



@CassioburyJM

CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No 22

Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry....

Mr Rutherford

Please note that Mr Rutherford is not in school for two weeks and returns on Monday 10th March 2025. If you have emailed the Wellbeing address then this will not be responded to until he returns. If there is anything more urgent, then please email the admin address (admin@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk) and another member of staff will deal with any issue.

Sports Coach

We have a new sports coach, Mr Taylor. Some of the children already know him but he should have met everyone this week. He is very experienced and I am pleased that we were able to get him in. I wasn't able to notify you before half term as this change happened during the half term break.

Secondary School Allocation Day

Next Monday, is allocation day for Secondary places. Please remember my advice. Never reject any schools, accept a school and stay on the continuing interest list. Never leave yourself without a place, as you will go to the bottom of the list. On Tuesday morning, between 9am and 10.20am, I will be available for a drop in chat should you want to discuss your child's secondary place offer.

Secondary Allocation Day

Each year we deal with incidents where children chat online via Whatsapp, Snapchat, game platforms and other methods when they find out which school they have been allocated. These conversations can become upsetting for some. I would advise/ask that you keep the children off messaging for a couple of days or check the chat. Please remind your child to be kind and positive about ALL of the schools. Thank you.

Ramadan

Next week sees the start of the holy month of Ramadan. We are aware that this is a significant and important time for many. In line with other local schools, we are happy to offer a quiet space for children to pray at lunch time. Again, in line with local schools, we do expect children to change and participate in PE lessons. *We ask that you let the office know if your child is fasting by email. When you email the school office to notify us of their fasting, please give us guidance about what you will and won't allow, such as breaking their fast if they are feeling unwell.*

If they are struggling or feeling unwell then we will ask for guidance from you.

Snacks

We are noticing that children are bringing in Krave cereal which either contains chocolate or a chocolate hazelnut flavour. We are a nut-free school so please refer to the details in the parent handbook (below) which details what is allowed:

✓	✗
Carrot sticks Cherry tomatoes Apples Bananas Fresh Fruit Raisins (uncoated) Cucumber Oatcakes Rice Cakes (no chocolate) Yoghurt tubes Bread roll / Breadsticks	Processed fruit snacks Crisps Chocolate Biscuits Anything requiring dunking Cakes and Pastries <u>Nuts or nut products</u> Fizzy/sugar drinks

Celebration of Writing

Over the next few weeks, on the school's website, please visit <https://www.cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk/topic/children> which showcases the children's writing that they have been doing in their English lessons.

THINKING DAY / FOUNDERS DAY ~ Tuesday 25 February 2025



We had a lovely array of colour in our school hall on Tuesday as our Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides wore their uniform for Thinking Day/Founders Day. We hope you enjoyed telling your friends all about the Guiding and Scouting movements.

Junior Bake Off

Please see the [flyer below](#) regarding the Junior Bake Off – they are looking for brilliant bakers!

Calling all Bookworms!

Please see the CSA Readathon [flyer below](#). The goal is for your child to read as many pages from their reading book (or books at home) as possible between Monday 3rd March and Sunday 9th March 2025. The link for the Just Giving page won't be live until Friday 21st February 2025.

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

Talking to Teens

Please see the [flyer below](#) with information regarding six weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 12-19 years old.

Smiles of the Future

Please see the [flyer below](#) detailing the survey into accessing dental services for children.

CSA Quiz Night – Friday 7th March 2025 – SOLD OUT!!!

Thank you to everyone who has booked for the CSA Quiz Night – this is now **SOLD OUT!** Watch this space in a few weeks so we can announce the CSA Quiz Winners for Spring 2025!

Special Mentions

3 Alder - **Sienna P** - for writing a fantastic setting description about the beach which included adjectives and show not tell. Great work! **Joshua W** - for working really hard to improve his handwriting and focusing on the presentation of his writing. Well done!

3 Apple - **Maryam U** - for writing a lovely setting description in English. Keep it up! **Aleeza A** - for contributing more to class discussions and sharing her work with the class - well done!

3 Ash - **Teddy W** - for always trying his best and for his fantastic attitude towards school and his learning - keep it up Teddy!

4 Hawthorn – **Esha A** - for preserving with her Science bar chart and **Clara VC** - for increasing her pace in her writing to ensure all the required elements are included.

4 Hazel – **Zofia G** - has been working hard in all lessons, this week. She has been listening carefully in all lessons and has been producing some lovely ideas for our stories in English. Keep it up! **Riyan P** - has been working well with his talk partner and has been working diligently in all lessons. Well done!

4 Holly – **Josh W** - for contributing lots to classroom discussions and answering lots of questions in maths and **Jovan S** and **Alex P** - for some great problem solving skills in maths.

5 Pear – **William H** and **Adam H** for writing an interesting introduction to their non-chronological report.

5 Pine – **Mihar S** - for a great first week in Pine Class! We are very happy to have you with us! **Millie G** - for lovely ideas and great writing of a Non-Chronological Report in English this week. Keep it up Millie!

5 Poplar - **Shaun C** and **Layla A** - for persevering in maths this week when converting fractions, decimals and percentages. Well done!

6 Beech - **Finlay T** and **Krish K-M** - for some great contributions to our class discussions this week, and demonstrating excellent listening skills.

6 Maple - **Alexander K** - for considering vocabulary choice and producing a beautifully written poem about The Wisp and **James D** - for using and applying chosen vocabulary to form a well written poem about The Wisp.

6 Oak – **Rosie D** and **Halima A** – for excellent contributions exploring our new text. Particularly diving deep into figurative language and its effect.

Thank you to..

Hridaya S and **Erin N** – **6 Beech** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Well done to..

Abby L – **6 Beech** achieved the following in swimming last weekend:

High Wymborne District Long Course Gala (10 age group)

50M Fly (Gold)

50M Breast (Silver)

200M Breast (Bronze) – well done!



Kiyan S - 6 Beech - has successfully completed his Stage 10 Swim England Learn to Swim level (certificate attached) and has been selected to represent Bushey Swim Club in his age group for upcoming competitions – well done!

Katrin C – 5 Pear - for playing her flute in singing assembly – well done!

Hossein R K – 4 Hawthorn - for playing piano in singing assembly – well done!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – don't forget you can sync our website calendar with your Google Calendar!

MARCH 2025	
5 th – 7 th	Art Exhibition – more details to follow
7 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
7 th	CSA Quiz Night -7.30pm – see separate correspondence
12 th	Sam Sedgman author visit – see separate correspondence
13 th	Open Morning – Reading: Vocabulary
21 st	Red Nose Day – more details to follow
24 th	Year 5 – St Albans Cathedral – see separate correspondence
25 th	Year 4 Production – PM time to be confirmed
26 th	Year 4 Production – AM time to be confirmed
27 th	Year 3 – Science Workshop – see separate correspondence
APRIL 2025	
2 nd	Year 3 visit to St Luke's Church – more details to follow
2 nd	Spring Term 2025 Concert – School Hall – 6pm
4 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
4 th	Spring Term 2025 ends at 1.30pm – NON UNIFORM
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
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
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
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



CSA Readathon 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Calling all bookworms!

After another successful Readathon, and wonderful feedback from parents about how enthusiastic the children were to read we have organised Readathon 2025! It will again coincide with World Book Day, which is on Thursday 7th March 2025. We hope this will encourage children throughout both schools to read as well as being a great fundraiser to help the schools with initiatives such as new IT equipment and new reading books.

The goal is for your child to read as many pages from their reading book (or books at home) as possible between **Monday 3rd March and Sunday 9th March 2025**.

- You can keep track of this using the record sheet attached;
- There is also a sponsorship form. Children should collect as many sponsors as possible who can either sponsor a whole sum of money or a certain amount per page read;
- For ease (and gift aid!) we encourage you to use the link below to raise money using Just Giving. This will also enable friends and relatives from further afield to support your child's efforts. Please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/csa-readathon-2025> and click the orange 'Start Fundraising' button on the right hand side and set up your child's individual fundraising page. **Please can you ensure you add your child's name and class on the just giving page.** This will help us to add their totals to the correct class totals.

There will be a competition running with the following categories:

- Class per year group that reads the most pages collectively
- Class per school to raise the most sponsor money to get extra playtime
- Certificate and bookmark for every child who participates

The Readathon begins **Monday 3rd March** so please start collecting sponsors and recording reading as soon as possible. The event ends on **Sunday 9th**, so **sponsor money and reading sheets should be returned to school office on Wednesday 12th March**. Please mark any envelopes with 'Readathon', child's name and class. Cheques should be made payable to 'Cassiobury Schools Association'.

We are really looking forward to seeing how much your children are reading and appreciate your support in this event.

Happy reading!!

Readathon Reading Record

Name.....

Class.....

Please fill in the form below to keep track of how much your child has read during the Readathon. Print as many pages as required. Please return the form by Weds 12th March.

[illegible]

Total number of pages read -



JUNIOR BAKE OFF



JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

**... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES
9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING
SERIES!**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH**

[APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](https://www.bbc.com/food/apply-for-junior-bake-off)





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

TALKING TEENS



Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm Online Course: ID 708
26th February - 2nd April 2025
6 weekly sessions
Delivered online using Zoom

**Due to popular demand
New course dates added**

**6, weekly sessions for parents
and carers of children aged
12-19, covering:**

- **The Teen Brain: Recognising the physical and emotional changes taking place during the teenage years and why their behaviour changes.**
- **The link between behaviour and difficult feelings.**
- **Maintaining your relationship with good communication.**
- **Understanding risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.**
- **How to negotiate during a conflict situation.**

**Groups are open to parents,
carers, grandparents and
guardians living, or with a child
in school, in Hertfordshire.**

**"Our home is no longer a battlefield. I
am less stressed and my teenager
speaks to me more. Thank you!"**

Booking essential
Please quote the course ID
To check eligibility and book a place,
contact Supporting Links on:

07512 709556

bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

www.supportinglinks.co.uk



These courses are provided free to
participants by Hertfordshire County
Council's Targeted Parenting Fund





Smiles of the future

Parents and carers' perspectives on children's oral health

We're looking to hear from parents and carers about their experiences with children's dental care. Whether you take your child regularly to the dentist or struggle to get an appointment, we want to understand what's working and what's not.

Your feedback will help improve services and make dental care more accessible for families!

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HwHOralHealth/>

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