



CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No 7

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry..

Pupil Responsibility

After half term, we will be running elections for the school council. As before, 1 child from each class will be elected and one will be selected by the school. We do it this way to have a balance of representation across the school. If your child is interested then they can start thinking about what they would like to contribute to the School Council.

We are also increasing the number of 'monitor' roles across the school after half term. All Year 6 pupils are expected to help with office monitor roles but we will be widening the range of roles so that our Year 6 students have the opportunity to support the school.

INSET Day

Whilst the school is closed on Friday 24th October 2025, the staff will be in training.

Lost Property

The lost property unit has now moved inside the school. Pupils should now be able to look for lost property more easily. Please remember that it is normally easy to give property back if it is named. If you would like to check the lost property boxes for any missing items, please come to the School Office from 3.30pm to 3.45pm on a Friday.

Author Visit

We were really fortunate to have the wonderful Paterson Joseph in our school this morning. He performed a chapter of his book and signed nearly 200 books. We have many great authors visit but this was an inspirational morning. Paterson talked about his research into the 'forgotten' black children in history and the value of knowing your origin story. We look forward to building on this next half term.

Huge thanks to all of the work that Mrs Clarke and Mrs Harrison put into arranging and running the event.

Please see the following link on our website for some of this morning's photos:

<https://www.cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk/gallery/>

SEND

The Autumn term **SEND Support Plan** meetings will be after school on Tuesday 25th November 2025 with the Class Teacher. The appointments will be held online. If you require an appointment with Mrs Newman, our SENDCo, then please contact the office directly - meeting days are Wednesday afternoons between 1:00pm and 3:00pm. If you have not already received your appointment, this will be emailed to you via the school cloud by Wednesday 5th November 2025.

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE - Challenge Sport & Education – October Half Term Holiday Camp

Please see the [flyer below](#) regarding the October Half Term Holiday Camp. Spaces are still available!

Autumn Term Concert – Thursday 6th November 2025 @ 6pm

Our School Band, School Orchestra, Recorder Club and School Choir are busy rehearsing for their Autumn Term Concert. Please see separate correspondence regarding purchasing your audience tickets if your child is participating.

Cruise Ship Kid book – by Emma Swan

One of our Year 6 children relatives has published their first book, which you may have seen in lots of book stores recently. Emma Swan has been nominated for the best newcomer award. If you would like to vote for Emma's book please visit the following link and select Newcomer of the Year Shortlist - <https://nationalbooktokens.com/readers-awards>

Halloween Drawing Competition

Drop your best A4 size drawing off to DKH in Cassiobury parade for a spooky goodie bag and a chance to win a spook-tacular prize! Drop off between 24 - 31 Oct 2025.



Free Half-Term Explorer Challenge for Families

Please see the [flyer below](#) regarding the Explorer Challenge for half term.

Looking for something fun and free to do this half term?

*We'd love to share **Wild Quest Explorers**, a simple outdoor challenge designed to help families get outside, explore nature, and learn together.*

*Children can complete a series of fun mini-missions such as spotting wildlife, getting creative, or helping the environment, and earn their own **Explorer Certificate** when they finish.*

It's a great way to:

- Get children outdoors and active
- Boost curiosity and creativity
- Spend quality time together as a family

Getting started is easy:

Click the link below to download your free Explorer Pack and begin your adventure:

www.wildquestexplorers.co.uk

There's no sign-up needed. Simply download the pack, explore, and upload your child's completed quest to receive their certificate.

Have fun exploring this half term.

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.

Remembrance Day Poppies

We will be selling poppies for The Royal British Legion. If your child would like to buy 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.

Special Mentions

3 Alder - **Zayn A** - for taking ownership of his learning and working to develop his presentation and **Charlotte B** - for being a kind member of the class and supporting her peers when needed.

3 Apple - **Florence A** - for always smiling, being resilient with her learning and always showing kindness - keep it up! **Nellie B** - for contributing more to class discussions and for challenging herself more with her learning - well done!

3 Ash – **Niamh P** - for building creative and descriptive sentences in English this week - well done! **George G** - for beautiful presentation in his Maths book when doing column addition.

4 Hawthorn – **Myla G-P** - for writing a wonderfully descriptive setting of a magical world including fronted adverbials, speech and expanded noun phrases and **Sebastiao P** - for showing exceptional skills in basketball.

4 Hazel – **Reeva C** – for focusing deeply on her reading and improving her retrieval skills and **Shakin S** – for trying extremely hard in maths this week and successfully moving across challenges.

4 Holly - **Sofiia P** - for improving her handwriting and working hard to improve her vocabulary used in English and **Eloise R** - for reading with lovely intonation and expression.

5 Pear – **Jessie K** - for her effort in creating a mythical beast using watercolours and **Jadon M** - for his excellent participation in the NSPCC workshop.

5 Pine – **Esha A** - for seeing a potential problem and solving it and **James S** - for applying his knowledge of adjectives in an effective way.

5 Poplar – **Ravi S** - for great contributions in science and for sharing his knowledge about space and **Cora F** - for being a good role model and following all the class rules.

6 Beech – **Hannah H** - for an excellent piece of writing and **Rohan R** - for being a great role model and example to others.

6 Maple - **Katrin C** and **Shanaya M** - for being able to recall all the parts of the heart and how the blood moves through it and using this knowledge to engage in the heart dissection Y6 did in Science.

6 Oak – **Hiyasivi P**, **Nikita L**, **Diya P** - for producing a well designed and informative Pop Art information page.

Thank you to..

Bella S, Ani K, Edward B and Adam B – 6 Beech – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

The Austin Family - for buying the school three boxes of ice packs – this is really appreciated – thank you!

Well done to..



– **Kyle P – 5 Pine** - was invited to attend a presentation ceremony, hosted by Hertfordshire Golf, on Sunday 19th Oct; Kyle plays in the Hertfordshire Futures Tour. This season, Kyle has come first or second in 5 out of the 6 matches played. This has resulted in him being crowned player of the season and has won him the Order of Merit Trophy. His hard work throughout the season has also promoted him into the Hertfordshire Golf iTour. He looks forward to the new challenges and learning next season – well done!



Shray G – 3 Alder and **Mili G – Hedgehog** - ran a 2km run for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Not only did they both complete this without stopping, they raised £791 for the hospital – well done!

Maariya H - 3 Ash - for passing her Stage 4 in swimming – well done!

Have a lovely half term week!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2025	
24 th	Inset Day – school closed
27 th – 31 st	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2025	
6 th	Autumn Term Concert @ 6pm – see separate correspondence
7 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's office
7 th	Non-uniform day in exchange for tissues and anti-bac soap
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
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

Challenge Sport Education

HOLIDAY CAMP AT CASSIOBURY!

Offering Sports and Arts & Crafts!

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AGES 5-11YRS

8AM-4:30PM



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West Herts - KS2 Music Making Day

Join us for a fun filled day of music making. Open to all Key Stage 2 instrumentalists of all abilities. Make friends, make music and perform.

Must be having instrumental lessons in school or centre and must have permission from head teacher to attend. Please bring a packed lunch (no nut products allowed).



Friday 24th October



9.30am - 3.00pm (Concert at 2.45pm for parents/carers)



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HALF-TERM CHALLENGE

THE EXPLORER BADGE

A free outdoor activity project for children this October

The Explorer Badge is a free half-term challenge from Wild Quest Explorers. Children take on fun outdoor missions, complete their Explorer Pack, and proudly earn their very first Explorer Badge Certificate - sparking curiosity, adventure, and a love of the outdoors.

WHAT IS IT?

The **Explorer Badge** is a fun, free challenge designed to help primary-age children get outside and active during October half term. Each child receives an Explorer Pack with 10 simple outdoor activities to complete with their family.

HOW IT WORKS:

- 1 Schools either **print Explorer Packs to send home**, or simply share the download link for parents to print at home.
- 2 Families complete the activities and upload photos via a QR-code-linked form.
- 3 Every child who completes the challenge receives a **personalised Explorer Certificate** by email.
- 4 All participants are entered into a prize draw to win a **Wild Quest Explorer hoodie**.

WHY GET INVOLVED?

- Encourages children to spend quality time outdoors.
- Provides families with a structured, positive activity during half term.
- Free and inclusive resource, no cost to the school.
- Helps build stronger school-community links through participation.

WHAT SCHOOLS NEED TO DO:

- Choose whether to print and distribute Explorer Packs, or simply share the download link with parents.
- Optionally, mention the challenge in your school newsletter or parent comms.
- That's it! Everything else is handled by Wild Quest.

NEXT STEPS

If you'd like to take part, or have any questions, please get in touch:

✉ Allen Talbot — allen@hubhq.co.uk

Let's inspire our young explorers this October!

