CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No 6

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry..

Illness

Please remember that, if your child has an upset stomach then they are required to be off school for 48 hours. Bugs spread quickly. The office staff are only the messengers, they are not trying to make your day worse.

Cold Weather

We have started to feel the chill of autumn this week, please make sure that your child has warm clothes. Whilst base layers must not show beneath short sleeves, we now offer a long sleeve polo shirt. Thank you for your help with school uniform the children are looking really smart.

CSA AGM

On Wednesday evening, we had the CSA AGM. It was great to see more parents attending and volunteering. Several of you are regular supporters. Thanks to the money raised by the CSA this year, we have been able to purchase the shade canopy and privacy screens for changing for clubs. We would like to get more shade for the children as we expect more hot weather next year. Huge thanks to the CSA team old and new and for all of your donations.

Play equipment

We have ordered £2,000 of PE and play equipment for the children and we are introducing it to the children. We will be speaking to them about looking after the equipment and how to play with the new resources.

SETs

As we move to using sets more, we have noticed a sudden rise in parent queries over which set their children are in. Sets are reviewed each term, and during the term if needed, as all groups need to be challenged in their learning. We have set aside staff training time already this year for teachers to work through assessments and place children in sets. Just like secondary school, children will be in a 'best fit' set. Responding to queries about sets has added to the workload for many teachers this week. Please bear with the teachers, parent consultations are not far away.

Headlice

Please could you check your child for head lice and take appropriate action where necessary. Happy combing!

Getting schools involved in the new Local Transport Plan consultation

Please see the information from the Sustainable Travel Officer at Hertfordshire County Council regarding Hertfordshire's New Local Transport Plan.

The public consultation on the draft Local Transport Plan for Hertfordshire went live today (28 September) Plan and will run until Monday 9 November 2026 and we would like to hear your views on it.

The draft Plan and consultation survey is available at:
https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ltpconsultation2026
The draft Plan includes a long-term vision to 2050, strategic objectives, monitoring framework, and the policies that will guide the delivery of transport services and infrastructure across the county.
The draft Plan aims to:

- *Support sustainable growth across Hertfordshire*
- *Improve accessibility, safety, and connectivity for residents, businesses and visitors*
- *Enhance transport choice and encourage more sustainable travel*
- *Contribute to wider environmental, economic and quality of life outcomes*

October Half Term Holiday Camp – Challenge Sport & Education

Please see the flyer below regarding the Challenge Sport & Education October Half Term Holiday Camp – book your camp today!
https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/challenge-sport-education-october-half-term-camp-cassiobury-watford-7da4f257-b299-4ac0-baac-47fe0b563d78

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops

Please see the flyer below.

DSPL9 Newsletter – 7th October 2026

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j732CNBtKj840NUta5aQYxVrr_AwWN2M/view

Harvest Festival – NEXT 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 any of 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.

Author Visit – NEXT 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. The deadline to order a book is Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 11am.

CSA Second-hand Uniform shop

The CSA run a second-hand uniform shop which is planning to reopen for online orders soon. In order to make this happen, we need you! We'd like lots of volunteers to help next Wednesday 3-4pm with a stock count so that we can open the online shop. We'd also like volunteers on an ongoing basis for sorting donations, organising stock and fulfilling online orders. We are currently open Wednesdays 3-4pm in the Oak Room in the Infant school. If you'd like to volunteer at a different time, please let us know too. A message will be going out on class Whatsapp groups shortly too.

Public Consultation Document

Proposal to Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) – Westfield Academy
Please see the information below from Westfield Academy.

New Website – don't miss an event at school!

Our school's new website is now live! Please visit https://www.cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk/
You can subscribe to our school calendar so it will sync with your calendar.
Please follow the instructions:
https://www.cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=2&pid=38&viewid=2
You may need to unsubscribe from our old calendar and then use the Android tab to link with your Gmail Calendar – any problems, please liaise with Mrs Harrison in the School Office.

Parent/Teacher Consultations – w/c 19th October 2026

The parent/teacher consultation evening booking system will close next Friday 16th October 2026 at 9.30am. After that time, no further bookings can be made.

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

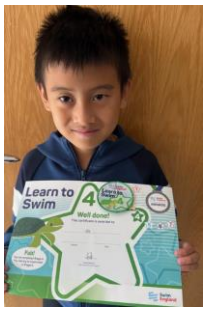
Special Mentions

3 Ash – **Maryam H** - for answering many questions in class with great thought and detail, and **Elijah H** - for making excellent improvements with his presentation.
3 Alder – **Oliver C** - for linking new learning to previous learning in maths lessons this week and explaining his ideas well. **Kiran S** - for generating some fantastic descriptive phrases about different scenes from a story in our English lesson.
3 Apple – **Rian R** - for participating so well in our lessons and **Romman K** - for always remembering his class jobs every day and being very helpful
4 Hawthorn – **Rico R** - for using his knowledge of place value to notice a trick in a question and be able to explain what he had spotted and how he solved it using good maths reasoning. **Anaya S** - for making links in reading and spotting where our new vocabulary is used in the text and also in other texts outside of our reading lessons.
4 Hazel – **Isabelle A** - for showing confidence when sharing thoughtful and creative ideas during class discussions, particularly in English, this week.
4 Holly – **Yahya S** - for his great problem-solving skills in place value maths lessons and **Hayden M** - for using excellent scientific skills to classify different animals and plants
5 Pear – **Jack C** and **Kira C** - for wonderful work in Art this week and last week, with our work on Surrealism. Keep it up!

5 Pine – **Sienna P** - for having a positive attitude to learning, always taking pride in her work and for being an excellent role model for her peers - keep it up! **Abbas K** - for showing good engagement, knowledge and questioning during our explorer dome science workshop on space - Well done!
5 Poplar – **Chloe M** - for excellent work with place value up to one million and **Reeva C** - for creative work on her front page about Surrealism.
6 Beech – **Saffron C** and **Amara M** - for creating a well thought out and informative fact file on the lives of civilians in World War 2 - good job!
6 Maple – **Jessie K** - for always completing her homework on time and to a high standard, and **Ridit M** - for working hard on improving his writing this week.
6 Oak – **Reya R** - for lots of positive comments to her peers this week and **Maya P** - and **Naksh C** - excellent face drawing in proportion.

Well done to..


Mollie K – **3 Alder** – won the "Charlotte Amelia Acro Excellence Award" – Well done!



Max J-W – **3 Apple** – has successfully completed Stage 4 Learn to Swim and had his first Stage 5 class last Saturday – Well done!



Matthew B – **5 Pear** – has passed his Grade 3 ABRSM Cornet exam – Well done!



Rosie H – **3 Apple** – took part in the Parkrun PB with her friend last week, finishing the Cassiobury parkrun in 32.54. Cassiobury parkrun is a friendly 5km run every Saturday, 9am for all. There is also a junior 2km every Sunday 9am for 4-14 year olds – Well done!



Miraj M – **5 Pear** – for being recognised as Gymnast of the Week - amazing round-offs on the floor! – Well done!

Thank you to..

Cora F and **Sumedh J** – **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

OCTOBER 2026	
14th	Harvest Festival – see separate correspondence and above for more information
14th	Pari Thomson – Author Visit – see separate correspondence
18th	Joint Concert with Year 5 & 6 Choir – see separate correspondence –
19th	Parent/Teacher Consultations week
19th	Year 6 Height and Weight – see separate correspondence
26th – 30th	**Half Term**
NOVEMBER 2026	
6th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
9th	Year 4 Indoor Athletics @ Queens' School – see separate correspondence
11th	Autumn Term Concert @ 5.40pm door open – 6pm concert
13th	Children in Need – non uniform
24th	Year 2 Parent Talk and Tour @ 9am - please contact the School Office to book a place!
25th	Year 6 Bentley Priory Museum – see separate correspondence – 6 Maple & half of 6 Beech (A to G)
26th	Year 6 Bentley Priory Museum – see separate correspondence – 6 Oak & half of 6 Beech (J to Y)
26th	Year 2 Parent Talk and Tour @ 9am - please contact the School Office to book a place!
27th	**Occasional Day – school closed**
DECEMBER 2026	
1st	Year 2 Parent Talk and Tour @ 9am - please contact the School Office to book a place!
4th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
7th	Year 4 trip to St Luke's Church - AM
8th	AUTUMN - SEND Support Plan Meetings – appointments to follow – see separate correspondence
9th	Whole School to Rickmansworth Pantomime – AM – more details to follow
11th	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day – more details to follow
14th	Year 4 trip to Natural History Museum – more details to follow
15th	TBC – Year 5 Christmas Concert – 6pm – more details to follow
16th	EHCP Meetings – see separate email re appointment time
18th	**Autumn Term 2026 ends at 1.05pm – non uniform**
JANUARY 2027	
4th	Inset Day – school closed
5th	**Spring Term 2027 starts**
8th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
11th	Year 4 trip to St Albans Cathedral – see separate correspondence

12th	Year 2 Parent Talk and Tour @ 9am - please contact the School Office to book a place!
15th	Year 4 trip to St Albans Cathedral – see separate correspondence
18th	Year 4 trip to St Albans Cathedral – see separate correspondence
FEBRUARY 2027	
5th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
9th	Young Voices Concert @ Wembley Arena – more details to follow
15th – 19th	**Half Term**
22nd	Lord and Lady Baden Powell (Thinking Day) – Scouting and Guiding uniforms can be worn
25th	Maths Parent Talk – 6pm
26th	Open Morning
MARCH 2027	
4th	World Book Day
5th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
24th	SEND Support Plan Meetings after school
25th	**Spring Term 2027 ends at 1.05pm – non uniform**
APRIL 2027	
12th	**Summer Term 2027 starts**
MAY 2027	
7th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
31st – 4th June 2027	**Half Term**
JUNE 2027	
7th	Year 6 Residential week
11th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
18th	Sports Day
25th	Inset Day – school closed
JULY 2027	
2nd	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
2nd	Open Afternoon
5th	Parent/Teacher Consultations week
8th	Transition Day
8th	Year 2 Parent Talk with teachers
21st	**Summer Term 2027 ends at 1.05pm – non uniform**
22nd	Inset Day – school closed
SEPTEMBER 2027	
1st	Inset Day – school closed
2nd	**Autumn Term 2027 starts**
OCTOBER 2027	
25th – 29th	**Half Term**
NOVEMBER 2027	
DECEMBER 2027	
3rd	**Occasional Day – school closed**

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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MAGIC WORKSHOP WITH A MAGICIAN

Learn and perform tricks. Get ready for a magic show that evening!



TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

SPORTS & GAMES +

THE ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE

Can your team solve the clues before the time is up!



WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER

SPORTS & GAMES +

MY SPACE STUDIO

Design and create your own hanging bedroom-door sign bursting with your own personality.



THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER

SPORTS & GAMES +

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Be part of creating one giant Halloween canvas.



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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/

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Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

FREE

MHFA England

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

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

Public Consultation Document:

Proposal to Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN)

Date issued:

Consultation Period: Monday 5th October to Friday 13th November

Proposing Authority: Westfield Academy Trust Board

Target Implementation: Academic Year 2028/29 (September 2028 Intake)

1. Executive Summary

The Westfield Academy Trust Board, as the admissions authority for the academy, is issuing this formal consultation document to invite feedback on a proposal to reduce the school's Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 7 entry from **240 to 210**, commencing in September 2028.

In accordance with the statutory *School Admissions Code*, admission authorities must consult publicly when proposing a reduction in PAN. This document sets out the background, rationale, potential impact, and details on how stakeholders can submit their views.

2. Context & Background

Westfield Academy currently has a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 240, which equates to an intake of 8 forms of entry (30 pupils per class). In recent years, local demographic shifts have resulted in a falling primary roll across the catchment area, leading to lower overall demand for secondary school places across the local authority region. Current[1] student numbers are;

Year 7	234 - 6 below PAN
Year 8	233 - 7 below PAN
Year 9	219 - 21 below PAN
Year 10	225 - 15 below PAN
Year 11	228 - 12 below PAN

3. Rationale for the Proposed Reduction

The decision to propose a reduction from 240 to 210 (7 forms of entry) is based on the following key operational and educational considerations:

- **Demographic Trends & Reduced Local Numbers:** Local demographic data indicates a

[1] Sept 2026

sustained decrease in the number of primary age children moving through to secondary education over the coming years. This is evident in all year groups being below PAN. (As per Section 2 above)

- **Financial Sustainability & Resource Management:** Schools receive funding primarily on a per-pupil basis. Operating with significant unfilled places creates financial inefficiency, as staffing and resource costs must still be maintained. Aligning the PAN closer to actual demand ensures a stable, sustainable budget to protect curriculum breadth and staffing levels.
- **Effective Staffing & Curriculum Planning:** A PAN of 210 allows the academy to structure classes efficiently into 7 full form groups of 30 pupils, rather than running multiple under-subscribed classes, ensuring optimal staff-to-pupil ratios and high standards of teaching and learning.
- **Impact on Existing Pupils:** Reducing the entry PAN for future Year 7 intakes will have zero impact on pupils currently enrolled in the academy or those admitted in earlier academic years.

4. Summary of Proposed Changes

Aspect	Current Arrangement	Proposed Arrangement
Published Admission Number (PAN)	240 pupils	210 pupils
Forms of Entry (FE)	8 classes (30 per class)	7 classes (30 per class)
Implementation Year	N/A	September 2028 Intake onwards
Oversubscription Criteria	Unchanged	Unchanged

5. Consultation Timetable

The consultation will run for a **minimum of 6 weeks** in accordance with the School Admissions Code timetable:

Milestone	Date
Consultation Opens	Monday 5th October 2026
Consultation Closes	Friday 13th November 2026
Trust Board Consideration of Feedback	Wednesday 16th December.

Milestone	Date
Formal Determination of PAN	By 28 February 2027
Publication of Final Policy	By 15 March 2027

6. How to Provide Feedback

We welcome responses from parents, local residents, neighbouring schools, local authorities, and any other interested parties. Please submit your comments or questions using any of the following methods:

- **Online Form:** Please use the link to respond
- **Email:** Send your representations to consultation@westfield.academy with the subject line *"PAN Reduction Consultation Response"*.
- **Post:** Address written responses to: *PAN Consultation, Headteacher, Westfield Academy, Tolpits Lane, Watford WD18 6NS*

Deadline: All responses must be received by **5:00 PM on Friday 13th November**