



CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No 11

Thursday 27th November 2025

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry..

School Council

The School Council has been elected and selected. If your child is on the school council then they should have received their badge. **Congratulations** to them all. We look forward to sharing their ideas.

School Council 2025/26		
Class Name	Elected	Selected
Ash	Finlay K	Siya
Alder	Charlotte B	Toby N
Apple	Nayra S	Zayn E
Hawthorn	Katya M	Keyaan V
Holly	Jack C	Sophie C
Hazel	Teddy	Shakin
Pear	Alexa	Jessie K
Pine	Aziq	James
Poplar	Haleema	Maya
Maple	Sunaya	Ashwin
Beech	Harshia	Maaz
Oak	Felipe	Ayaad

Christmas tree and decorations

This is your seasonal reminder that we will be putting up the Christmas tree and decorations next week.

SCHOOL CLOSED – TOMORROW Friday 28th November 2025

Just a reminder that the school is closed tomorrow for our Occasional Day.

Christmas Dinner Day – don't forget to book your child's dinner

Just a reminder to book your child's Christmas Dinner for Friday 12th December 2025 – please book and pay, as usual, by Monday 1st December 2025 on the School Gateway or, if your child would like a “one-off” school dinner, please complete the booking form (sent earlier today) and return to the School Office.

Have you booked your audience seats for the Year 5 Christmas Concert on Wednesday 10th December 2025?

Our Year 5 children are working hard for this year's Christmas Concert. If you have not done so already, please book your audience tickets on the School Gateway in the “payments” section. Once all tickets have been booked, we may be able to allocate some extra seats! Watch this space!

Children in Need

Thank you for your generous donations for Children in Need – we raised **£209.37!**

Christmas Drawing / Card Competition

Please see the Christmas Drawing Competition flyer below. This is being run by DKH on the Cassiobury parade of shops. Also, if your child would like to submit a Christmas Card Competition Drawing that will be used to send to our Governors and local companies, please can your child submit their design to the School Office by Friday 5th December 2025 and a winner will be chosen.

Free workshops for Mums, Dads & Carers

Please see the Families Feeling Safe flyer below regarding the free workshops for Mums, Dads and Carers.

Eco-Council

Leona V - 6 Maple - has designed a poster regarding an Eco-Friendly Christmas – well done!

Invitation for parents to attend the SEN & EHCPs Information Session with Gemma Hall (DSPL9) and Mandy Brandon, SEND Implementation and Support Officers - Weds 3rd December 2025 at 9.30am – School Hall

We invite you to an information session focused on provisions for children with **Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEND)** and those requiring **Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)**. This session is designed to provide guidance, answer questions, and support you in navigating the process of securing the right provisions for your child.

Date: Wednesday 3rd December 2025 Time: 9:30 -11am

Location: Cassiobury Junior School.

During the session, we will cover:

- Ordinarily Available provision
- The EHCP process: eligibility, application, and reviews
- The ways in which DSPL9 and Ask Sali support schools in meeting individual needs

We hope you can join us for this important discussion..

If you would like to attend, please consent on the School Gateway so we have an indication of numbers attending.

The Snowman – Watford School of Music – Youth Orchestra

The Watford School of Music – Youth Orchestra are performing The Snowman Live in Concert on Sunday 14th December 2025. See flyer below for more information..

Author Visit @ Watford Library

Please see the flyer below regarding the author visit at Watford Library.

Year 3 Trip to Cassiobury Farm 2026

Unfortunately, the planned Year 3 trip to Cassiobury Farm in 2026 has been cancelled due to the farm being sold. The Year 3 Teachers are looking for an alternative trip.

Creative Minds Art Club

Please see the poster below regarding the Creative Minds Art Club for the Spring Term 2026. Please book directly with the club.

Mock Transfer Tests 11+

Please see the Mock Transfer Tests flyer for the Spring Term. To book, please contact Mock Transfer Tests directly.

Special Mentions

3 Alder - Wilf C - for working really hard this week and making sure he is following expectations. Well done! **Felix F** - for great focus during our assessments and completing these to the best of his ability.

3 Apple - Avani O - for always being helpful, kind and hard-working. Keep it up! **Clodagh W** - for trying her best during assessment week and all her learning - well done!

3 Ash - Haaris A - for his accurate retelling of the story of Mini Rabbit Not Lost in English by using the skills we have practice across the past 3 weeks. **Vonalee Lia I** - for always being a considerate and helpful member of the class - keep it up!

4 Hawthorn - Ayra S - for writing some great examples of 'rule of three' in her persuasive letter and **Abbas K** - for always contributing enthusiastically to class discussions.

4 Hazel - Teddy W - for an enthusiastic contribution to our class discussion about volcanoes and earthquakes.

4 Holly - Aria P - for being proactive in her learning and **Erol R** - for working hard to improve his handwriting.

5 Pear - Aarav B and **Alex P** - for working well in science this week; predicting and asking and answering thoughtful questions about friction.

5 Pine - Sophie J - for excellent computing knowledge and **Nakshatra K** - for resilience when using a micro.bit.

5 Poplar - Riyan P - for working hard this week on his presentation and the formation of his letters. **Zofia G** - for working well in reading and challenging herself by communicating with adults. Well done!

6 Beech - Simi P - for some excellent contributions to our English lessons this week and **Sharoze R** - for showing enthusiasm and focus in all lessons.

6 Maple - Zaki A - for his engagement and enthusiasm in the first aid course and **Abbas-Ali H** - for showing engagement and giving thoughtful answers in maths.

6 Oak - Shaun C - for answering lots of questions in reading and being actively engaged in his learning and **Diya P** - for showing empathy to others and being helpful around the class, especially during cooking.

Thank you to..

Layla B and **Amelia P** – **6 Maple** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

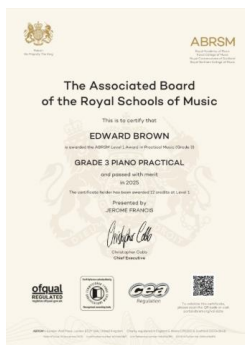
Well done to..



Anaya S – **3 Apple** - passed her stage 4 swimming and is now in Stage 5 – well done!



Adam B – 6 Beech - finished first in his age group at Aylesbury Park run this Saturday. It was in the adult version of park run over 5k – well done!



Edward B – 6 Beech – passed his Grade 3 ABRSM piano exam with a Merit – well done!



Louis M – 3 Ash - has raised a huge sum of £424 for the Peace Hospice from a cake and lemonade stall – well done!

Have a lovely long weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER 2025	
2 nd	Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day – see separate correspondence
3 rd	Year 5 Christmas Choir to Warner Bros.
5 th	CSA Cake Sale
8 th	Year 3 & 4 Pantomime – see separate correspondence
9 th	Year 5 & 6 Pantomime – see separate correspondence
10 th	Year 5 Christmas Concert for ALL Year 5 children – 6pm – School Hall – more details to follow
12 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
12 th	Christmas Jumper Day / Festive Outfit Day / Christmas Dinner Day / Christmas Hamper Draw Day
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
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

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Eco-Friendly Christmas - Ideas that

will save money and the environment

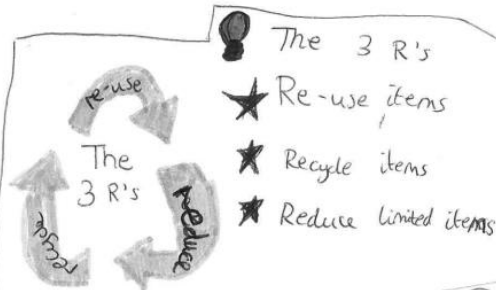
★ Wrapping Paper - Instead of ~~buying~~ buying new wrapping paper, you could make your own, re-use old wrapping paper or even cover your gifts with newspaper or fabric.

★ Re-usable Christmas trees - Instead of getting trees that can't be used again buy re-usable trees so you don't waste money or trees. Trees that aren't re-usable are ~~more~~ most likely natural ones and buying these could harm the environment. Even if you do buy trees that can only be used once, buy recyclable ones so they can be recycled.

★ Gift bags - Other than wrapping presents some people use gift bags to exchange them in. Instead of buying new ones leaving no other option other than deforestation make a collection at home of gift bags of all different sizes so you can exchange presents with those.



STOP LITTERING!



Anything little thing makes a big impact.

What will you do to save our planet?



Dear Colleagues

We have been funded by Hertfordshire County Council to run five universal workshops which are open to all parents and carers across Hertfordshire. The workshops run for 2 hours and are fully funded (FREE):

All Feelings Matter

- Wednesday 10 December 9.30am – 11.30am
- Wednesday 10 December 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- Monday 26 January 7.00pm – 9.00pm

[Please click here for the poster....](#)

Communication

- Thursday 11 December 9.30am – 11.30am
- Monday 19 January 7.00pm – 9.00pm

[Please click here for the poster....](#)

Booking

There is one online booking form for all workshops using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/dTWHKe8yaM> or QR code





Its a Dads Life

Free Online Workshop for Dads

For many dads, managing their children's behaviour can prove a particularly challenging time when raising children. This workshop aims to empower dads with the knowledge and skills to develop deeper connections with their children and enhance their parenting journey.

When

Tuesday 2nd December 2025

7.00pm to 9.00pm

Online via MS Teams



To book your place:

- Please scan our QR code to use our online referral form
- Or call Lesley on 020 4522 8701

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Navigating the storm

Free workshop for parents and carers

For many parents, managing their teenager's behaviour can prove a particularly challenging time when raising children. This workshop aims to give parents effective strategies to identify and respond appropriately, so that they are better equipped to help their teen navigate and regulate their emotions during times of extreme distress or otherwise.

When

Tuesday 9th December 2025

7.00pm to 9.00pm

Online via MS Teams



To book your place:

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The DKH logo is a circular emblem with the letters 'DKH' inside, positioned in the top right corner of the poster.

DKH

CHRISTMAS DRAWING COMPETITION!

Drop off a folded A4 Christmas drawing to DKH
in Cassiobury parade for a chance for your
drawing to be chosen as their Christmas card!

Chosen designs will also win a prize!

Please bring drawings into DKH by
the 5th December.

Winners announced via schools channels



Meet the Author: **Iona Rangeley**

Saturday 13 December
Watford Library at 11am

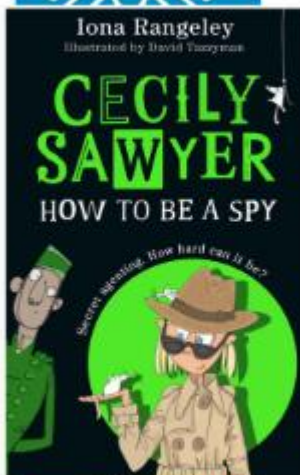


Meet Iona Rangeley at Watford Library as she tells us all about her fabulous new creation, Cecily Sawyer, and her thrilling, mysterious and very funny adventures - and find out whether you have what it takes to be a spy!

Recommended for children aged 7+.

This event is part of our Winter Reads programme 2025-26.

Tickets: £5 per person



The Snowman

Start your winter festivities with the **Watford Youth Orchestra**

Join us for an immersive performance of Raymond Briggs 'The Snowman'.

Experience this iconic winter tale live on screen as our **Watford Youth Orchestra** performs this spectacular score live on stage, immersing you further into the world of 'The Snowman'.



Sunday 14th December



Performances at 11 am and 2 pm



Watford School of Music



£15 per ticket - scan the QR code
or visit our website for tickets

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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!*



Mock Transfer Tests 11+

When a helping hand is all you need



11+ After School Club

Enrol Now For January Classes

Yr 4 class & Yr 5 class

Monday 3.15pm – 4.30pm

- Considering tutoring for the 11+?
- MTT runs After School Classes for Yr4 & Yr5
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