr 5 class

Monday 3.15pm – 4.30pm

- Considering tutoring for the 11+?
- MTT runs After School Classes for Yr4 & Yr5
- Qualified teachers & experienced TA in each class.
- Structured proven programme for the SW Herts Tests
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To enrol, use the QR code below and complete the enrolment form

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Winter Timetable

Upcoming Healthy Families Programme Dates - Hertfordshire (Starting w/c 26th January)

Mondays

In Person (Morning)

 Starting 26th January

 10am - 12noon

 High Trees Family Centre,
Broxbourne, EN10 6AE
(c/o Hertford Regional
College, Broxbourne
Centre)

Tuesdays

Online (Morning)

 Starting 27th January

 10am - 11.15am

 Online

Wednesdays

Online (Morning)

 Starting 28th January

 10am - 11.15am

 Online

Wednesdays

Online (Evening)

 Starting 28th January

 5.30pm - 6.45pm

 Online

All programmes run for 8 weeks with a break.
Free crèche facilities available for in-person sessions.



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FREE 8-SESSION PROGRAMME

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- Discover simple fun ways to keep your little ones active.
- Explore healthy meals and snacks that work for the whole family.
- Create family routines that support a balanced, happy lifestyle.
- Strengthen family bonds and make everyday moments special – together.

Programme details:

Upcoming programmes start

the week commencing 26 January 2026:

- **Mondays** (in person): 10am–12 noon, Broxbourne
- **Tuesdays** (online): 10am–11.15am
- **Wednesdays** (online): 10am–11.15am or 5.30pm–6.45pm

Find more details and book your free place at www.henry.org.uk/hertfordshire.



You'll also receive a **FREE** toolkit packed with resources to help you along the way.

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In partnership with:



Our **FREE 12 week in-person and online programmes**
start on week commencing 19th January 2026



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
BOREHAMWOOD Aberford Park Community Centre, WD6 1PN 4:30 - 6:30pm	WATFORD Holywell Community Centre Chaffinch Lane, WD18 9QD 5:30 - 7:30pm	STEVENAGE Oval Community Centre SG1 5RD 5:30 - 7:30pm	WALTHAM CROSS St Joseph's Church 204 High Street, EN8 7DP 4:30 - 6:30pm
** NO SESSION **	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JS 5:00 - 7:00pm	HATFIELD Birchwood Avenue Primary School, AL10 0PS 5:00 - 7:00pm	** NO SESSION **
ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm	** NO SESSION **

Sign up today!



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Our programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.



Our online group sessions start on:

Date: Wednesday 28th Jan 26 & weekly after

Time: Starts at 6pm and ends at 7pm

Ready to make a change?

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Join our **FREE** 8-week health and wellbeing programme. It's made with the help of young people, for young people. This is a chance for you to talk about topics that matter to you.

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Our programmes are for 13 to 17-year-olds, see our website for more information.

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