



@CassioburyJM

## CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No 27

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Families,

### Messages from Miss Sherry

#### Comments made by children

We have seen a spike in the number of children using the phrase, 'I'm going to kill myself,' either at home or school. Most staff with teenagers seem familiar with their children saying this over quite small things and it seems that it is a current phrase. This can cause some worry to parents or friends. Please discuss this with your children.

#### Easter and Passover wishes

Our best wishes to those celebrating over the Easter holidays. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the Summer Term.

#### 4 Hazel

I am pleased to say that Mrs Waddington is now on the mend but still requires a few more weeks to recover. Mrs Vassilou will stay with the class for a few weeks after Easter. Timings are not exact at the moment.

#### School uniform

Please note that children are permitted to wear summer uniform after Easter. Please check the school handbook for uniform guidance.

#### Headlice

We do have some extra visitors in school at the moment and I would rather that they were not here. Please check your child for headlice, a comb is best for finding them but some of the headlice we have seen are very mature specimens and can be seen from a distance!  
[https://beta.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice?WT.mc\\_id=organic\\_split](https://beta.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice?WT.mc_id=organic_split)

#### After School playground use

Following a number of incidents where children have been hurt or disrupted clubs, please can we remind you that once you have collected your children from school, you must leave the school site as soon as possible. For safeguarding reasons, this is not to be used as an afterschool playground/meeting place. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### Dinner Menu

The Summer Term Dinner Menu is available on the school's website. Please ensure you choose the food that your children will eat. As a school we look out for any allergies but if your child "dislikes" a certain food, this is not a special dietary requirement or allergy so please be mindful when making your child's choice from the dinner menu.

## **Dangerous Driving! STOP!**

We have witnessed dangerous driving incidents in Bellmount Wood Avenue this week and there have been some "near misses". Please remember that children should not be getting out of cars in the middle of the road. Make sure that you pull up to the side of the road and get your children out of the car. Thank you for your help keeping all of our children safe.

## **Whole School Mini Marathon – Fun Run**

We are delighted to announce our first ever, 'Fun Run,' on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025. All children in the school will be entered and will have the option to take part in the 'competitive' or the 'novelty' categories.

As with the London Marathon, all pupils will be issued with a unique race number. All children will be given a sponsor form and encouraged to get sponsors. Money raised will be for school improvements including books, IT equipment, playground equipment etc. The race will be in school time and will be 2km. We will be using a measured route across the school grounds and the Fullerian's fields.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting day.

We will be sending your child's sponsorship form and unique race number home after the Easter break.

## **Year 3 Fire Service visit**

Please see the photographs on our website from this week's Year 3 visit from the Fire Service <https://cassiobury-junior-school.secure-primariesite.net/gallery/>

## **House Points results are in for the Spring Term 2025**

**Gade** – Yellow = 1,294

**Colne** – Red = 1,404

**Chess** – Blue = 1,476

**Union** – Green = 1,610

## **Long-sleeve polo shirt NOW AVAILABLE!**



These are now available to purchase for **£8.99** from Beat School Uniforms via their website [https://beatschooluniforms.co.uk/schools/cassiobury\\_junior\\_school/](https://beatschooluniforms.co.uk/schools/cassiobury_junior_school/) or visit their shop in Watford.

## **Year 5 swimming update**

Some of our Year 5 children have completed the swimming requirements and will not be returning to swimming in the Summer Term. We will update you as soon as we have received the information from Watford Central with regards to which children will still require swimming lessons in Year 5.

## **This week's Eco Council message**

**Congratulations to 4 Hazel** for earning the highest green points - **33** for the Spring Term. They have remembered to turn the lights off, tap off and doors closed.

It is very important to follow these instructions as it helps the environment.

1. Switch off the light when not in use
2. Turn the taps off when not in use
3. keep the door closed.

Thank you. School Eco Council

## Book Sale - Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated and supported the Book Sale, which was organised by the Eco Council yesterday. We raised £76 for our school funds.

## DSPL Parent and Carer Newsletter & Coffee Morning

Please find below the link for the DSPL9 newsletter and coffee morning (flyer below)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oR4qeVWCVzoHbR7oXWXM-Wen9V5TS5Lq/view>

## Mental Health Support Team

Please see the flyer below for those who may have experienced this with their child/young people or anyone who would like more information around strategies to help their child/young person.

## Challenge Sport and Education – Easter Course

Please see below the Challenge Sport and Education Easter Course flyer and the Summer Term clubs and wraparound care flyer – please book directly with CSE.

## Cassiobury Tennis Club's Easter Camp – 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025

If your child would like to take part in the Cassiobury Tennis Club's Easter Camp, please book via this link:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/STEVENSHEACoaching2/Coaching/Camp/3a4ba681-441a-42ac-b17a-14ab4e333e85>

## Creative Minds Art Club

Please see below the flyer regarding the Creative Minds Art Club for the Summer Term. Please book directly with the club.

## Chess Challengers Club – Summer Term 2025

Please find below the flyer regarding the Chess Challengers Club starting back in the summer term on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

## Mock Transfer Tests 11+ - Easter School & Summer Term 2025

Please see flyers below for the Mock Transfer Tests Easter School and after school club. Please book directly with Mock Transfer Tests.

## Special Mentions

**3 Alder** - **Katya M** and **Hamza A** - for both working really hard throughout our English unit which explored personal narratives and creating fantastic pieces of writing that included lots of description. Well done both!

**3 Apple** - **Mathilda B** - for working hard in all her learning and showing a great understanding of our maths units - keep it up! **Bhoomi S** - for being helpful around the classroom, being kind to others and always trying her best - well done!

**3 Ash** - **Anousha AB** - for her thoughtful and creative personal narrative piece of writing - her work is always beautifully crafted!

**4 Hawthorn** – **Aziq L** - for designing a good switch when making his torch and helping others and **Ciara R** - for using lovely descriptive language in her haiku.

**4 Hazel** – **Louis L** - for writing an excellent Haiku poem in English. We could picture the little leaf clinging to the branch. Well done! **Cora F** - for writing a lovely, imaginative Haiku poem in English. Super job!

**4 Holly** – **Sophia P** and **Laylah A** – for excellent focus in arithmetic and improving their scores greatly.

**5 Poplar** - **Ved P**, **Araiz R** and **Thea K** - for working well on databases in computing this week.

**5 Pear** - **Katrin C** and **Ashwin C** - for their thoughtful contributions in science this week.

**5 Pine** - **Simi P**- for demonstrating a positive attitude and staying resilient when learning long multiplication and **Akira A** - for showing an excellent understanding of databases in Computing lessons.

**6 Beech** – **All of Beech Class** – for being mature, respectful and polite on our trip to the Ben Kinsella Trust. You were a credit to the school.

**6 Maple** – **Georgia S** and **Charlotte S** - For standing out as mature, knowledgeable and curious members of 6 Maple when we went on our trip this week. Your participation and behaviour throughout the day was a credit to you both.

**6 Oak** – **All of Oak Class** - who behaved impeccably on our trip to Ben Kinsella, following instructions closely, managing the tubes quietly and sensibly and overall being delightful.

**Hrida S** and **Stephanie H** - for incredibly moving writing that gave Mrs Potter goosebumps.

### Thank you to..

**Georgia S, Sulayman S, Erin N, Hridaya S, Sam H, Claudia M, Beren S, Francesca M, Ethan P** and **Krish K-M** for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

### Well done to..

**Isla S** – **6 Beech** – for passing her Grade 2 Flute exam– Well done!

**Maya P** – **6 Beech** – for passing her Grade 2 Trombone exam – Well done!

**Uma P** – **6 Beech** – for passing her Grade 2 Clarinet exam – Well done!

**To ALL in the School Band, School Orchestra, String Club, Recorder Club, Year 5 & 6 Choir** – for performing in this week's Spring Concert in the school hall – Well done!



**Ralph M** – **5 Pine** – for receiving the Jack Lonergan Trophy for the Most Improved Player Award 2025 with Hemel Hempstead Band – Well done!

*Have a lovely Easter break!*

**Miss Sherry and the School Office Team**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| APRIL 2025                           |                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>                | <b>Summer Term 2025 starts</b>                                        |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                     | Year 6 SATS and Residential meeting – 4.30pm to 5.30pm                |
| MAY 2025                             |                                                                       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                      | Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office                       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>                      | Bank Holiday                                                          |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                      | Class Photographs                                                     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                      | PSHE/SRE parent talk – school hall @ 9am                              |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>  | SATS breakfast – <b>Year 6 ONLY</b>                                   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                     | 'Stars of the Stage and Screen' dress up day – <b>Year 6 ONLY</b>     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                     | CSA Cake Sale after school                                            |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> | Book Fair in Year 3/4 library – more details to follow                |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                     | Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day – in school hall – see separate correspondence |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Year 6 Bikeability – more details to follow                           |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>                     | Open Morning – more details to follow                                 |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Half Term</b>                                                      |
| JUNE 2025                            |                                                                       |

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| 6 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office                                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Whole School Mini-Marathon (2K) – more details to follow                         |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>                  | Year 6 Residential Trip – see separate correspondence                            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                                    | Sports Day – 1pm start                                                           |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                                    | Year 4 trip to Whipsnade Zoo – more details to follow                            |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>                                    | Open Morning – more details to follow                                            |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                                    | CSA Cake Sale after school                                                       |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>                                    | Parent/Teacher Consultations – 3.30pm to 7pm                                     |
| <b>JULY 2025</b>                                    |                                                                                  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                                     | Parent/Teacher Consultations – 3.30pm to 7pm                                     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                     | Year 5 Trip to "Matilda" – Cambridge Theatre, London – more details to follow    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office                                  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Summer Fair – PM – more details to follow                                        |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                                    | Transition Day                                                                   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                                    | Reserved Sports Day                                                              |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                                    | Year 6 Leavers Production and Assembly (doors open at 5.15pm) – 5.30pm to 7.30pm |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                                    | Year 6 Leavers Day out – more details to follow                                  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                                    | Year 6 Leavers morning                                                           |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                                    | <b>Summer Term 2025 ends at 1.30pm</b>                                           |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                                    | <b>Inset Day</b>                                                                 |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>                                    | <b>Inset Day</b>                                                                 |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>                                    | <b>Inset Day</b>                                                                 |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2025</b>                               |                                                                                  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Inset Days</b>                                                                |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>                                     | <b>Back to School for the Autumn Term 2025</b>                                   |
| <b>OCTOBER 2025</b>                                 |                                                                                  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                                    | <b>Inset Day</b>                                                                 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>                 | <b>Half Term</b>                                                                 |
| <b>NOVEMBER 2025</b>                                |                                                                                  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                                    | <b>Occasional Day</b>                                                            |
| <b>DECEMBER 2025</b>                                |                                                                                  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Year 3 & 4 Pantomime – more information to follow                                |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Year 5 & 6 Pantomime – more information to follow                                |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                                    | Christmas Dinner/Festive outfit Day                                              |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                                    | <b>Autumn Term 2025 ends at 1.30pm</b>                                           |
| <b>JANUARY 2026</b>                                 |                                                                                  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>                                     | <b>Inset Day</b>                                                                 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                                     | <b>Back to School for the Spring Term 2026</b>                                   |
| <b>FEBRUARY 2026</b>                                |                                                                                  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>                 | <b>Half Term</b>                                                                 |
| <b>MARCH 2026</b>                                   |                                                                                  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                                    | <b>Spring Term 2026 ends @ 1.30pm</b>                                            |
| <b>APRIL 2026</b>                                   |                                                                                  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                                    | <b>Back to school for the Summer Term 2026</b>                                   |
| <b>MAY 2026</b>                                     |                                                                                  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>                                     | <b>Bank Holiday</b>                                                              |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>                 | <b>Half Term</b>                                                                 |
| <b>JUNE 2026</b>                                    |                                                                                  |
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| <b>JULY 2026</b>                                    |                                                                                  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>                                    | <b>Summer Term 2026 ends @ 1.30pm</b>                                            |

**Mock Transfer Tests 11+**  
When a helping hand is all you need





**11+ After School Club**

**Enrol Now For Classes**  
**Yr 4 class & Yr 5 class**  
**Monday 3.15pm – 4.30pm**

- Considering tutoring for the 11+?
- MTT runs an After School Class for Yr4 & Yr5
- Qualified teachers & experienced TA in each class.
- Structured proven programme for the SW Herts Tests
- Discounted rate for Cassiobury families

If you want to enrol, use the following QR code below and complete the enrolment form

[www.mocktransfertests.co.uk](http://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk)

enquiries@mocktransfertests.co.uk Tel: 07785 770801






**Mock Transfer Tests** 

**EASTER SCHOOL – Give your child a boost**  
**Easter School is open to Year 4 & Year 5.**





To help maintain focus over the Easter break, MTT are running a special Easter School at Queens secondary school, covering VR and Maths.

Classes are open to all students, you do not have to be an MTT student. Easter school is ideal if your child:

- is new to the 11+ exams
- needs support with VR
- needs support with maths
- needs more practise
- needs to build confidence

These interactive sessions consist of

- worksheet activities
- papers marked & discussed
- test techniques explained
- point seeker tips and advice
- students may take papers home
- support material available

**Queens School, Bushey**  
**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**10.00am -12.00pm**

**£32.50**

These interactive sessions led by a qualified teacher, supported by experienced tutor assistants, covering verbal reasoning and maths.

Limited spaces, first come, first served. T's & C's apply, see website for details.

[www.mocktransfertests.co.uk](http://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk)



**DSPL9** Delivering Special Provision Locally



**PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNING**  
For all parents/carers of children with SEND

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 10.00AM-11.30AM**  
ASDA WATFORD COMMUNITY ROOM 2  
ST ALBANS RD, WATFORD WD24 7RT

Please join the DSPL9 Triage team to find out about the support available locally and to meet other parents and carers of children with SEND.

We will also be welcoming professionals from [ADD Vance](http://ADD Vance)

They will be happy to share valuable insights about their services and the support they offer to neurodivergent families.

If you would like to attend or to find out more please email us at [enquiries@dsplare9.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@dsplare9.org.uk)



Chess Challengers  
Igniting Minds...

# Chess Challengers Club

UK's No.1 leading chess club



## Cassiobury Junior School

Bellmount Wood Ave, Watford WD17 3PD

*Starts on Thursday 8th May 2025*

*Time: 3:30pm*

**Age : 6 yrs and above**

**Chess Lessons & Tournaments**

**Register: [chess.challengers@outlook.com](mailto:chess.challengers@outlook.com)**

Our students participate in UK's prestigious tournaments  
London Junior Chess Championship,  
British Chess Championship



## Parents and Carers talk about self-harm and recovery

Please join us at an information session to learn more about self-harm and get practical ideas and strategies to help your child towards recovery

Our guest speaker will be a clinician who works at \*HPFT CAMHS

**Where: Online over Zoom.**

**When: Tuesday 6th May, 7pm to 9pm**

\* Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust  
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

**For more information or to book your place:**

**Call:** 01992 58 69 69

**Email:** [contact@carersinherts.org.uk](mailto:contact@carersinherts.org.uk)

**Go online:** [www.carersinherts.org.uk/events](http://www.carersinherts.org.uk/events)



charity registration number 1085491

## About Carers in Hertfordshire

We are a charity that provides information, advice and support to unpaid carers - people looking after a partner, relative or friend, who is ill, elderly, has a physical or learning disability, or misuses substances.

We support carers of all ages - young people and adults - living, working or caring in Hertfordshire. Our services are free to carers and bereaved carers, who can access support for three years after the death of the person they looked after.

We provide services to carers to help them with their caring role or have a break from caring, to improve their health and wellbeing, and to have a voice in shaping health and community services.

We are partly funded by Hertfordshire County Council and the NHS in Hertfordshire. In partnership with them and other local organisations we work to ensure unpaid carers are identified, informed, supported and heard.

### Carers in Hertfordshire

**The Red House, 119 Fore Street, Hertford, Herts, SG14 1AX.**

**Tel: 01992 58 69 69 Email: [contact@carersinherts.org.uk](mailto:contact@carersinherts.org.uk)**

**[www.carersinherts.org.uk](http://www.carersinherts.org.uk)**

## Our support for parents and carers.

We have a team of Carer Engagement Workers who can provide advice and information and also support you to speak up.

We also:

- Give you a chance to meet and talk to other parents, carers and staff who understand;
- Give you the opportunity to represent your views to the authorities that commission and manage Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS) in Hertfordshire;
- Provide free training and learning opportunities; and
- Offer a Carers' Passport Discount Card that gives savings in shops, restaurants and other venues (contact us to apply for one today!)



# EASTER SPORT COURSES WATFORD

*Keeping children active, safe  
and smiling*



- ✓ Led by PE teachers
- ✓ Skill Development
- ✓ Socialising
- ✓ April 7th - 17th 2025

 **CASSIOBURY  
JUNIOR SCHOOL  
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**

**CLICK TO BOOK**

**More Information:**  
[info@challengesporteducation.co.uk](mailto:info@challengesporteducation.co.uk)

**Sports Clubs - Summer Term 2025**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the end of Spring Term around the corner it is time to start switching focus towards Summer Term. Please see the below information with regards to sports club + wraparound childcare.

**AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS (Monday - Thursday)**

We are running the below clubs during summer term. All clubs are a mixture of skill based games and matchplay. The main emphasis however is on fun and participation. Sessions cost £6 per session. Unfortunately if, once booked, your child misses a session we will not be able to refund you. If however you wish to cancel the remainder of a course we will refund you.

All clubs run from the first day back, Tuesday 22nd April until Thursday 17th July.

|                  | Year 3   | Year 4   | Year 5     | Year 6     | Start Date                               |
|------------------|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Netball  | Netball  | -          | Football   | Monday 28th April 2025                   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Cricket  | Cricket  | Football   | -          | Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - FIRST DAY BACK |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | -        | Football | Cricket    | Cricket    | Wednesday 23rd April 2025                |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Football | -        | Basketball | Basketball | Thursday 24th April 2025                 |

**Booking will be open from Monday 31st March 2025 at 8pm. [Please click here to book](#)**

Please see the next page for wraparound childcare information

**WRAPAROUND CHILDCARE (RECEPTION - YEAR 6 Monday - Thursday)****Prices:**

**Morning:** £6

**Afternoon:** 3.20 - 5pm = £9. 3.20 - 6pm = £12. 4.20pm - 5pm or 6pm (after a club finishes) = £6

We offer a before school service from 7.30am where children can come, have cereal or other breakfast options and participate in activities. There will be sporting activities in the hall / dance studio and other board games, lego, arts and crafts and other table top activities available

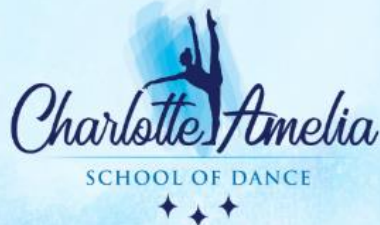
After school we are on site until 6pm with all of the above on offer plus, from 4.20pm sporting activities with a specialist sports coach for those who like being active.

You can book individual days or weekly bookings. We take bookings in advance or on the day. Any cancellations will be refunded less £3 per day as long as notice is given (phone, email, whatsapp)

**Fridays will be starting in September 2025.**

**Booking will be open from Friday 4th April 2025 at 9am. [Please click here to book](#)**

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# **CASSIOBURY JUNIOR** **DANCE CLUB**



**Tuesday's after school 3:30pm-4:30pm**

Due to high demand and waitlists, we've added another dance club every Tuesday after school starting in the summer term! – more space, more fun, and more dancing!

Fun routines, bopping to the latest hits, learning new dance skills & lots of giggles and fun with friends!

Please contact Charlotte Amelia below to secure your child's place!

Email - [charlotteameliashoolofdance@gmail.com](mailto:charlotteameliashoolofdance@gmail.com)

Call - 07910950954



After School Art Club at  
Cassiobury Junior School

Monday 3.20-4.30pm

£12 per class (Pay in  
advance for the term)

All material will be  
provided



## **CREATIVE MINDS ART CLUB**

For all KS2  
students in Yr 3  
to Yr 6

You will:

- learn painting and drawing techniques
- use a variety of medium
- create your own fantastic artwork

To book please contact  
Namita Jain via email at  
[njain212@gmail.com](mailto:njain212@gmail.com) or via  
phone at 07976967824

*Hurry up, spaces are  
limited!*

