



CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No 35

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry..

Red Weather Alert

Thank you for working with us as we navigated the red weather period this week. Our goal has been to keep the school open with an early collection option: we do understand that not everyone can just collect early.

We have drafted a heatwave plan for the future and will share with governors next week before sharing with parents. This will also reflect some suggestions received from parents and staff.

The weather looks 'normal' next week so hopefully we will return to a combination of raincoats and sunscreen.

Forgotten items including lunches

Please ensure your child has the correct items for their school day. The School Office has been receiving an unmanageable number of requests to phone home for forgotten packed lunches, PE kits and water bottles. Please can you check if your child is a school dinner or packed lunch and ensure their PE kit is in school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday. Thank you for your help with this.

IMPORTANT - Reporting Absence

Please telephone the school absence line on 01923 232411 to report any absences before 8:30am.

Due to the high volume of emails received each day, we are not always able to identify absence notifications sent via email. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sports Day

Thank you for supporting the children at their Sports Day event last week. The scores were as follows and **congratulations to Gade!**

Gade – Yellow = 2,109

Union – Green = 1,990

Colne – Red = 1,969

Chess – Blue = 1,924

We still have the Fun Run results to add and the house points – watch this space!

Year 5 Recorder Performance – Monday 29th June 2026

We would like to invite our Year 5 parents and carers to the Year 5 Recorder performance in the school hall @ 2.45pm. The performance will last no longer than 20 minutes.

Year 3 Recorder performance – Tuesday 30th June 2026

We would like to invite our Year 3 parents and carers to the Year 3 Recorder performance in the school hall @ 2.45pm on Tuesday 30th June 2026. The performance will last no longer than 20 minutes.

Year 4 Trip - Whipsnade Zoo – Mon 29th June 2026 (8.15am to class)

Just a reminder that our Year 4 pupils are going to Whipsnade Zoo on Monday. If you have booked a school dinner on that day, your child's account will be credited.

The Year 3/4 (Gate 1) will be open at 8.15am and close at 8.25am (just for 10 minutes) for an early registration so the children can register in class and leave promptly at 8.45am.

Parent/Teacher Consultations – Summer Term 2026

The parent/teacher consultation appointments are now closed on the school cloud system. No further appointments can be booked.

Online Safety Newsletter – July 2026

Please see below the online safety newsletter for July 2026.

GymJams – Gymnastics – September 2026

Please see flyer below regarding the GymJams Gymnastics Club starting in September 2026. To book your child in to the Gymnastics Club in our School Hall, please contact Coach Bev directly.

Would your child like to learn an instrument in school?

If your child would like to learn a **brass instrument** (cornet, trumpet, french horn, trombone or baritone), a **stringed instrument** (violin) or a **woodwind instrument** (clarinet or flute or, for Year 4 upwards, the saxophone) please visit the Hertfordshire Music Service website. Once you have made your application, please inform Mrs Harrison in the Junior School Office.

<https://ukhertfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration#/courselist/3>

If you have any questions about the music lessons in school with our peripatetic teachers, please speak to Mrs Harrison.

Cedar Tree Tuition – Summer School

Please see flyer below.

Raffle Prize Donations – Can You Help?

As part of our upcoming fundraising event, we are organising a raffle to help raise valuable funds for the school. Events like these play an important role in supporting additional resources and enhancing opportunities for our pupils.

We would be incredibly grateful for any prize donations you may be able to offer. These could include:

- Gift vouchers (shops, restaurants, experiences)
- Hampers or food items
- New Toys, games or books
- Tickets for local attractions or events
- Services or experiences (e.g. beauty treatments, fitness classes)

If you, your business, or someone you know would be happy to contribute, please contact the School Office by Friday 3rd July 2026.

All contributors will be acknowledged and thanked in our event communications where appropriate.

Thank you for your continued support – it really does make a difference!

Class Photographs

If you have ordered your child's class photograph, these will be distributed to your child early next week.

South West Herts Partnership Workshops

Please see below a selection of workshops organised by South West Herts.

Each session is online, on a Thursday 1-2pm.

2nd July – The importance & Benefits of Family Quality Time

9th July – Screen Time

16th July – Positive Parenting

Open Afternoon – Friday 3rd July 2026 – 2.45pm to 3.30pm

On Friday 3rd July we will have an Open Afternoon at Cassiobury Junior School. You will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and also meet other members of staff, if you wish.

There will be refreshments available and some music as part of the afternoon. To make things work smoothly we ask the following.

- Children can be collected from class between 2.30pm and 2.40pm so that we have cleared the classrooms ahead of letting the public in. This is for safeguarding reasons.
- If children are not being collected, we will move them to the dance studio whilst the open afternoon is running. Any children collected after 2.40pm can be collected from the dance studio.
- Once children are collected, they are to stay with their parents.
- Challenge Sports will still run on that day for parents wishing to use the after-school club.

This will give you an opportunity to visit your child's classroom ahead of the parent consultations the following week. More details to follow.

Fullerians Rugby Club Centenary Family Fun Day

Please see the flyer below regarding the Family Fun Day at Fullerians Rugby Club on Saturday 4th July 2026

Year 6 information required - Transition Day – Thursday 9th July 2026

We are aware that some Secondary Schools have various timings for their transition day on Thursday 9th July 2026.

For attendance and also school dinners, etc, please comment on the School Gateway BEFORE Monday 6th July 2026 if your child will be:

- attending their Transition Day at their Secondary School ALL day
- will be in school before lunch after their transition
- will be in school after lunch after their transition
- will be in school ALL day if they have already attended their new school

If your child has a school meal booked, this will be cancelled if they are out all day or in after lunch if we are advised by Monday 6th July 2026.

Thank you to everyone for providing this information and for your continued support.

Fun Run - Cassiobury Junior '2k Fun Run' this Summer Term

Revised Date: Wednesday 15th July 2026 – AM – Fullarians Rugby Club

- All children can choose if they wish to run as a competitive or novelty (fancy dress) entry.
- All children have received their unique competition number (just like the marathon) in their sponsorship pack today.
- They will need to attend school wearing it on Wednesday 15th July 2026 (please ensure the children bring their school uniform to school to change in to after the Fun Run).
- All children have been provided with a sponsor pack - how much they collect is up to you - all funds go to school resources.
- Winning points for the competitive race will count towards the house Sports Day competition.
- This will be an 'in-school' event.
- All sponsorship forms need to be back in school by Friday 10th July 2026.

Please choose on the School Gateway which run your child will participate in i.e. Competitive Race or Novelty Race. There are two separate payment requests (no money will be taken, however please ensure you complete the transaction).

Young Carers Activity Day – Friday 31st July 2026

See flyer below regarding the Young Carers Activity Day.

Cassiobury Tennis Camp

Please see the link from Angie Gunn regarding the Cassiobury Tennis Camp in the Summer - <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/STEVENSHEA/Coaching2/Coaching/Camps>

Watford Grammar School for Girls – Secondary Transfer Open Evening

Please see flyer below regarding the Secondary Transfer Open Evening on Tuesday 30th June 2026 at Watford Grammar School for Girls.

Samurai Kickboxing – September 2026

Please see below regarding the Samurai Kickboxing before school club from September 2026. Please book directly with the club.

Special Mentions

3 Ash - George M - for being kind, considerate and helpful to his new classmate - superstar! **Vonalee I** - for having beautiful presentation of her English writing this week - keep it up!

3 Alder – Felix H - for creating a fantastic bridge in our DT lesson this week, he ensured his bridge was rigid and supportive. Great work! **Maanvi V** - for being super helpful around the classroom and helping her peers when needed. Well done!

3 Apple - Idrees R - for working hard on improving his handwriting and for producing a lovely published piece of writing in English - Well done! **Uddhava H** - for improved focus during lessons and for always trying his best, producing some excellent work - keep it up!

4 Hawthorn – Arulmozhi B - for excellent content in his travel leaflet and **Sebastiao P** - for being calm and kind and following instructions.

4 Hazel – Leo I-R - for consistently producing work with beautiful handwriting and excellent presentation, as well as demonstrating responsibility and enthusiasm in the role of Eco Monitor!

4 Holly - Joshua W - for writing an excellent travel leaflet and using all the persuasive features and **Mathilda B** - for taking such care and creativity on her history poster.

5 Pear - Sophie G and Daisy M - for their excellent effort and achievement in their spelling sessions this week. Well done! **Ridit M and Bhavya A** - for settling well into their new class.

5 Pine – Ileyla E & Clare V C - for being proactive and organising the classroom.

5 Poplar - Louis L, Ravi S and Liyang R - for working well in maths this week on polygons.

6 Beech – Abi J - for working very hard across all subjects and producing some great writing and Bhargav P - for being kind and helpful towards others.

6 Maple – Layla B - for an excellent piece of writing for her Spiderwick creature that was engaging and interesting to read and **Kasim R** - for working really well on his group Geography project and engaging in some good research.

6 Oak – Diya P, James D and Efren R - beautifully presented English work.

Well done to..

Miles P – **3 Apple** – for playing piano in Singing Assembly last week – well done!

Isabelle A – **3 Alder** – for playing piano in Singing Assembly last week – well done!

Mason P – **5 Pine** – for playing piano in Singing Assembly last week – well done!

Our Cassiobury Junior School Band – for playing at the Infants School today – you were all brilliant and we look forward to hearing from you again in the Summer Concert next week – well done!

Zara B-A – **5 Pear** – has passed her Grade 2 flute exam – well done!

Thank you to..

Hannah I and **Taha A** – **6 Oak** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

The Hanway Family – for providing a gazebo for our Year 3 and 4 playground area – it has been much appreciated!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE 2026	
29 th	Year 4 Trip – Whipsnade Zoo – 8.15am to the classroom for registration
29 th	Year 5 Recorder performance to parents – see details above
30 th	Year 3 Recorder performance to parents – see details above
30 th	SEND Support Meetings
JULY 2026	
1 st	Year 3 Trip – Tring Museum – see separate correspondence
2 nd	Summer Concert – 5.40pm doors open – 6pm prompt start (approx. 1 hour)
3 rd	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
3 rd	Open Afternoon – see details above
6 th	Crucial Crew – Year 6 – 6 Maple and 6 Oak – AM (to book school dinner as normal) 6 Beech – PM (to bring a packed lunch)
6 th	Year 5 Parent/Teacher – online consultations (12.30pm to 3.10pm)
6 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations – 3.30pm – 7pm
7 th	Year 3 Parent/Teacher – online consultations (1pm to 4.30pm)
8 th	Year 6 Parent/Teacher – online consultations (1pm to 4.30pm)
8 th	Year 2 Parent Talk @ 6.30pm – School Hall
9 th	Transition Day
9 th	Year 4 Parent/Teacher – online consultations (1pm to 4.30pm)
16 th	Talent Show – evening concert
21 st	Year 6 Leavers Production and Assembly – doors open 5.15pm for 5.30pm to 7.30pm – school hall.
22 nd	Year 6 Leavers Day Out – more details to follow
23 rd	Summer Term 2026 ends @ 1.05pm – non uniform

SEPTEMBER 2026	
1 st	Inset Day – school closed
2 nd	Inset Day – school closed
3 rd	Autumn Term starts
15 th	Athletics Festival for new Year 6 playleaders and all Year 3 & 4 children – 1.15pm -3pm
17 th	Individual Photos
OCTOBER 2026	
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 – non uniform
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 – non uniform
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 – non uniform
22 nd	Inset Day – school closed

Watford Grammar School for Girls Secondary Transfer Open Evening



Tuesday 30th June 2026
5.00pm - 7.00pm

Lady's Close, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD18 0AE
No parking on site. Parking available in town centre.

We are delighted to introduce Mrs Wilshaw, our incoming Headteacher from September 2026, who will be delivering talks throughout the evening at the following times: 5.05pm, 5.40pm, 6.40pm & 7.40pm.

To book your time slot for entry into the school, [please click here](#).

Online Safety Newsletter

July 2026

Social media to be banned for under-16s

The government has announced that social media platforms will be blocked from offering services to under-16s from next Spring. The ban will include platforms like Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and X.

Furthermore, there will also be blocks on live streaming and communication with strangers (these restrictions will also apply to 16 and 17-year-olds) and the government will also be looking at overnight curfews and breaks in infinite scrolling.

You can read the Government's press release here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/social-media-to-be-banned-for-under-16s-in-landmark-government-move-to-give-kids-their-childhood-back>

In addition, you can find some FAQs here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/july-2026-primary/>

WhatsApp

We frequently receive reports of children using WhatsApp inappropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out. It is important to think about whether WhatsApp is the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying and can they manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on hurtful behaviour?

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. WhatsApp have announced that they are rolling out the option of Parent-Managed accounts for those under the age of 13. The settings will include allowing you to choose who can contact your child and ensuring only you can add them to groups. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/894871699629864>

What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

- **Group chats:** Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, can see all messages within that group.
- **Inappropriate content:** users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.
- **Location sharing:** talk to your child about the potential danger of sharing their location.
- **Chat lock/secret code:** users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting, so a chat does not appear in the main chat.
- **Screentime due to addictive nature**
- **AI:** WhatsApp includes Meta AI including Incognito Chat with Meta AI so nobody (including Meta) can read your conversations.

What can I do?

- Check privacy settings e.g. who can add them to groups.
- Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>
- Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>
- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be received.
- Chat to your child about the groups that they belong to.

Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/whatsapp>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

Livestreaming

What is livestreaming?

Livestreaming is when an individual broadcasts video live over the internet. People can watch livestreams from any device that is connected to the internet.

What are the risks?

There are risks associated with watching livestreams that you should be aware of. The main risk being that your child may see or hear something inappropriate as your child may come across themes or content that is not suitable for them. It is difficult to moderate live content as it is happening in real time.



How can I help my child?

- All online platforms have an age rating, ensure your child only accesses platforms that are appropriate to their age. For example, TikTok has an age rating of 13.
- For any platforms that your child uses, ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are applied.
- Take an interest in what your child is doing online and on a regular basis, ask your child to show you what they are accessing.
- Ensure your child knows how to use any reporting/blocking tools on the app that they are using and as always please ensure that your child knows to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them online.

Further information

- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/livestreaming-parents/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>

Instagram: New supervision tool

You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account. Instagram is used to post photos and videos as well as send direct messages, make voice/video calls, and send disappearing messages.

Instagram have introduced a new supervision tool allowing parents/carers to view the general topics their child is engaging in. Find out more here: <https://about.fb.com/news/2026/05/new-supervision-tools-parents-insights-teens-algorithm/>

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Netflix Playground

Netflix Playground hosts a number of games aimed at kids aged 8 and younger. The games include Sesame Street and Peppa Pig.

It is available as an app to all Netflix subscribers and has no additional in-app purchases and no adverts. Find out more here:

<https://www.netflix.com/tudum/articles/playground-kids-game-hub-news>

Moving to secondary school

Is your child moving to Secondary school this year? If so, Internet Matters have published a variety of resources on their website to support this transition: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondary-school-online-safety-guide/>

Screentime balance over the summer holidays

With Summer holidays approaching, we know children may be spending more time alone. Vodafone and SWGfL have published some advice on how to navigate common digital risks and tips on how to balance screen time. We hope you have a lovely, safe summer!

- <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/features/digital-awareness-uk-30-digital-risks-young-people/>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/balancing-screen-time-over-the-holidays-advice-for-parents-and-carers>



FULLERIANS CENTENARY

Family Fun Day

4TH
July

FROM 1PM
TILL LATE

HOT AIR
BALLOON RIDES



FAMILY FUN

OUTDOOR BAR

LOCAL BUSINESS
STALLS

FOOD STALLS

FREE ENTRY

FITNESS AND
CHALLENGES

FUN DOG
SHOW



FULLERIANS RFC
CONINGESBY DRIVE
(END OF PARKSIDE DRIVE),
WATFORD, WD17 3BD





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South West Herts Partnership

Virtual Workshop

Sam Ward, the School Family Support Worker will be holding a virtual drop in for parent/carers.

In this informal drop in, I will be talking about the importance and benefits of quality time spent with your child/ren.

In case you have not done an online workshop before, you do not have to speak, just listen. If you do have any questions or want to share experiences on what you are hearing, you can type this in the live chat and I can address these at the end or wait until the end to ask.

You can also choose to have your camera on or off.

On: Thursday 2nd July 2026

Time: 1-2pm

Topic: The importance of Quality time with your child/ren

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/344721122402938?p=GyW4Lju4GURp9sD6aU>

Meeting ID: 344 721 122 402 938

Passcode: NK78eR6a



South West Herts Partnership Virtual Workshop

Sam Ward our Family Worker will be holding a virtual drop in for parent/carers.

*In this informal drop in, she will be talking about **Screen Time**, the effects and how to manage/limit it.*

In case you have not done an online workshop before, you do not have to speak, just listen. If you do have any questions or want to share experiences on what you are hearing, you can type this in the live chat and it can be addressed at the end, along with any questions you have.

You can also choose to have your camera on or off.

On: Thursday 9th July 2026

Time: 1-2pm

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/join/333921398932391?p=cx6A6ibO1VEAUZO0DD>

Meeting ID: 333 921 398 932 391

Passcode: GL7CF7EA



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South West Herts Partnership Virtual Workshop

Sam Ward our Family Support Worker will be holding a virtual drop in for parent/carers.

*In this informal drop in, she will be talking about **Positive Parenting** and how you can support your child.*

In case you have not done an online workshop before, you do not have to speak, just listen. If you do have any questions or want to share experiences on what you are hearing, you can type this in the live chat and it can be addressed at the end, along with any questions you have.

You can also choose to have your camera on or off and find yourself a comfy spot for an hour

On: Thursday 16th July 2026

Time: 1-2pm

Topic: Positive parenting

Please use the following link to attend.

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/377871506805924?p=8yLX5BtqpovuRVtQCU>

Meeting ID: 377 871 506 805 924

Passcode: cU24zK7T

Summer School 2026

4-day South West Herts Consortium
11+ Revision Course



Keep up momentum over the summer holidays and give your child a confidence boost ahead of their September exams.

Over four focused days, experienced tutors work with each child on the key Maths and Verbal Reasoning GL Assessment topics - sharpening exam technique, filling in gaps, and building confidence in the more challenging content.

Building Confidence, Inside and Out

Children benefit from personalised revision, exam-style practice, and improved technique, helping build confidence and close key knowledge gaps.

The final day includes a therapist-led session focused on managing exam anxiety, mindfulness, and practical strategies for confident performance.

Small groups, experienced tutors, and a clear plan to see your child through to September.

📍 **Ascot Road Primary School, Watford**

Monday 10th – Thursday 13th August 2026
9.10am – 12.10pm

For Bookings:

🌐 www.cedartreetuition.co.uk

✉ info@cedartreetuition.co.uk

☎ 07394 082649

Cassiobury Junior School

Gym Jams Gymnastics

Autumn term Course 2026

Monday breakfast club

@8:00- 8:40am

7th September - 7th December

No session on 26th October

13 week course

Course price £110.50

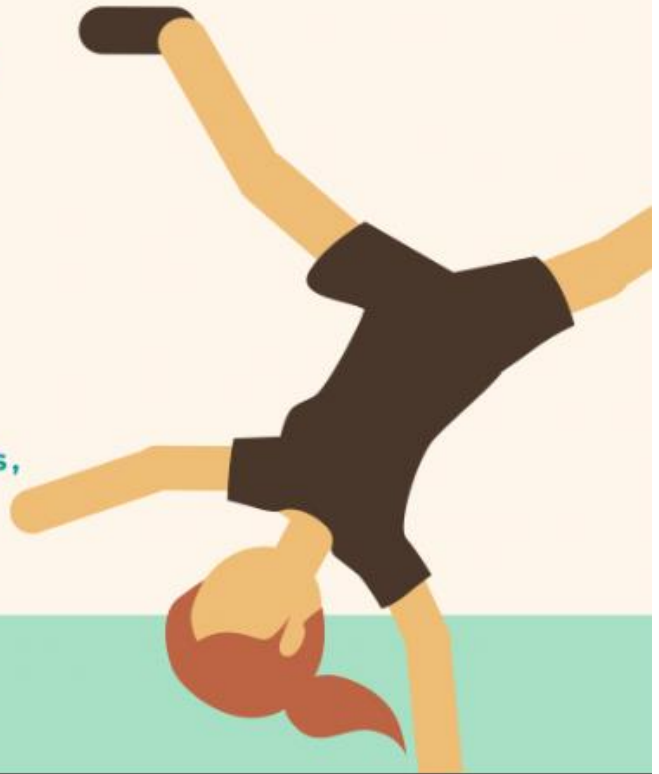
Open to KS2

All abilities welcome

Limited space available

**A fun club learning key skills,
achieving awards & taking
part in school display's.**

**Contact Coach Bev on
07753348536 to book.**



Young Carers ACTIVITY DAY



Join us for Hertfordshire County Council's first Young Carers Wellbeing Day!

Come along to meet other young carers, take part in activities that support your health and happiness, and most importantly – have fun!

Sessions will include:

- Boxercise
- Art and creativity
- Wellbeing sessions
- Nutrition and healthy eating

For young carers in Hertfordshire, age 8 – 17

- Games and getting to know each other
- Have a break from your caring role
- Have your voice heard about what's important to you

WHEN:

Friday 31st July, 10 am – 3pm

WHERE:

Shephall Centre, Stevenage



How to book:

email:

participationteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk





Wake Up, Get Energised & Learn Kickboxing Before School - Boost Focus!

Start the day strong with Samurai Kickboxing! Our before-school classes are a fantastic way for children to wake up their bodies and minds - setting them up for a focused, positive day of learning ahead.

With over 12 years of experience and a growing network of 1500+ students across Jersey and the UK, Samurai Kickboxing is proud to offer high-quality, engaging sessions that help children thrive.

Samurai Kickboxing continues next term (September - December):

Cassiobury Junior School | Thursdays 7.40 - 8.40am | Years 3 - 6

24/9 - 15/10 and 5/11 - 10/12

£135

NEW STUDENTS: TRY US FOR FREE!

[Book your free trial](#)

RETURNING STUDENTS: REBOOK NOW!

Rebook your child's place for next term now via [Class Manager](#)

For ease, log in or download the **Class Manager - Customer Portal** app

- Go to **Classes > Enrol**, find your class, then **Add to Enrolment List > Confirm**

Spaces are limited so don't delay!

SPLIT PAYMENTS

If you'd like to set up or continue with split payments, drop us an email: info@samuraikickboxing.com

DISCOUNTS

- 15% sibling discount for 3 or more children
- 25% off your second class - *if attending more than once a week & not including Elite classes*

TERM DATES

Please make a note of the class term dates (including dates when the class isn't on): [Class Manager](#) > **Classes > Upcoming**

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Visit www.SamuraiKickboxing.com for more info about our Classes, Gradings, Holiday Camps & Birthday Parties!

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