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CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No 29

Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry

It was great to meet with the parent reps this morning. We had lots of upcoming dates to discuss. Please check the dates on the end of the newsletter as there are many things to make note of for the rest of the term.

Next week is a busy one, even though it is only four days in school. We will be marking VE Day on Thursday and there is an SRE talk for parents next Friday morning at 9am in the School Hall. We are really excited to have Cressida Cowell, creator and author of the 'How to train your dragon' series, visiting us, in person next Friday afternoon.

Staff Illness

We have several members of staff who are unwell and not in school. This can result in different adults whilst we allocate staff. Please bear with us. Fingers crossed that they will be back soon.

Awareness when out in public places

As the lovely sunny weather continues and we head in to summer please take a moment to remind your children about the importance of keeping themselves safe when at the park or other public places. Please ensure you keep an eye on your child as they play and explore and let them know where you will be at all times. Furthermore, kindly remind them only to engage with adults and older children they know.

Year 6 SATS and Residential meeting – on the website

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended Monday's meeting. Please view the Year 6 SATS and Residential meeting powerpoint from Monday's meeting: <https://cassiobury-junior-school.secure-primariesite.net/useful-documents/>

CSA Readathon – well done!

Award	Prize	Class name
Class that raised the most money in the junior	Extra playtime & certificate	4 Hawthorn
Class in year 3 that read the most pages	certificate	3 Ash
Class in year 4 that read the most pages	certificate	4 Hawthorn
Class in year 5 that read the most pages	certificate	5 Pear
Class in year 6 that read the most pages	certificate	6 Maple

A total across both schools was £1,467.95 (including gift aid) was raised! Thank you to everyone who took part.

Forgotten items

If you are bringing in any forgotten items, there is a box in the school office area to leave the items in. Please ensure you write your child's name and class on the item for them to collect during the day. Thank you!

Online Safety Newsletter – May 2025

Please see below the online safety newsletter for May 2025.

This week's Eco Council message - Walk to School Week 19th – 23rd May 2025

We are excited to be taking part in Walk to School Week this May.

We all know the health benefits of walking so please help us this week to reduce congestion by supporting children in being more active and help reduce lower carbon emissions during this Walk to School Week.

We would like to encourage all our pupils to try and walk, cycle or scoot to school during this week. If it is not possible to walk all the way, then it would be great if you could park 10 minutes away from school and walk or scoot the last part of your journey.

Following on from Walk to School Week, we will be supporting **Clean Air Day on Thursday 19th June 2025**, more information closer to the date.

RE Day – Friday 23rd May 2025

We would like to invite family members to be involved in a workshop, we will be running over the day. The idea is that children will be able to talk to each person for some time and ask questions. We are looking for parents and family members who would be willing to set up a table with information, possibly some artefacts and any other items of importance, to talk to the children about their religion and any important celebrations. The focus will be on celebrating all religions, our differences as well as our similarities.

We have had many parents volunteering for the day to talk about Buddhism, Christianity, Catholicism, Judaism, Islam, Humanists but we would appreciate if anyone is able to be available to talk about Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism.

If you are interested in participating, please email the school office with your name and the religion you would like to share with us.

May Half Term Holiday Camp with Challenge Sport & Education

'Keeping children active, safe and social over the upcoming May half term. Every day children participate in a wide range of activities, sports and challenges. Open to boys and girls 5-11 the course is led by Challenge coaches and designed with your child's fun in mind. Sports include: football, dodgeball, basketball, netball, cricket, athletics, darts, bowls, tennis and much more!'

To book – please see the flyer below!

Empowering Parents to Help Children Thrive

Please see the flyer below from the Emotional Mental Wellbeing in Education Team.

Special Mentions

3 Alder - **Aryana A & Matthew B** - for great teamwork in our History lesson this week when creating a timeline of events in Roman Britain. Well done!

3 Apple - **Miraj M** - for always going above and beyond in his home learning, contributing well to class discussions and for challenging himself particularly in Maths - Keep it up!

Maryam U - for writing a lovely free verse poem with calligrams in it. - well done!

3 Ash - **Amba K** - for her beautifully written free verse poem and her creativity making calligrams in English.

4 Hawthorn – **Waniah B** for improved organisation skills and **Kyle P** - for taking time to read over his English work.

4 Hazel – **Iris C** - for writing an excellent persuasive letter about reducing electricity usage and **Liyang R**- for working diligently in Maths and always explaining his ideas clearly.

4 Holly – **Maysa M** - for sharing her knowledge in Guided Reading with the class confidently and **Jovan S** - for contributing regularly to class discussions.

5 Poplar - **Layla A, Bob H, Ariaz R, Nikita L** and **Taha A** - for sharing their computing knowledge with 5 Pear. Well done!

5 Pear - **Annie S** and **Owee S** - for applying their knowledge of multiplication to answer problems.

5 Pine - **Maaz F** - for lovely reading of poetry this week, with expression and focus on assonance. Well done Maaz! **Ani K** - for great recall for multiplication facts in Maths this week, keep it up Ani! **Freddie MW** - for taking responsibility and tidying tables, straightening them after everyone left the classroom at the end of the day. Thank you Freddie!

6 Beech – **Maya P** and **Hridaya S** - for asking lots of questions in maths to further their learning.

6 Maple – **Joseph E** - for being focused in class and showing motivation to do his best. **Hritik D** - for sharing an imaginative idea for a new creature to add to the Spiderwick Field Guide in English.

6 Oak – **Abdullah F** - for a confident start and getting involved in all lessons and **Francesca N** - for working hard to secure grammar concepts.

Thank you to..

Charlotte S and **Shenelle A** - for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Well done to..



Benny L – **4 Holly** – has achieved Advanced Bronze Level in Gymnastics- Dance and Aerobics - well done!

Emme T and **Sena J** – **6 Maple** – for playing guitar and singing to the whole song in this week's singing assembly – well done!

Kerem J – **4 Hawthorn** – for playing the piano in singing assembly this week – well done!



Noah I – **6 Beech** – attended the Bible Experience finals in Battle Creek, Michigan, and his team took first place in the competition - well done!

Have a lovely long weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY 2025	
5 th	Bank Holiday
7 th	Class Photographs
9 th	PSHE/SRE parent talk – school hall @ 9am
9 th	Author Visit – see separate correspondence
12 th – 16 th	SATS breakfast – Year 6 ONLY
16 th	‘Stars of the Stage and Screen’ dress up day – Year 6 ONLY
16 th	CSA Cake Sale after school
16 th to 21 st	Book Fair in Year 3/4 library – more details to follow
21 st	Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day – in school hall – see separate correspondence
19 th – 23 rd	Year 6 Bikeability – see separate correspondence
22 nd	Open Morning – more details to follow
23 rd	RE Day – see separate correspondence
26 th – 30 th	Half Term
JUNE 2025	
6 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry’s office - POSTPONED
6 th	Whole School Mini-Marathon (2K) – more details to follow
9 th – 13 th	Year 6 Residential Trip – see separate correspondence
9 th	5 Pear & 5 Poplar – Year 5 River Study Fieldwork Trip
12 th	5 Pine – Year 5 River Study Fieldwork Trip
16 th to 20 th	Donations Week
18 th	Year 3 trip to Cassiobury Farm
20 th	Sports Day – 1pm start
25 th	Year 4 trip to Whipsnade Zoo – see separate correspondence
26 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
27 th	Non-uniform – in exchange for “bring a bottle for the bottle tombola”
27 th	CSA Cake Sale after school
30 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations – 3.30pm to 7pm
JULY 2025	
1 st	Parent/Teacher Consultations – 3.30pm to 7pm
2 nd	Year 5 Trip to “Matilda” – Cambridge Theatre, London – more details to follow
4 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry’s office
4 th	School Closes at 3pm Summer Fair – 3pm to 5pm – more details to follow
10 th	Transition Day
11 th	Reserved Sports Day
15 th	Year 6 Leavers Production and Assembly (doors open at 5.15pm) – 5.30pm to 7.30pm
17 th	Year 6 Leavers Day out – more details to follow
18 th	Year 6 Leavers morning
18 th	Summer Term 2025 ends at 1.30pm
21 st	Inset Day
22 nd	Inset Day
23 rd	Inset Day
SEPTEMBER 2025	
3 rd , 4 th & 5 th	Inset Days
8 th	Back to School for the Autumn Term 2025
OCTOBER 2025	
24 th	Inset Day
27 th – 31 st	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2025	
28 th	Occasional Day
DECEMBER 2025	
8 th	Year 3 & 4 Pantomime – more information to follow
9 th	Year 5 & 6 Pantomime – more information to follow
12 th	Christmas Dinner/Festive outfit Day
19 th	Autumn Term 2025 ends at 1.30pm
JANUARY 2026	

5 th	Inset Day
6 th	Back to School for the Spring Term 2026
FEBRUARY 2026	
16 th – 20 th	Half Term
MARCH 2026	
27 th	Spring Term 2026 ends @ 1.30pm
APRIL 2026	
13 th	Back to school for the Summer Term 2026
MAY 2026	
4 th	Bank Holiday
25 th – 29 th	Half Term
JUNE 2026	
JULY 2026	
23 rd	Summer Term 2026 ends @ 1.30pm

Online Safety Newsletter

May 2025

Wonderlab+

Are you looking for something fun to do online with your child? The Science Museum group have a wide array of activities, games and quizzes on their website:

<https://wonderlabplus.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/home>

Minecraft

Minecraft is rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age.

Minecraft is a game where players can create worlds using blocks. There are two different modes – creative and survival. In creative mode, users can build what they wish and have unlimited resources whereas in survival mode, players must gather resources, find food and defend themselves against mobs. Survival mode may include mild violence and scary characters.

You should be aware that there is a multiplayer option available where players can chat to each other. In-app purchases are also available to buy items such as skins, so ensure purchases are disabled or that a password or PIN is required to make them. Ensure appropriate parental controls are applied, on both Minecraft and the console itself. Find out more here:

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/article/parental-controls>

Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/minecraft>

Cyberbullying

What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that takes place online and can take many forms, such as sending malicious messages. Cyberbullying can happen at any time of the day, so often feels unrelenting. It can take place across many different platforms, such as on messaging apps like WhatsApp and Snapchat, on social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok and via online games. Here are some examples of what cyberbullying can look like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies
- Blackmailing

What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

If your child is being bullied, then try to stay calm and let them know that it is not their fault.

It is always useful to keep evidence of any online bullying and inform their school so that they are aware. Show your child how to block and/or report any users/content and review their privacy settings to limit what others can see. You may also wish to review/set up any available parental controls.



Further information

There is a vast amount of information available online about cyberbullying. The following links provide further information on types of online bullying, and who you can contact if you need any further advice or support.

- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/online-bullying/>
- <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers/sources-information-advice-and>

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Roblox New parental controls

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices.

A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content.

New Parental Features

Roblox have released three new parental controls for your child's Roblox account. These are:

1. **Friend blocking** - you can now block anyone on your child's friends list that you do not want them direct messaging.
2. **Experience blocking** – you can now block any specific experiences (games) that you do not want your child to access.
3. **Top game insights** - you can now see the 20 experiences (games) your child has spent the most time on in the last week.

You can find out more here:

<https://corp.roblox.com/newsroom/2025/04/new-parental-controls-on-roblox>

Further information

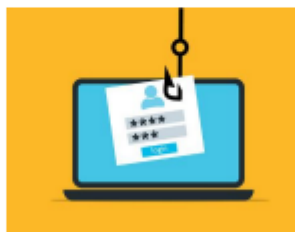
You can find out more about Roblox here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428248050068-Parental-Controls-FAQ>

Ask Silver Scam Checker

Ask Silver is a tool that anyone with a smartphone can use to protect themselves from scams. To use the service, you will first need to sign up and then you can simply upload a screenshot of anything that you are unsure of, and think could be a scam. Ask Silver will let you know whether they think it is safe or not. Find out more here:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/asksilver/>



How to best use location tracking apps within your family

Location tracking gives us the ability to see where somebody is via their smart device and is often one of the reasons children receive their first device.

Internet Matters have published an article discussing location tracking, including the benefits and risks and provide links to other supporting resources. You can read the article here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/how-to-use-location-tracking-apps-in-your-family/>

JusTalk

Users can use this app to video chat, call, and text. There are two versions – JusTalk and JusTalk Kids with both versions having the option to unlock further functions via a premium subscription. **JusTalk is rated as 12+ and JusTalk Kids is rated as 4+ on the App store.**

Even though the apps may be rated as age appropriate for your child, there are still risks in using either version.

The Ineqe Safeguarding Group provide an overview of JusTalk, including the risks you need to be aware of:

<https://ineqe.com/2023/02/08/what-is-the-justalk-app/>

Keeping up with technology

It can be difficult to keep up with what our children are doing online as it can change so quickly. UK Safer Internet Centre have published an article with suggestions on what we can do:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/things-change-so-fast-online-its-hard-to-keep-up-with-what-my-child-is-doing>

MAY ½ TERM SPORT COURSES WATFORD

*Keeping children active, safe
and smiling*



- ✓ Led by PE teachers
- ✓ Skill Development
- ✓ Socialising
- ✓ May 27th - May 30th 2025

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WD17 3PD**

Sports include football,
basketball, netball,
cricket, tennis, athletics,
gymnastics, dodgeball,
hockey, rollerball and
more!

Open to 5-11 year old
boys and girls

8am - 3pm **£28**
8am - 4.15pm **£32**
8am - 5.30pm **£40**
9am - 3pm **£22**
9am - 4.15pm **£26**
9am - 5.30pm **£32**

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More Information:
info@challengesporteducation.co.uk

EMPOWERING PARENTS TO HELP CHILDREN THRIVE



Bounce Forward, in collaboration with the Harry Kane Foundation, are gifting a series of six online sessions that equip parents with the knowledge and tools to foster mental resilience and emotional wellbeing for themselves and their children.

What we'll cover

- How the brain works, the link between thoughts, feelings and behaviour
- Nurturing optimism and thinking flexibly to overcome adversity
- Helping children gain more control over how they feel and behave
- Developing empathy
- How to connect meaningfully
- Enabling a growth mindset and focusing on strengths

17,000+ parents highly rate this programme

"It was so amazing, I looked forward to the sessions each week, learnt a lot of mind blowing information, that I have applied to my life and have seen improvements! Wish there was more sessions, so sad that it has ended! I have loved learning about my strengths, the ABCs, process praise, the growth mind set, being aware of my gremlins, it has been wonderful learning, and these sessions have been apart of my self care! Thank you ever so much!"

REGISTER HERE

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