



CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No 4

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry..

It has been lovely to be in classes this week and see how everyone is settling in to their routines. All of the classes were getting stuck in to their learning and producing some great work.

It was also a treat to visit the infant school on Thursday and speak to the children in assembly so that they know who I am! I was also able to remind them about not going on the play equipment after school or riding bikes and scooters. Please help us with this too. Thank you.

Huge thanks to those of you getting off the site quickly at the end of the day. We are keen to secure the area for our after-school provision. Once we get our new fence and gates we will be even more secure during and after school.

New Chair of Governors

This week was our first Governors meeting of the year. Nisha Nyunt has stepped down as Chair of Governors and Kingsley Jolowicz has been elected chair. Nisha will support as Vice Chair this year. We would all like to thank Nisha for all of the work that she does behind the scenes.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, please email the admin @ address to express your interest. We are seeking new governors.

Government Survey

Please see the following link for a survey. The government has a Children's Commissioner who is keen to gather the views of children to feed back to the government. Please follow the link. <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

Flu Vaccinations – Tuesday 29th September 2026

Online Safety Talk – Tuesday 29th September 2026 @ 6pm (30 - 40 mins)

Parents and Carers (no children due to content) are invited to our online safety talk on Tuesday 29th September 2026 at 6pm in the school hall.

Year 3 & 5 Cross Country – Wednesday 30th September 2026 – during the school day

Reading & Writing Open Morning – Thursday 1st October 2026 @ 9.05am

We look forward to welcoming our parents and carers to our Reading and Writing Open Morning. Please wait outside your child's class after drop-off.

Reading & Writing Parent Talk – Thursday 1st October 2026 @ 5pm

We invite you to a Reading and Writing Parent Talk at 5pm on Thursday 1st October 2026 at 5pm.

Parent Rep Meeting – Friday 2nd October 2026 @ 9am

Year 6 Trip – Young Voices @ Wembley Arena

We are delighted to be taking our Year 6 children to the Young Voices Concert on 9th February 2027. This is an incredible opportunity for them to join one of the largest children's choir concerts in the world and enjoy a truly memorable experience.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have already booked their child's place. If you have not yet completed all the necessary steps, please do so today. We would also like to remind families that audience tickets regularly sell out, we recommend booking as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Action required:

1. School Gateway payment – the payment for the Young Voices t-shirt and coach travel is **due today** via the payments section on the School Gateway.
2. Register Your Child today – please register your child today via the Young Voices Music Room: <https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/journey>
3. Book Audience Tickets: audience tickets can be purchased here <https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/journey/welcome>

Jeans for Genes Day – Thank you!

We raised **£229.25** from your donations for Jeans for Genes Day last week. Thank you for donating to a worthy cause.

IMPORTANT - SCHOOL SIDE GATE ~ important information – message from Mrs Cooper, Infants School

We regularly review our safeguarding procedures and as a result we have made the decision to lock our side gate (the one by Kingfisher class / nursery garden) at 3:30pm to continue to safeguard pupils and staff who remain on site later in to the evening, as well as to safeguard pupils and staff who are at wrap care at the junior school.

Please ensure that you have left the school site by 3:30pm so staff can secure the site in a timely manner. If you collect siblings from the Junior school, please ensure you exit via their gates after 3:30pm.

If your child attends one of our after school extra curricular clubs, please wait by the side gate and the staff member from the club will unlock the gate and dismiss the children from there. Collection from Challenge Sport wraparound care remains unchanged at the junior school. Many thanks for your support.

Lady Capel Fund

Please see the letter sent out today regarding our Lady Capel Fund – a dedicated fund established to raise additional income that directly enhances your child's educational experience at Cassiobury Junior School.

KS2 Teaching Assistant

We have a vacancy for a Key Stage 2 Teaching Assistant – please see the link:

https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,ks2-teaching-assistant_116434.htm

Transport for Hertfordshire – 20mph speed limit

See letter below from Transport for Hertfordshire. To have your say, please complete our online survey at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/20mph. The survey closes on Sunday 18 October 2026.

Photograph Proofs coming home today

Your child's photo proof will be sent home in your child's bag today. Any parent wishing to avoid paying postage fees will have the option to have their orders sent to the school with no postage costs. This option is available for 10 days. Any orders placed after 10 days will be shipped directly to your home.

Parents/Carers talk about Self Harm and Recovery – see flyer below

On **Tuesday 6th October**, Carers in Herts, supported by Herts Mind Network, are running an evening Zoom session from **7pm to 9pm** which aims to support Parents/Carers of children and young people who have experienced self harm. The session will explain more about self harm, share practical ideas and strategies to help young people towards recovery, while providing an opportunity for families to ask questions. To book, please visit: [Self-Harm - Support for Parents and Carers](#)

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training – free training for Parents & Carers

Please see below the flyer advertising the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training.

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.

DSPL9 Newsletter – 23rd September 2026

See link for this week's DSPL9 Newsletter - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Mz3RxziQ1ZjzrURmZ3UJvA3diKM8UUAM/view>

DSPL9 Emotional Based Non-School Attendance (EBSNA)

DSPL 9 offers support to parents and carers of children and young people who are experiencing EBSNA.

<https://www.dspl9.uk/page/?title=DSPL9+Events+and+Support+for+Parents&pid=34>

Harvest Festival – Wednesday 14th October 2026

The children will be participating in a Harvest Festival assembly on the morning of Wednesday 14th October 2026.

If you are able to donate the following items for our Harvest Festival, please can they be brought into school on the morning of Wednesday 14th October 2026.

The Watford Foodbank is currently low on:

- Tinned Potatoes/Instant Mash
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Custard/Rice Pudding
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Long Life Milk
- Tuna
- Pasta Sauce

(they currently do not need, cereal, pasta, rice and baked beans)

Please bring your donations to your child's class on Wednesday 14th October 2026.

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!

Fullerians Rugby Club

🌀 The new season is underway — but it's not too late to get involved!

Whether you're returning to rugby or thinking about trying it for the first time, you'll find a warm welcome at Fullerians RFC.

We have rugby for all ages, abilities and experience levels:

- ♥ Minis and juniors
- ♥ Girls' rugby
- ♥ Senior men's and women's teams
- ♥ Touch rugby
- ♥ Mixed-ability Warriors

Come along, meet new people, get active and give rugby a try... excuse the pun! 😊

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops

Please see the flyer below.

Special Mentions

3 Ash – Robin N - for doing some wonderful writing and spelling and **Yuthi N** - for always putting her hand up and contributing to class discussions.

3 Alder – Albie S - for his engagement and focus during our Geography lesson this week which focused on using map skills and **Ivy L** - for being super helpful around the classroom and always showing respect.

3 Apple – Joy V O - for participating in class with Spanish pronunciation and **Tayyaba A** - for showing a good attitude and perseverance during her assessments this week.

4 Hawthorn – Felix H - for his participation and valuable contributions in class discussions especially in reading and PSHE and **Florence A** - for her reliable listening skills and ability and willingness to support others with theirs.

4 Hazel – Hope W – for your enthusiasm and engagement in our science lesson this week on grouping and sorting.

4 Holly – Harry P - for his excellent inference skills and explanations and **Siya P** - for her excellent summary of the chapter in our reading lesson.

5 Pear – Sophie C - for her excellent contributions in guided reading and for always walking around with a smile! **Matthew B** - for always being willing to share his ideas with the class.

5 Pine – Myla G-P - for always contributing to class discussions and for writing a lovely narrative poem including figurative language. Well done!

Angelica S - for trying hard with her learning and for writing a thoughtful narrative poem in English - keep it up!

5 Poplar – Leo I-R and **Kylan B** - for an excellent explanation of how the sun creates shadows and **Isobel H** - for thoughtful input during our guided reading lessons.

6 Beech – Margot G - for consistently trying her hardest and presenting her best work across the curriculum - keep it going! **Ileyla E** - for creating beautiful and thoughtful poetry in English this week - well done!

6 Maple – Daisy M - for always being helpful around the classroom as well as looking out for others and **Vihaan A** - for showing great effort in all his work, particularly in his writing this week.

6 Oak – Chloe G and **Alberta R** - for stunning presentation in their pop art information page.

Well done to..



Sophie G – 6 Maple – completed Stage 7 Learn to Swim – Well done!



Uddhava-Hari H – 4 Hawthorn - achieved Bowler of the Year for West Herts Cricket Club, Under 9s – Well done!

Ayla Y – 6 Oak – for playing the piano to the whole school in Singing Assembly – Well done!

Sophia P – 6 Maple – for playing the violin to the whole school in Singing Assembly – Well done!

Joshua W – 6 Maple – for playing the piano to the whole school in Singing Assembly – Well done!

Thank you to..

Fallon A and Riyan P – 6 Oak – 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	
29 th	Flu vaccination (whole school) – see separate correspondence
29 th	Online Safety Talk for parents and carers – school hall – 6pm – school hall (30-40mins)
30 th	Year 3 & 5 Cross Country Competition @ Watford Boys playing fields (Fullerians)
OCTOBER 2026	
1 st	Open Morning @ 9am
1 st	Reading and Writing Talk @ 5pm
2 nd	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
5 th	Explorer Dome – Year 5 & 6 – school hall – see separate correspondence
7 th	CSA AGM – Oak Room, Infants School @ 8pm
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	
6 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
11 th	Autumn Term Concert – TBC
13 th	Children in Need – non uniform
25 th	Year 6 Bentley Priory Museum – more details to follow

26 th	Year 6 Bentley Priory Museum – more details to follow
26 th	Year 2 Parent Talk and Tour @ 9am
27 th	Occasional Day – school closed
DECEMBER 2026	
4 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
8 th	AUTUMN - SEND Support Plan Meetings – appointments to follow – see separate correspondence
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
16 th	EHCP Meetings – see separate email re appointment time
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
8 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
FEBRUARY 2027	
5 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
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
5 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
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	
7 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
31 st – 4 th June 2027	Half Term
JUNE 2027	
11 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
18 th	Sports Day
25 th	Inset Day – school closed
JULY 2027	
2 nd	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
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
NOVEMBER 2027	
DECEMBER 2027	
3 rd	Occasional Day – school closed

Transport for Hertfordshire
Hertfordshire County Council
Farnham / Robertson House
Six Hills Way
Stevenage, Hertfordshire SG1 2FQ
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/20mph

Tel: 0300 123 4040
Email: 20mph@hertfordshire.gov.uk
Date: September 2026

Dear parent/carer,

Consultation on 20mph speed limits in Watford.

While some parts of Watford already have 20mph speed limits, local feedback suggests that more areas could benefit from lower speed limits, particularly near schools and in residential areas.

Our *Right Place, Right Pace* approach recognises that different roads serve different purposes. Some roads are places where people live, walk, wheel, cycle, shop, access schools and spend time, while others play an important role in helping people travel between communities.

We are asking residents, businesses, schools and local communities to help shape how a future 20mph scheme could look in their area by telling us if, and where they believe lower speed limits are most appropriate.

To have your say, please complete our online survey at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/20mph. The survey closes on **Sunday 18 October 2026**.

Yours faithfully,

The 20mph Project Team

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

Where: Online over Zoom.

When: Tuesday 6th October, 7pm to 9pm

For more information or to book your
place:

Call: 01992 58 69 69

Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk

Go online: www.carersinherts.org.uk/
events



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

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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!)



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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Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops October - December 2026

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered with a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.



All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787>

Workshop	Date & Time
Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16) A workshop focused on adolescents managing their own emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.	Tuesday 3 November 6-8pm
Supporting Adolescents with Self-Esteem A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self-esteem and what parents can do to support.	Monday 23 November 6-8pm
Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem and Resilience A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem and resilience.	Wednesday 14 October 6-8pm Tuesday 8 December 10am – 12pm
Supporting with Sleep Difficulties This workshop focuses on supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and things parents/carers can do to help.	Tuesday 29 October 6-8pm Monday 14 December 6-8pm
Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.	Wednesday 21 October 10am-12pm Tuesday 10 November 6-8pm Wednesday 16 December 10am-12pm
General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents/Carers A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and ability to emotionally regulate.	Tuesday 6 October 6-8pm Wednesday 18 November 10am-12pm Tuesday 1 December 6-8pm

To access the recorded **Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar** please visit:
<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-21/>

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

1 day Champion course designed specifically for Hertfordshire
Parent/Carers of 8 to 18 year olds.

FREE



You will learn:

- An understanding of common mental health issues and how they can affect young people
- The ability to spot the signs of mental ill health in young people, and guide them to a place of support
- Knowledge and confidence to advocate for mental health awareness
- Skills to support positive wellbeing

Friday 13 Nov 2026 9.30am to 4pm	Peartree Spring Primary School, Stevenage, SG2 9GG	Parents/Carers	Parking available on roads near venue
Friday 12 Mar 2027 9.30am to 4pm	Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8ER	Parents/Carers	Parking available on site

To book your place please email schoolsmh@hertfordshire.gov.uk
Places are limited to two representatives per education setting

Hemel Hempstead Band

Beginner and Training Band

We rehearse on Mondays:

6-6.30pm (Beginners)

6.30-7.30 (Training Band)

7.45-9.45 (Main Band)

BRASS & PERCUSSION ALL LEVELS



Or click the QR code below or this
hyperlink [link to register](#) to join us
in September 2025!



All Ages and Levels
Welcome!

Looking forward to having
fun making music with you!
Get Involved!

Contact us on:

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