



CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No 8

Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry..

Parent Reps

Thank you to our lovely Parent Reps for coming along this morning. We have growing numbers each year now and I do value your feedback. Amongst the topics discussed this morning were; hybrid style parent's evening, our recent author visit, the Christmas Pantomime, Year 6 leavers events, lost property, getting more parents to volunteer for the CSA and many other subjects.

PE and shoes

Please can I remind and clarify that students must wear trainers or plimsolls for PE, they cannot wear shoes. If their school shoes are trainers then this can work but it might be very muddy on the field. There is no colour rule for PE trainers as long as they are trainers.

Autumn Term Concert – well done!

We hope you enjoyed the Autumn Term Concert last night with our School Band, School Orchestra, Recorder Club and School Choir – such amazing talent from our Cassiobury Junior School children. Well done to everyone involved and we look forward to seeing you again for our Spring Concert 2026!

Amazon wishlist

Further to our email yesterday, please see the Amazon wishlist link and thank you to the parents and carers who have already purchased some items for school:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/registries/gl/quest-view/3H1EHS9D57F?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_T9X4XYFF9FX5DKFFP6W1

Autumn Term free courses for parents

Please see below the flyers regarding the free courses for parents.

Remembrance Day Poppies

We have poppies available for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. If your child would like to donate money for a poppy or reflective clip or wristband, the suggested donation is £1. These will be available from Monday 3rd November 2025 until Tuesday 11th November 2025 (or until stocks last) in the library at lunchtimes or the pond area after school.

Invitation for parents to attend the SEN & EHCPs Information Session with Gemma Hall (DSPL9) and Mandy Brandon, SEND Implementation and Support Officers (SISOs) – 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.

Date for your diary – Year 5 Christmas Concert - Wednesday 10th December 2025

Our Year 5 Christmas Concert this year is on Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 6pm in the school hall – all Year 5 children take part in this Christmas extravaganza and we welcome our Year 5 parents and carers along to enjoy the evening. More details to follow..

Special Mentions

3 Alder - **Toby N** - for putting lots of effort into both the content and presentation of his work during our history lesson and **Jasmine T** - for settling into 3 Alder really well and learning the expectations and routines quickly.

3 Apple - **Wiktor B** - for showing kindness towards his peers by helping them and for tidying up areas of the classroom without being asked. Keep it up!

Anaya S - For working hard on learning all of her lines for the nativity as well as being resilient with her learning - Well done!

3 Ash – **Lianna H** - for her hard work, creativity and participation in English lessons this week - keep it up! **Ayd M-C** - for completing all of his Guided Reading and English work this week - great effort!

4 Hawthorn – **Hayder H** - for careful work with correspondence problems in maths and **Arulmozhi B** - for giving well thought-out reasons to support his answers in all subjects.

4 Hazel – **Isaac G** - for showing initiative by working independently in English and Guided Reading tasks.

4 Holly - **Ada S** - for contributing to class discussions more and sharing her ideas and **Charlotte T** - for working hard in maths when solving problems.

5 Pear – **Jake McT** and **Aarav B** - for their positive participation and engagement in the art session taught by our visiting artist.

5 Pine – **Clara VC** - for making an excellent classroom assistant in the last term and **Yusuf A** - for helping a member of the class when he saw he needed help and did so in a kind and appropriate manner.

5 Poplar – **Maya P** - for persevering with swimming this week. Well done! **Elisa S** - for being helpful and kind to her friends.

6 Beech – **Damaine B** and **Maaz F** – for excellent enthusiasm and participation in Music this week.

6 Maple - **Annie S** and **Kasim R** - for modelling excellent participation in Music this week and learning the Young Voices songs.

6 Oak – **Layla A** and **Aura R** – for excellent participation in Music this week – keep it up!

Thank you to..

Shaun C and **Libby R** – **6 Oak** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Well done to..

Florence A – **3 Apple** – for playing the piano to the whole school in assembly this week – well done!

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

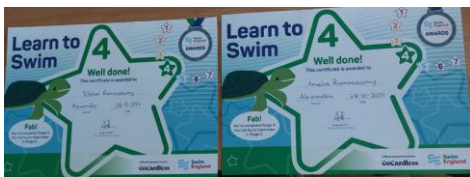
The winners of the Halloween Drawing Competition with DKH Estate Agents are:

Viktor M – **3 Ash**

Jessie K – **5 Pear**

Conrad M – **5 Pine**

They won £25 gift voucher for Smyths Toys Superstores – well done!



Amelia R – **4 Hazel** and **Eloise R** – **4 Holly** - for completing their Stage 4 Swim England – well done!



Matthew B – **4 Holly** – has completed Stage 5 swimming this week – well done!



Maahir W - **3 Apple** - completed elementary level in UCMAS ABACUS – well done!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 2025	
25 th	Year 6 First Aid training – see separate correspondence
25 th	Flu immunisation catch up day
25 th	SEND Support Plan Meetings after school
26 th	Year 4 Advent visit to St Luke's Church – more details to follow
28 th	Occasional Day
DECEMBER 2025	
2 nd	* NB – date changed from 7 th Nov 2025 - Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day – more details to follow
8 th	Year 3 & 4 Pantomime – more information to follow
9 th	Year 5 & 6 Pantomime – more information to follow

10 th	Year 5 Christmas Concert – 6pm – School Hall – more details to follow
12 th	Christmas Jumper / Festive Outfit Day / Christmas Dinner 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
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
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	
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

Parent & Carer Support Autumn Term 2025



FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire

TALKING TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **12-19**, covering:

- The Teen Brain: physical and emotional changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understand risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.



Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm

16th Sep – 21st Oct

Online Course: ID 778

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15pm

6th Nov – 11th Dec

Online Course: ID 777

TALKING ANGER in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **11-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why children & adults get angry.
- Develop strategies to handle anger in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anger.
- Reduce conflict and arguments.
- Encourage positive behaviour.



Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm

4th Nov – 9th Dec

Online Course: ID 775

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children **2-19**, with any additional need. Your child does not need a diagnosis.

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict.
- Improve emotional regulation.
- Explore sensory needs.
- Increase your child's resilience.
- Manage different needs in your family.



Wednesdays 7pm - 9pm

5th Nov – 10th Dec

Course ID 771

**Reddings Family Centre,
Bushey, WD23 3PE**

Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.15am

17th Sep – 22nd Oct

Course ID 770

TALKING FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **0-12** sharing tips on:

- Managing challenging behaviour with consistency.
- Encouraging positive behaviour.
- Building your child's self-esteem.
- Setting and maintaining boundaries.
- Responding to tantrums and difficult feelings in children.
- Developing a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future.



Wednesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm

17th Sep – 22nd Oct

Online Course ID 774

Tuesdays 9.45 - 11.15am

4th Nov – 9th Dec

Online Course ID 772

Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm

4th Nov – 9th Dec

Online Course ID 773

TALKING ANXIETY in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children **11-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why young people and adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety.
- Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behaviour.



Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm

16th Sep – 21st Oct

Online Course ID 776

TALKING DADS

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers of children **0-19**, sharing information on:

- Improved listening and communication skills.
- A healthy dad-child relationship now and for the future.
- Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- How to enforce boundaries.
- Being the dad, you want to be.



Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm

17th Sep – 22nd Oct

Online Course: ID 779

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm

5th Nov – 10th Dec

Online Course: ID 780

Booking essential. Please Quote the Course ID

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting Links on:
07512 709556 or bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund
Information taken on booking will be used to process your booking, check your eligibility, identify any access needs and will be stored in accordance with our GDPR policy which is available on request



Parent & Carer Support TALKING ASD & ADHD Workshops Autumn 2025



Workshops are FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire of children aged 2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Eventbrite Page

RESPONDING to ANGER



- Healthy & unhealthy anger.
- How to spot the signs early.
- Our own and our children's triggers.
- Techniques that stop angry and aggressive behaviour escalating and when to use them.
- How to respond to our child in meltdown, keeping ourselves, our child and siblings safe.

Tuesday 23rd September, 9.30-11.15am

Workshop SL781 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/asd-adhd-responding-to-anger-781-for-parentscarers-in-herts-registration-1413258727899?aff=oddtcreator>

THE TEENAGE YEARS



- Teenage brain development and how it affects a child with ASD/ADHD.
- Reducing conflict by learning how to respond effectively to difficult situations.
- How to agree appropriate boundaries and teach risk assessment.
- Help teens develop independence skills.

Monday 13th October, 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL782 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-the-teenage-years-782-for-parentscarers-in-herts-registration-1417376895449?aff=oddtcreator>

SCHOOL AVOIDANCE



- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance and is this what your child is experiencing?
- Common causes and triggers of school avoidance.
- How EBSA is affecting you and your family.
- Practical steps you can take to support your child and look after yourself.
- How to work with your school in your child's best interests.

Monday 10th November, 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL783 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-school-avoidance-783-for-parentscarers-in-herts-registration-1417463965879?aff=oddtcreator>

TECH USE



- Keep your child safe online.
- Help your child to switch their device off.
- Support behaviour difficulties when playing.
- The effect of using devices as a reward or consequence.
- Teach children to develop their own methods of regulating device use and staying safe.

Monday 24th November, 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL784 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-tech-use-784-for-parentscarers-in-herts-registration-1417436894909?aff=oddtcreator>

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