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CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No 24

Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Families,

Message from Miss Sherry

We were very fortunate to have our author visit this week. As I explained to the parent reps last week, we do not receive any money for these author visits. Our author visits are free to us and the entire sale of the books goes to the independent bookshop that arranges it. They often only have one school who can have the author visit. Many, if not all, of our author visits are beyond our budgets but we have been able to have some amazing authors visit the school through this method. It is therefore the bookshop, and not us, who decide whether the author will sign anything other than the purchased books.

Long sleeve polo shirts

I have asked Mrs Harrison to source a long-sleeved polo shirt option for pupils as some are wearing long sleeve tops beneath their polo shirt. She will send out details for these shirts if you would like your child to have this option.

Mrs Lye

We are sorry to see Mrs Lye leave Cassiobury Junior School. We wish her well for the future.

Red Nose Day – Friday 21st March 2024 - Non Uniform Day

We are having a non-uniform day for Red Nose Day on Friday 21st March 2025. Suggested donation of £1. The payment request will be on the School Gateway or bring the £1 to your child's Class Teacher or pop it in a bucket at the school gate.

This week's Eco Council message

Please see below flyer for the "Donate Books Day" and the "Book Sale."

DSPL9 newsletter – Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

Please see the [flyer below](#) from DSPL9 regarding their coffee morning.

CSA Quiz and thank you!

Thank you to our CSA team who organised a very enjoyable Quiz night last Friday. A total of **£1,950** was raised and the winning team was called "Ben's Favourite Team" – well done!

We are delighted that the CSA are donating **£2,500** which is the £500 termly grant plus an additional £2,000 from all the fundraising this term! This includes the Quiz Night, Cake Sales and Christmas Cards - I think you'll agree that it is a fantastic amount raised!

The CSA are grateful for their continued support of these events (more volunteers would be lovely too 😊).

CSA Readathon

For those that participated in last weeks Readathon, just a reminder that sponsor money and both forms (money raised and number of pages read) should be return to the School Office by Monday 17th March 2025 at the latest.

Please mark any envelopes with 'Readathon'. Your child's name and class. Cheques should be made payable to 'Cassiobury Schools Association'

For those collecting money via just giving please ensure that your child's name and class has been referenced on donations so we can allocate their totals to the correct class total.

Many thanks, The CSA Team

Herts Balance and Ride

Please see the [flyer below](#) regarding the Herts Balance and Ride courses on Saturday 22nd and 29th March 2025 and Wednesday 16th April 2025 and Thursday 17th April 2025 here at Cassiobury Junior School. If your child is interested in attending, please contact Phil directly on his email - Phil@HertsBalance.uk

Chess Challengers Chess Tournament

Please see [flyer below](#) regarding the Chess Challengers Tournament on Sunday 23rd March 2025. Please book directly with the club.

Cassiobury Tennis Club's Easter Camp – 14th to 17th 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>

St Luke's Pre-School – enrolling now!

Please see the [flyer below](#) regarding St Luke's Pre-School.

Special Mentions

3 Alder - Zaky S - for working really hard in Maths lessons this week and challenging himself as a learner. Well done! **Sophie C** - for creating some fantastic similes about her experience of losing a tooth in our English lesson this week. Great work!

3 Apple - Sebastiao P - for working really hard in our fractions unit of Maths and for always being helpful around the classroom - well done! **Ethan T** - for always being ready to learn and a good friend to others - keep it up!

3 Ash - Zara G-P - for her efforts to show her deeper understanding in lessons by asking challenging and thoughtful questions - well done!

4 Hawthorn – Leo G - for showing commitment in his writing and **Zayd A** - for trying hard to put all the criteria needed in his writing.

4 Hazel – Louis L - for writing an excellent starter to his story. His use of descriptive language brought his work to life and **Maya P** - for always trying her best in Maths and persevering when calculations are tricky. Well done!

4 Holly – Aarav B - for using effective vocabulary to create an effective story opening.

5 Poplar - Juliette L- for sharing her knowledge of nets and 3D shapes with the class and **Fatema D** - for analyzing and exploring 'The Watertower' book this week and sharing her ideas with a group. Well done!

5 Pear - Max L, William H and Rey D - for using excellent observations when looking at our new English book - The Watchtower.

5 Pine - Elizah H - for working really well with 3 D shapes, and creating lovely nets for cuboids. Well done! **Shray P** - for some lovely use of figurative language in English this week. Keep it up!

6 Beech - Erin N - for her excellent and insightful contributions to our class discussions and always setting a good example to others and **Jazz A** - for his great attitude towards learning and always being polite and kind to others.

6 Maple - **Zahra M** - for her resilience and hard work in Maths and **George P** - for his mature approach to and contributions to discussions in PSHE.

6 Oak – **Poorani B** and **Stephanie H** - for going above and beyond in Geography, producing a superb and detailed travel guide across several biomes.

Thank you to..

Francesca N and **Beren S** – **6 Oak** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Well done to..

Elisa O-S - **4 Hazel** – for playing the piano to the whole school in Singing Assembly – well done!

Iyla P – **5 Pine** – for playing the piano to the whole school in Singing Assembly – well done!

Isla S – **6 Beech** – for playing the flute to the whole school in Singing Assembly – well done!

Clara V C – **4 Hawthorn** – for playing the piano to the whole school in Singing Assembly – well done!



Emelie S-F – **6 Maple** - has been doing really well in her passion for Ice Hockey that started in September 2023. For the past 10 months she has been playing as part of the under 12s mixed team and U16 girls team for Haringey Hounds at Alexandra Palace. They play many matches throughout the season and Emelie has been awarded 'Spirit of the Game' trophies and special hockey pucks for her performance at several different matches so far. This photo was taken outside Alexandra Palace.



Katrin C – **5 Pear** – passed her Grade 1 flute exam with a Distinction – well done!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH 2025	
18 th	Watford Grammar School for Boys – Modern Jazz Group performing in assembly
19 th	Free Eco-Waste Workshop in assembly – visit from Herts CC
21 st	Red Nose Day – non-uniform

24 th	Year 5 – St Albans Cathedral – see separate correspondence
25 th	Year 4 Production – PM - doors open 2pm for 2.15pm prompt start
26 th	Year 4 Production – AM – doors open 9.15am for 9.30am prompt start
27 th	Year 3 – Science Workshop – see separate correspondence
27 th	West Herts Junior Wind and Brass Day at St Johns Church, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1JY
31 st	Book Donation Day – donation of books to Dance Studio between 8.40am to 9.15am
APRIL 2025	
1 st	Year 6 Maple – visit to Ben Kinsella – more details to follow
2 nd	Year 6 Oak – visit to Ben Kinsella – more details to follow
2 nd	Year 3 visit to St Luke’s Church – more details to follow
2 nd	School Book Sale Day in Dance Studio - Wednesday 2nd April 2025 – 3.20pm to 4pm
2 nd	Spring Term 2025 Concert – School Hall – 6pm
3 rd	Year 6 Beech – visit to Ben Kinsella – more details to follow
4 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry’s office
4 th	Spring Term 2025 ends at 1.30pm – BREAK THE RULES DAY – more information to follow..
Tues 22 nd	Summer Term 2025 starts
28 th	Year 6 SATS and Residential meeting – 4.30pm to 5.30pm
MAY 2025	
2 nd	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry’s office
5 th	Bank Holiday
7 th	Class Photographs
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
19 th – 23 rd	Year 6 Bikeability – more details to follow
22 nd	Open Morning – more details to follow
26 th – 30 th	Half Term
JUNE 2025	
6 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry’s office
6 th	Whole School Mini-Marathon (2K) – more details to follow
9 th – 13 th	Year 6 Residential Trip – see separate correspondence
20 th	Sports Day
26 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
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
4 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry’s office
4 th	Reserved Sports Day
10 th	Transition Day
16 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

DSPL9

Delivering Special
Provision Locally



PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNING

For all parents/carers of children with SEND



TUESDAY 25TH MARCH 11.15AM-12.45PM

ASDA WATFORD COMMUNITY ROOM
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.

If you would like to attend or to find out more please email us at:

enquiries@dsplareag.org.uk



Books Donation Day

Monday 31st March 2025



**Give your unused, unwanted
book a new life!**

Please look around in the house, ask relatives and neighbours for a book that can be donated to your school to be sold at the Book Sale Day on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 from 3.20pm-4.00pm in the Dance Studio.

✓ **Acceptable** - excellent quality book, like new, suitable for students aged 7-11 yrs.

X **Not acceptable** - ripped, very old, missing pages, marked, stained, magazines, picture books etc.

Note: The children can bring a book (maximum of 3 books) to the Dance Studio on Monday 31st March 2025 from 8.40am. Members of staff and the Eco Council members will check the book. Any unacceptable books, will be returned.

Donate Book For Reason

Gift of Learning
Helps Underprivileged
Recycling Helps the Environment
Inculcates Good Values In Those Around You
Makes you feel happy and genuinely content
Cleanses Your Space
May Support Your Local Library System
Can Give People a Livelihood



School Book Sale Day

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Time – 3.20pm to 4.00pm



Our Eco Council will be running a Book Sale in the Dance Studio at the end of the day on Wednesday 2nd April. Each book will cost **£1**. CASH ONLY.

Please do come and visit us!



St Luke's Pre-School
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Contact Danielle on 07927 131 464
or visit our website for more information
www.stlukespre-school.org.uk

LET'S GROW TOGETHER

ST LUKE'S PRE-SCHOOL, ST LUKE'S CHURCH, LANGLEY WAY, WITFORD, WILT 262

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St Luke's Pre-school offers high quality, flexible childcare in the heart of the community. The morning session starts at 9am and finishes at 12pm, whilst the afternoon session starts at 12pm and ends at 3pm. There is an optional early start of 8.30am. Children may attend mornings, afternoons or a combination of both. There is also an option for morning children to stay for lunch and finish at 1.30pm. Children are required to attend a minimum of two sessions per week. We welcome full-time attendance. We are open four days per week (excluding Thursday).

We accept children from their 2nd birthday and those that are in their pre-school year (the academic year in which they turn 3 years old).

We accept all forms of funding including 2 year, 3 year and Supported Families 2 year funding.

For self-funding families, a 3 hour session is priced at £25 with early drop off (8.30am) charged at an extra £8. Children wishing to stay for lunch (12pm-1.30pm) are charged an additional £12.50.

Contact Danielle Wright,

Manager

07927 131464 to arrange a visit and to collect a registration form.

Check out our website for more information.

<http://www.stlukespre-school.org.uk/home.php>



Chess Challengers

is organising



Grand-Prix Spring CHESS Tournaments

On Sunday, 23rd March 2025

Minor Tournaments: U10 Time : 10 to 1 pm
only for those who never played any rated tournaments

Major Tournaments: U14 Time : 1 - 4 pm

Venue: Tudor School, Redwood Dr, Hemel Hempstead HP3 9ER

Contact: chess.challengers@outlook.com



One of the best skills children can learn, opening up opportunities for fun, independence, activity and health for a lifetime.

LEARN TO BALANCE AND RIDE (L2BR)

- For children typically aged between 3.5 and 11
- 85% + of children are normally riding after 2 sessions
- 1 Instructor to max 5 children
- Balance bike and lightweight pedal bike for each child included in price
- 1 hour sessions

DEVELOPING BETTER BIKE CONTROL (DBBC)

- Follow-on course for new or inexperienced riders
- Covers key skills of starting, stopping, turning, looking, riding close to others, gears and signalling
- 1 Instructor to max 5 children
- Bike provided if required (extra £5.00)
- 1 hour sessions

£36 for two sessions.

£23 for one session.

Full course details at: www.hertsbalance.uk/course-descriptions

Dates: **Saturday March 22nd and Saturday March 29th**
Venue: **Cassiobury Junior School, Watford, WD17 3PD.**

Monday April 7th and Tuesday April 8th
Venue: **Tudor Primary School, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9ER**

Thursday April 10th and Friday April 11th
Venue: **Roundwood Primary School, Harpenden, AL5 3AD**

Monday April 14th and Tuesday April 15th
Venue: **The Ridgeway Academy, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 2AF**

Wednesday April 16th and Thursday April 17th
Venue: **Cassiobury Junior School, Watford, WD17 3PD**

For more information and to book, go to www.hertsbalance.uk/public-schedule-booking
email phil@hertsbalance.uk or call **Phil** on **07941 061717**.

Private L2BR, DBBC and Bikeability sessions are available for children and adults and families. Details at www.hertsbalance.uk/private-sessions