



CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No 2

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry..

Secondary Transfer 2027

Please see the leaflet below regarding the Secondary Transfer process for parents and carers applying to secondary schools in 2027.

Could you be a Parent Rep?

Could you be a Parent Rep? There isn't a huge list of jobs, we ask that you join us once a month to give us feedback, share some ideas and communicate back to your class. Over the last 4 years this has proven to be a great way of refining some processes or even changing how we do things. Please email Mrs Harrison (admin@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk) to let her know if you are happy to join us.

Meetings are on Friday mornings at 9am; 2nd October, 6th November, 4th December, 15th January, 5th March, 16th April, 14th May, 2nd July

Meet the Teacher

Thank you for coming to the Meet the Teacher session this morning, for those of you unable to attend your child's teacher will be sending out information next week.

Changes to pick up arrangements at the end of the day

If you have a change to your child's pick-up arrangements at the end of the school day, please can you inform the Class Teacher in the morning. If you do not see your child's Class Teacher, please email the School Office with your child's full name and class before 12noon which should allow enough time for the message to be passed on. Thank you.

Preparing for Secondary School – meeting with Miss Sherry – Tuesday 15th September 2026 – 6pm to 6.45pm

You are invited to attend a meeting with Miss Sherry for hints and tips around the Secondary School application process. Parents from other year groups are welcome to attend if they feel like they would like to know how the process works.

Athletics Festival – Tuesday 15th September 2026 - PM

The Athletics Festival for the new Year 6 Play Leaders and all of our Year 3 & 4 children will take place in school next Tuesday - PE kits are required for all Year 3 & Year 4 children and Year 6 Play Leaders please.

Individual & Sibling School Photographs – Thursday 17th September 2026

If you would like to have a sibling photograph taken of your children, please ensure you line up outside the Dance Studio door via the Capel Vere Walk gate entrance (lower playground) from 8am. This will finish by 8.40am. The children will then have their individual class photographs taken during the school day.

Jeans for Genes Day – NEXT Friday 18th September 2026

Children are allowed to wear school uniform polo shirt and cardigan/jumper and wear denim jeans, skirt, shorts, leggings, etc

Suggested donation of £1 on the School Gateway or in a money bucket on the school gate

School Website

Our school website is being updated and we will notify you when the new website is available. In the meantime, our current website has the usual information and calendar dates you may require. Don't forget to subscribe to our calendar so it links with your personal calendar.

Author Visit – Wednesday 14th October 2026

We are delighted that Pari Thomson will be visiting the school on Wednesday 14th October 2026. If you would to purchase a signed book, please see separate correspondence (and flyer below) from Chorleywood Bookshop.

Hemel Hempstead Training Band – all ages welcome!

Please see the flyer below regarding your local brass band! The Hemel Hempstead Band, based just down the road in Apsley, are welcoming brass players to join their training band. If your child is learning a brass instrument, please contact hemelhempsteadband@gmail.com or scan the QR code for more details!

Come along and have fun making new friends and making music!

Mock Transfer Tests information for Year 4 & 5 Parents and Carers

Please see the flyer below.

Gym Jams Gymnastics – Taster Session – Monday 14th September 2026

Please see the flyer below regarding the Gym Jams Gymnastics taster session on Monday 14th September 2026.

Zumba Disco Club – September 2026

Please see the flyer below advertising the Zumba Disco Club – please book directly with the club.

Special Mentions

3 Ash – **Hadi A** and **Jadon L** - for modelling excellent manners inside and outside the classroom.

ALL of 3 Alder –for a fantastic first full week at the juniors, you have all settled in really well and learned the rules and routines quickly. Great job!

3 Apple – **Ayva N** - for showing kindness to a fellow student and **Andrei S** - for demonstrating excellent drawing skills.

4 Hawthorn – **Luca A** - for demonstrating excellent behaviour for learning skills and showing he can easily adapt to his new Y4 expectations and **Uddhava H** and **Idrees R** - for asking for advice with their handwriting skills to ensure they are presenting their work to their best abilities.

4 Hazel – **Nikolas G** - for a fabulous start to Year 4 and for consistently listening to instructions and following school rules exceptionally well. Keep it up!

4 Holly – **Molly M** and **Bobby F** - for being excellent role models for behaviour and learning.

5 Pear – **Amba K** and **Sienna P** - for good behaviour for learning, participation in lessons and sharing their thoughts with the class! Keep it up!

5 Pine – **Avantika M** - for some lovely descriptive sentences and contributions to learning in our English lessons - keep it up! **Olha P** - for being an excellent role model for her peers and for always trying her best in her learning - well done!

5 Poplar – **Joseph M-B** - for settling in well at Cassiobury Junior School and working hard during lessons and **Hana N** - for following instructions calmly and sensibly.

ALL of 6 Beech – for creating a great first impression in their first week in Year 6! I am looking forward to continuing to get to know you all - keep it up!

6 Maple – **Emelia L** - for always being helpful around the class, and setting a great example to others with her attitude, and **Laylah A** - for producing some great writing in our English lessons.

6 Oak – **Ayaan R** - for showing kindness to another pupil and **Haleema S** - for regularly contributing to class discussions

Well done to..

Ayla Y – **6 Oak** - achieved a distinction in her grade 2 vocals exam in August – Well done!

Ezra C – **4 Holly** - came 1st in the Watford Harriers 75m boys sprint competition this week – Well done!



Seth A - **6 Beech** - passed his stage 7 swimming this week – Well done!

Thank you to..

Aizah H and **Alex P** – **6 Maple** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2026	
15 th	Athletics Festival for new Year 6 Play Leaders and all Year 3 & 4 children – 1.15pm - 3pm – PE kits required for all Year 3 & Year 4 children and Year 6 Play Leaders
15 th	Preparing for Secondary School meeting – School Hall – 6pm to 6.45pm
17 th	Individual Photos & Sibling photos at 8am in the Dance Studio
18 th	Jeans for Genes Day – see separate correspondence
22 nd	Cassiobury Junior School Orchestra restarts - 8am school hall
OCTOBER 2026	
1 st	Open Morning @ 9am
1 st	Reading and Writing Talk @ 6pm
14 th	Harvest Festival
14 th	Pari Thomson – Author Visit – see separate correspondence
18 th	Joint Concert with Year 5 & 6 Choir – more details to follow – Save the date!
19 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations week
19 th	Year 6 Height and Weight – see separate correspondence
26 th – 30 th	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2026	
11 th	Autumn Term Concert – TBC
13 th	Children in Need – non uniform
26 th	Year 2 Parent Talk and Tour @ 9am

27 th	Occasional Day – school closed
DECEMBER 2026	
9 th	Whole School to Rickmansworth Pantomime – AM – more details to follow
11 th	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day – more details to follow
15 th	TBC – Year 5 Christmas Concert – 6pm – more details to follow
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	
9 th	Young Voices Concert @ Wembley Arena – more details to follow
15 th – 19 th	Half Term
22 nd	Lord and Lady Baden Powell (Thinking Day) – Scouting and Guiding uniforms can be worn
25 th	Maths Parent Talk – 6pm
26 th	Open Morning
MARCH 2027	
4 th	World Book Day
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	
18 th	Sports Day
25 th	Inset Day – school closed
JULY 2027	
2 nd	Open Afternoon
5 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations week
8 th	Transition Day
21 st	Summer Term 2027 ends at 1.05pm – non uniform
22 nd	Inset Day – school closed
SEPTEMBER 2027	
1 st	Inset Day – school closed
2 nd	Autumn Term 2027 starts
OCTOBER 2027	
25 th – 29 th	Half Term

Secondary Transfer 2027

A guide for parents and carers of children applying to **secondary or upper schools for 2027**

This leaflet explains how to apply for a secondary school place for children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 and upper schools for children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014.

All the information you need is available on our website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

The website has full details about the application process and a school directory providing information about secondary and upper schools in Hertfordshire.

Apply online at
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

You should visit the website to view admissions information and apply online because:

- it is quick, easy to use and secure
- you will receive immediate confirmation that your application has been received, and you can view it at any time
- you can access your school offer before allocation letters are received
- you can accept the school place offered online.

If you do not have internet access at home, you can apply online from any Hertfordshire library.

The closing date for applications is Saturday 31 October 2026.

What happens when?

1 September 2026	Online application system opens.
June, July, September, and October	Secondary and upper schools hold their open events (Details available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory)
31 October 2026	Deadline for applications
1 December 2026	Last date to: • submit reasons for making a late application and for that application to be considered 'on time' • notify us of a change of address and for that address to be taken into account for allocation day Please refer to the online admission pages for more detail about these processes.
29 January 2027	Last date to make a late application to be considered for allocation day.
1 March 2027	Allocation Day. School places are offered.

How are places offered?

Hertfordshire County Council coordinates admissions to all maintained schools and academies in Hertfordshire. If you live in Hertfordshire your application for secondary or upper schools, including any schools outside Hertfordshire, should be made online.

Many schools have more applications than there are places available. When schools are oversubscribed a set of admission criteria (rules) are used by the school's admitting authority to decide which children should be offered places. Different schools have different admission rules, so it is important that you check the admission arrangements for all the schools you are interested in.

The admission authority for foundation, voluntary aided schools and academies is the governing body or academy trust.

The admission authority for community and voluntary controlled schools is the local authority in which the school is located. The admission authority for Hertfordshire community schools is Hertfordshire County Council.

The admission rules for all schools in Hertfordshire can be found in the online school directory at

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schooldirectory or obtained from schools direct. You need to read the full arrangements for the schools you are interested in to get the complete picture.

Information about schools outside Hertfordshire can be found on the relevant local authority website. Website and contact details for our neighbouring local authorities are available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

What do I have to do?

1. You should choose up to four schools and rank them in order of preference.

To help you make this decision you can:

- find schools in your area by looking at the school directory online
- find schools which are close to your home address using the "Find Your Nearest School" facility at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
- read the admission rules for schools you are interested in and consider whether your child would be offered a place
- arrange to visit schools, information with dates of open events was distributed to all pupils in July 2026 and is also available online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schooldirectory
- consider the home-to-school transport policy and whether your child will qualify for free transport to any of the schools you list on your

application form, the transport policy is available at

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schooltransport consider other sources of information, for example the school prospectus or Ofsted reports

- If you are applying for a secondary school place for more than one child, you must make a separate application for each of them. To maximise the chances of your children being allocated places at the same school, it is recommended that you list the same schools in the same order across all applications. Further guidance on multiple birth children is available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Where can I get more help and information?

Customer Service Centre

@ contact@hertfordshire.gov.uk
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
0300 123 4043

Opening hours:
8.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday

Admissions and Transport Team

@ transfer.admissions@hertfordshire.gov.uk
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

CHR 102, Farnham House,
Six Hills Way, Stevenage,
Hertfordshire, SG1 2FQ

If you do not have internet access, you can request a paper application form, information about the secondary transfer process and local schools by calling the Customer Service Centre. The advisers have information on many subjects. They can also refer you to the Admissions and Transport officers who have detailed local knowledge.

If you need help to understand this information, please call 0300 123 4043.

An interpreting service is available for those who need it.

Arabic

إذا كنت في حاجة للمساعدة كي تفهم هذه المعلومات، فالرجاء الاتصال على رقم 0300 123 4043. تتوفر خدمة الترجمة الفورية لمن يحتاجونها.

Bengali

এই তথ্য বুঝতে আপনার সাহায্যের প্রয়োজন হলে অনুগ্রহ করে 0300 123 4043 নম্বরে যোগাযোগ করুন।
যাদের প্রয়োজন তাদের জন্য দোভাষী সেবার ব্যবস্থা রয়েছে।

Chinese (Traditional)

如果您在理解這則資訊上需要幫助，請聯絡客戶服務中心，電話：0300 123 4043。
我們可為有需要的人提供口譯服務。

Italian

Se avete bisogno di assistenza per comprendere quanto indicato, vi preghiamo di telefonare allo 0300 123 4043. Un servizio di interpretariato è disponibile su richiesta.

Polish

Aby uzyskać pomoc w zakresie zrozumienia tych informacji, prosimy o kontakt pod numerem 0300 123 4043. Pomoc tłumacza ustnego jest dostępna dla osób wymagających takiej usługi.

Portuguese

Se precisar de ajuda para entender estas informações, contacte o centro de atendimento ao cliente através do número 0300 123 4043. Está disponível um serviço de interpretação para quem precisar.

Punjabi

ਜੇਕਰ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਸਮਝਣ ਲਈ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ 0300 123 4043 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ। ਜ਼ਰੂਰਤਮੰਦਾਂ ਲਈ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਸੇਵਾ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੈ।

Tamil

இந்தத் தகவலைப் புரிந்துகொள்வதில் உங்களுக்கு உதவி தேவைப்பட்டால், தயவுசெய்து 0300 123 4043 என்ற எண்ணைத் தொடர்புகொள்ளுங்கள். தேவைப்படுபவர்களுக்கு மொழிபெயர்ப்புச் சேவை கிடைக்கின்றது.

Turkish

Bu bilgileri anlama konusunda yardıma ihtiyacınız varsa, lütfen 0300 123 4043 numaralı telefonu arayın. İhtiyaç duyanlar için tercümanlık hizmeti mevcuttur.

Urdu

اگر آپ کو یہ معلومات سمجھنے میں مسئلہ کی ضرورت ہو، تو براہ کرم 0300 123 4043 پر کال کریں۔
جن افراد کو درکار ہو ان کے لیے ترجمان کی سہولت دستیاب ہے۔

Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

2. You must make an application by 31 October 2026

You should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

If you are applying to a foundation, voluntary aided school or academy, check the online

directory or contact the school to see if you need to complete a supplementary information form (SIF). SIFs are used by some schools to obtain the additional information needed to apply their own admission rules correctly, for example faith schools may ask for evidence of religious attendance or faith membership.

What happens next?

3. We will offer your child a school place on 1 March 2027.

Online applicants will receive an allocation email on 1 March 2027. This is the easiest way to obtain your school allocation. Individual allocation emails will be sent before parents can access the online allocation system at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Online applicants will be able to view their school offer online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions once allocation letters have been sent on 1 March 2027.

Parents/carers will **only** be sent an allocation letter by first-class post on 1 March if they applied on a paper form and did not provide an email address.

If your child qualified for more than one school, he/she will be offered the highest ranked school where they qualified for a place.

If your child did not qualify for any of the schools you ranked, your offer will usually be a place at the nearest school to your home address with places remaining (this only applies to Hertfordshire residents). This could be a school outside Hertfordshire.

However, if your child is currently on roll at a school that they can continue to attend in September 2027 (for example, an all-through school or middle school), an alternative school place will not be offered.

4. What can you do if you are not happy with the school you have been offered?

Full details and guidance will be available on allocation day at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions and in the "What Can You Do Now?" leaflet.

Home to School Transport

Very few children are entitled to home to school transport, so you should ensure your child has a reliable method of travelling to the schools you list on your application form. The county council's full home to school transport policy and other guidance on home to school transport is available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schooltransport

If you would like to know the nearest schools to your address for home to school transport

purposes, visit the travel website at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schooltransport

Information about public bus routes which may run to schools is available at www.intalink.org.uk

Please contact individual schools about any local arrangements they may have in place with bus and coach operators.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On **WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER**, **PARI THOMSON** will be visiting your school.

To pre-order the book, please click the link below and place your order through **Chorleywood Bookshop** by **11AM, TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER**.



Order the book here:

<https://schools.chilternbookshops.co.uk/pari-thomson-14th-october/>

Many thanks,

Chorleywood Bookshop



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Gym Jams Gymnastics

Taster session

Cassiobury Junior School
Monday 14th September @8:00-8:40am

Come along and try out our new air floor for only
£7.00.

Open to all abilities in KS2.

Limited space available.

For more information Contact
Coach Bev on 0775 334 8536



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Mock Transfer Tests 11+

When a helping hand is all you need



11+ After School Club

Autumn Term Classes

Starting 14th September- 7th December

Yr 4 class & Yr 5 class

Monday -3.15pm – 4.20pm

- Considering tutoring for the 11+?
- MTT runs an After School Class for Yr4 & Yr5
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- If you want to enrol, use the following QR code and complete the enrolment form

www.mocktransfertestests.co.uk

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