CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No 7

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry..

It has been lovely to visit all the classrooms this week and look at the work and the lessons. The classrooms have been calm and children engaged in their learning. I am looking forward to seeing many of you on Monday afternoon for the parent consultations.

Pari Thomson Author Visit



It was lovely to have Pari Thomson visit our school this week. Here are some of the children with Pari during the book signing.

Mr Rutherford Absence

Mr Rutherford is away next week. Please send any urgent wellbeing matters to the admin@ email address. He will be available during half term by email wellbeing@.

Secondary School Applications for September 2027

The secondary school application deadline is Saturday 31st October 2026. This is the last date to apply so please ensure you have made your online application by this date, at the latest.

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

Locket Found outside the school gate

A necklace with a locket has been handed in to the School Office. If you know anyone who may have lost this, please ask them to pop to the office or to give us a call. It may be someone in the wider community who has lost it. Please can you pass the word around. Thank you.

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

The parent/teacher consultation evening booking system has now closed and no further bookings can be made. We look forward to meeting with you next week.

Christmas/Seasonal Card proof coming home today!

Your child will bring home their Christmas/Seasonal Card proof today in their school bag. Please follow the instructions on the proof regarding how to order.

The deadline to order for the Junior School is Wednesday 28th October 2026 (*which is during half term*).

NB: The infant school are working on a slightly different schedule, as the card company processes them separately. Their proofs will be sent home next week and they will have a slightly later order deadline. So, if you have a child in both schools, please be aware of the different order deadlines.

Please keep your proof until you have received your order.

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops

Please see the flyer below.

HPCI survey - for your families of children and young people with SEND

Please see the flyer below.

Emotionally Based School Anxiety Coffee Morning

Please see flyer below.

Survey for CYP/Parents/Carers

Hertfordshire's commissioners of Children and Young People's Mental Health services (Herts CYPMHS) are asking young people, parents and carers to answer a few simple questions about their experiences of accessing and using services and about how children and young people are feeling now. Helping to build a fuller picture of longer-term outcomes and the ongoing effectiveness of services, so that we can keep on improving.

Please see flyer below for more information.

MTT October Newsletter

Please see the October newsletter below.

Special Mentions

3 Ash – **Aengus B** - for making excellent progress with his handwriting and **Sienna B** -for writing an excellent stanza for her Kenning poem.

3 Alder – **Elliot D** - for his contributions and explanations in history this week when looking at prehistoric settlements and **Shifa S** - for generating some lovely ideas about trees and buildings when writing Kenning poems in English.

3 Apple – **Max J-W** - for being a good team player and ensuring that he is starting to check his work carefully and **Rosie H** - for participating very well in all lessons, especially in Science.

4 Hawthorn – **Wiam B** - for working really hard this week and showing good behaviour for learning and **Maariya A** - for coming up with some excellent inferences from just a picture in reading.

4 Hazel – **Clara P** - for consistently presenting her best work across the curriculum and in her best handwriting. Well done Clara!

4 Holly – **Mahi S** and **Maahir W** - for participating well in PE lessons, showing enthusiasm, teamwork and a positive attitude.

5 Pear – **Audrey L** - for always exhibiting exemplary behaviour and being a fantastic role model to the whole class and **Kiyansh P** - for always being willing to share his ideas in class and participate in group discussions

5 Pine – **Hamza A** - for captivating the class when he reads aloud and for giving detailed, thoughtful answers in our reading lessons - well done! **Jasleen G** - for contributing more to class discussions, being an excellent role model for others and for always taking pride in her work - keep it up!
5 Poplar – **Haaris U** - for writing multiclause sentences and sentences including brackets for parenthesis with interesting adjectives and verbs and **Lonnie M** - for calm, sensible behaviour throughout the school day.
6 Beech – **Ciara R** - for shining in her PE lessons this week - well done! **Jack S** - for always being polite and using his manners around school.
6 Maple – **Bhavya A** - for having a great attitude towards work and producing some great writing this week and **Aarav B** - for being thoughtful and kind towards others.
6 Oak – **Alberta R** - for being inclusive and showing kindness and **Noor N** - for working hard and really applying herself in maths.

Well done to..

Year 5 & 6 Choir - for performing to the whole school in Singing Assembly this week – all the best for the Thank You for the Music Concert this Sunday!



Riyan P – **6 Oak** - took part in an amazing 5k race to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital on Saturday – Well done!





Ivy L – **3 Alder** - on Sunday 11th October took part in the ISTD Grand National Dance finals qualifying in the following categories;
Under 8's Set Dance Street Dance Solos - finalist
Under 8's Rock & Roll Pairs - finalist
Under 8's freestyle pairs - 3rd place
Well done!

Thank you to..

Kaashvi A and **Aarav B** – **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

OCTOBER 2026	
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	Year 3 Nativity Performance – AM – more details to follow
8th	AUTUMN - SEND Support Plan Meetings – appointments to follow – see separate correspondence
9th	Whole School to Rickmansworth Pantomime – AM – more details to follow
10th	Year 3 Nativity Performance – PM – 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
15th	Year 4 Production PM – more details to follow
16th	Year 4 production AM – more details to follow
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**

CHALLENGE SPORT & EDUCATION

YOUR WEEK AT CAMP

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMP • CASSIOBURY

SPORTS & GAMES AT THE HEART OF EVERY DAY

Football | Dodgeball | Basketball | Team Games | Athletics

Plenty of time to get active, play and have fun.

CHALLENGE ACTIVE
Sports and games throughout the day.

OR

CHALLENGE ACTIVE + STUDIO
Sports and games plus that day's Studio experience.

Studio activities below are included with Active + Studio.

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER

SPORTS & GAMES +

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 +

THE BIG PICTURE

Be part of creating one giant Halloween canvas.



Cassiobury Junior School | 26 – 29 OCTOBER | 8:00AM – 5:00PM

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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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CHANGE OF VENUE

DSPL 9
Emotionally Based School Anxiety
Coffee Morning



DSPL 9 are pleased to be able to offer a face to face session for parents and carers of children and young people who are experiencing EBSA (emotionally based school anxiety/avoidance).

The event will be run by DSPL 9 with a Family Support Worker and Nessie Therapist available to offer support and guidance.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the coffee morning on Monday 19th October has been moved to the following address:

Cherry Tree Primary School
Berry Ave, Watford WD24 6ST
Time: 10-11.30am

Please let us know you will be attending by contacting admin@dsplarea9.org.uk.

Help drive change in Hertfordshire SEND services

Herts Parent Carer InVolvement
www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk

YOUR experiences become OUR evidence

Short survey or **Full survey**

HPCI annual survey OPEN NOW for parent carers of children and young people with SEND (to age 25)

Hertfordshire

Have you received support from Hertfordshire's Children and Young People's Mental Health Services in the last 12 months?

We are asking young people, parents and carers to share your views and experiences.

MH LDN

COMPLETE SURVEY

www.hertshub.co.uk

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**

Mock Transfer Tests

MTT Newsletter Oct 2026

Welcome to the MTT Oct Newsletter.

We hope you are all looking forward to half-term.

We wanted to write to remind those with Year 6 children that our strapline is, "when a helping hand is all you need" and our motto is to support parents and students throughout the secondary transfer process. The results of the SW Herts Consortium Tests are due out on 15th October around noon. If you need support, then please give us a call.

Also remember the deadline to submit your school application is the **31st of October.**

We are pleased to advise those with children in Year 4 and Year 5 that our classes are now running along with some After School clubs, so if you are considering classes, please let us know.

New 2027 schedule of events is now available to book online. Mock tests are open to everyone to attend; you do not need to be a MTT student. It's never too early to start, but please don't leave it too late.

We hope this newsletter is useful, please feel free to email any questions.

Regards

Gill & Andrew
Mock Transfer Tests

Year 6 - School Application – Deadline 31st Oct.

After all the arduous work and preparation, you now need to select and apply to the schools you wish to be considered for. School websites have their historic results as a guide, these are not pass / fail, they are there as a guide.

The schools are not aware of the order you rank the schools, so please don't worry, select the schools you wish to apply for. Please note that on March 1st, if you don't get your first choice you will be placed on to the continued interest list, and as places are accepted or rejected this means further places become available.

You will need to apply in the Herts County Council website (or where you pay your council tax if outside Herts) You may also need to fill in a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for each school you are applying to. Please check the school's website for up-to-date information.

Once you've selected your 4 schools (6 in Harrow and Hillington) you will be notified on the 1st March, national school allocations day which school you have been given.

MTT would love to hear your results. We understand it is very personal and you may not wish to share the results. For us, it helps close the loop, to hear how you got on helps us refine and improve our services for the next cohort of students. (Please note we do not share information)

Year 5 – SW Herts Consortium Tests – Registration early April

For those families with Year 5 children, the SW Herts registration portal will open in early April 2027 (dates to be confirmed). We will keep parents informed.

TUTORING

We are pleased to confirm both Yr4 and Yr 5 classes are available if parents are considering tutoring. We offer small group lessons, (max 12 students) and online 121 classes. Classes are conducted by qualified teachers, supported by a TA, they follow a proven structured programme of study, covering verbal reasoning and maths.

Year 4 Classes

MTT Hall, Chalk Hill (£31.50 Standard 1 hour class)

For those with children in Year 4 wishing to start tutoring, we have two classes available.

- **Wednesday 4.45pm – 5.45pm**
- **Thursday 4.00pm – 5.00pm**

By attending the Year 4 classes, students are exposed to the format, content and formality of being tutored, offering good foundations for Year 5.

Year 5 Classes

MTT Hall, Chalk Hill - (£31.50 Standard 1 hour class)

For those with children in Year 5 wishing to join a class, we have the following options:

- **Tuesday 4.45pm – 5.45pm**
- **Thursday 5.15pm – 6.15pm**

We are pleased to announce that Queens School have agreed for us run classes (and holiday school) in their new state of the art English block, offering the latest technology and facilities.

Year 5 Accelerated Class

Tuesday 5:00pm – 6.30 pm – Queens School South Side (£42.50)

Accelerated Learning classes are aimed at students who show a higher-than-average aptitude for both VR & Maths. This class will work at a higher level and at a greater pace.

Year 5 Extended Class

Wednesday 5pm – 6.30 pm – Queens School South Side (£42.50)

This class is aimed at students wishing to have a longer session whilst following the same standard programme of study. The hour and a half session covers both VR and Maths allowing time for more consolidation and embedding techniques taught.

Trial Lessons

We understand the importance of selecting the right tutor. Personal chemistry and approach are key to successful learning.

We are happy to offer a trial lesson for students to experience the class and parents gauge if it is the right class for their child. MTT tutors will talk to parents at the end of the class to give feedback.

There is a cost for trial class, but without commitment to the term.

If you are interested, please register and let us know which class you wish to try.

https://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk/tutoring-services/

Subscription Services

To help manage the process and spread the cost, MTT introduced its Subscription Service. Building on the services and flexible approach MTT have already established, our aim is to enhance our services giving parents the peace of mind that the year ahead is planned and budgeted for with a lower fixed monthly fee. https://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk/subscription-services/

Already subscribing – The MTT team will book your events for you and send a booking confirmation.

Events for 2027

Our new schedule of events for 2027 has been released and now available on our website. These include:

- Mock Transfer Tests - VR & Maths
- Mock Music Tests – SW Herts Stage 1, Music workshops.
- Queens Sports Test Awareness & Coaching session
- Workshops, Easter School, Summer School, Summer focus sessions, Revision & Preparation and more.

To start the programme, we offer test awareness sessions in all areas over February Half term at Queens' school. See our website for details and to book a place: https://bookwhen.com/mocktransfer

Planning Your Year

Planning the year to help support and prepare your child for the Secondary Transfer tests (11+) can be daunting. Too little, will they be ready? Too much will they burn out and peak too soon? ***Our Planning Your Year*** page aims to help parents. https://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk/planning-your-year/

We hope you found this newsletter useful, we look forward to seeing you soon.

Andrew, Gill and the MTT Team

Mock Transfer Tests

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