



CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No 5

Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry

Phrases and slang

There have always been phrases and latest crazes for parents and headteachers to deal with. As a heads up, I thought I would let you know that there are various things going around at the moment due to their popularity on Tiktok. Remember your child doesn't have to be on Tiktok. Your child's online safety is only as good as another child's security settings. Common at the moment are:

- 6.7.
- Suss

We are aware of the other numbers discussed also.

Please also be aware of 'Italian Brainrot' videos on Tiktok. Many can appear silly and annoying with children singing the same rhyme over and over but some of the messaging and videos are more harmful. If you hear them, they will sound harmless. You should always be able to see what your children are accessing. I have attached an article on Italian Brainrot but I would point out that some people are concerned about the racist undertones to some of the videos, especially when the music is reused over different content.

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2025/jun/25/from-chimpanzini-bananini-to-ballerina-cappuccina-how-gen-alpha-went-wild-for-italian-brain-rot-animals>

Smartphones and Online Safety

A core of parents, our Governors and staff are keen to discuss the use and impact of smartphones and social media on our children. Many parents are moving away from smartphones (which are handheld computers) to traditional brick phones where there is no access to the internet. I attach a news article about the Princess Of Wales, written this week. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ckgek62l6pzo>

We will email you soon about some dates for meetings.

Mr Rutherford

Please note that Mr Rutherford is not in school until Monday 20th October. If you need anything then please contact your child's class teacher via the admin@ email. Thank you.

Childline

This week, in assembly, we continued our theme of discussing 'safe adults' in and out of school. We discussed the Childline number 0800 1111. The NSPCC will be in later in the term to discuss safety with the children.

Devices and phones

Please see this extract from the School Handbook below. As a polite reminder, ALL DEVICES should be handed in at the start of the day, smartwatches too. Children have the option to leave them at home or hand them in to the class teacher. Thank you.

'For Safeguarding reasons phones, tablets, smart watches or fitbits and other internet devices may not be used in school and should be handed in each day to the Class Teacher or left at home. This is to prevent photos/videos or unfiltered internet access on school premises.'

Lady Capel Fund – your donations are much appreciated!

Please see the letter sent earlier today regarding our Lady Capel Fund which is a dedicated fund established to raise additional income that directly enhances your child's educational experience at Cassiobury Junior School. Thank you to those who have already contributed – your donations are much appreciated!

Challenge Sport & Education – October Half Term Holiday Camp

Please see the below flyer regarding the October Half Term Holiday Camp.

DSPL9 Newsletter

<https://www.dspl9.uk/page/?title=Parents&pid=10>

Music Making Day – Fri 24th October 2025 @ Watford School of Music

Please see the flyer below regarding the Music Making Day at Watford School of Music. If your child is currently learning an instrument and they would like to attend, please book directly.

A poster designing competition for Watford Council- about Recycling.

Please flyer below...

We are trying to improve recycling across Watford, and we need your help. This month, we're holding a competition for pupils across Watford to design posters encouraging people to recycle right.

To enter, **please send posters as PDF files** to enquiries.watford@veolia.co.uk with your school name, and the name and key stage of the pupil(s) who designed the poster.

The competition closes on **Monday 20th October 2025**

Posters should be A4 and in portrait, and we encourage your students to research good recycling practices to make sure they're using the correct information. We're looking for creative, engaging posters that focus on key messages, like rinsing out food cartons or squashing down cardboard boxes before you recycle them.

We'll pick a winner from each key stage, whose posters will be displayed on digital screens around the borough and posted on Watford Council's social media. An overall winner will be voted for by our operatives, who collect your waste and recycling and keep your streets clean every week. The overall winner's school will also receive a visit from Watford's elected Mayor Peter Taylor in November.

Thank you.

School's Eco Councils

Special Mentions

3 Alder - **Shray G** - for recalling key artists and pieces of art in our lesson looking at impressionism and **Iyaan P** - for taking pride in the work that he produces and making sure that his work is clear, engaging, and well-organised.

3 Apple - **Uddhava H** - for working well and challenging himself in our Maths lessons on adding hundreds and ones with regrouping - keep it up! **Hope W** - for always presenting her work beautifully, being a role model and for being resilient with her learning - well done!

3 Ash - **Gabriel P** - for persisting with Maths this week when adding 3 digit numbers with regrouping - keep it up! **Cleo B** - for consistently following our classroom rules of good listening and being a hard worker.

4 Hawthorn - **Reyan P** - for super work in English, writing sentences containing fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and adverbs. **Keyaan V** - for consistently showing kindness and consideration towards the children and adults around him.

4 Hazel - **Kyaan K** - for making a valuable and beautiful contribution to the class group activity in English.

4 Holly - **Joshua W** - for working hard to improve his handwriting and **Audrey L** - for taking responsibility for her learning when learning spellings.

5 Pear - **Daisy M** and **Alexa K** - for being kind and helpful around the classroom and for their positive attitude to all their learning.

5 Pine - **Byron C-A** - for taking feedback positively in Maths and **Kerem J** - for his first place achievement in the cross country competition this week.

5 Poplar - **Ayla Y** and **Chloe G** - for showing great behaviour for learning and being brilliant role models in class. Well done!

6 Beech - **Ani K** - for writing some excellent sentences in English and **Ali A** - for his effort in improving his writing.

6 Maple - **Simran S** - for being reflective in her writing and taking on feedback to produce some excellent descriptions and **Max L** - for developing his behaviour for learning and showing more commitment to his learning.

6 Oak - **Shaan N** - for excellent contributions to writing lessons and fluent expressive reading and **Efren R** - for developing his behaviour for learning and having more focused concentration.

Thank you to..

Sanaya R and **Zakariya A** - **6 Maple** - for being excellent Office Monitors this week - thank you!

Well done to..



Zara B A - **5 Pear** - swims for Rickmansworth Swimming Club and won her first gala swimming medal (silver) the 100m individual medley at the Maxwell Swimming Gala in Aylesbury - well done!



Seth A - **5 Pine** - passed Stage 6 Swim England - well done!



Sophia M – 4 Holly – took part in the Central Cyclo-Cross League cycling event and came 2nd in the Under 10 competition – well done!



Well done to the **Year 3** and **Year 5** pupils that took part in the Cross Country competition at the Watford Boys Playing Fields on Tuesday. The top 16 finishers were:

Year 3 Girls

3rd - Charlotte B
4th - Jess H
5th - Molly M
6th - Isabelle A
7th - Cleo B
11th - Nayra S
12th - Darcie F
13th - Anaya S
14th – Anika Y
15th – Serene C

Year 3 Boys

1st - George M
2nd - Ezra C
3rd – Finlay K
6th - Sebastian K
12th - Jacob C
13th – Wiktor B
14th - Luther H
15th - Jacob M
16th - Louis K

Year 5 Girls

1st - Chloe G
3rd - Alexa K
4th – Cora F
7th - Zara BA
16th - Laila LH

Year 5 Boys

1st - Kerem J
6th - Eren R
7th - Jake McT
10th - Benny L
11th - Sebastian A
13th - Byron C-A
15th - Devansh V

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2025	
13 th	Year 6 Height and Weight – see separate correspondence
15 th	Flu immunisation – see separate correspondence to follow
16 th	CSA AGM – 7.30pm Oak Room (Infants)
20 th	F2F - Parent/Teacher Consultations – more details to follow
23 rd	Paterson Joseph – Author Visit – see separate correspondence
24 th	Inset Day – school closed
27 th – 31 st	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2025	
6 th	Autumn Term Concert @ 6pm – more details to follow
7 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's office
25 th	Year 6 First Aid training – see separate correspondence
25 th	Flu immunisation catch up day
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
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



Competition Details:

Poster size: A4, portrait
 Eligibility: Artists must be under 18 and attend a school in the borough of Watford

To enter, snap a clear photo or scan the art and send it to
enquiries.watford.vesuk@veolia.com
 with the artist's full name and age, and the parent/guardian's name and contact details

Deadline: 5pm Monday 20 October 2025



Poster Competition

Calling all young artists in Watford!

This Recycle Week, we're asking you to design a poster to help encourage our town to recycle.

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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£30 per student



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