CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No 8

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry..

Happy Half Term Break to you all

Despite the IT challenges, I hope that you were able to complete your Parent/Teacher Consultations this week. The children are settling into their classes and sets now.

After half term we move to winter uniform. Please remember that black or grey tights can be worn but not leggings. Trousers are a good option for everyone in the colder weather. Please note that black trousers and leggings are **not** part of the school uniform. Thank you.

The following forms the school's Uniform and Appearance Policy.

Summer Uniform (April – July)		**Winter Uniform (September – April)**
* **All Black** school shoes or black trainers with black soles (not coloured or striped trainers/ sandals/boots/plimsolls) * Black, Grey or White socks, thick grey tights - no patterns * Blue gingham/checked dress (not striped) with short sleeves. * Pale blue cotton shirt * Grey shorts or trousers * Royal blue school jumper, fleece or cardigan with school logo/badge or without * Royal Blue polo shirt (short and/or long sleeved) with school logo/badge or without * Waterproof coat with a hood * White leggings can be worn under summer dresses – **no other colour of leggings is permitted.**		* Black school shoes or black trainers (not coloured or striped trainers/ sandals/boots/plimsolls) * Black, Grey or White socks, thick grey tights- no patterns * Grey skirt (knee length) * Blue gingham/checked dress (not striped) with short sleeves (if weather still warm) * Grey trousers * Grey pinafore dress (knee length) * Royal blue school jumper, fleece or cardigan with school logo/badge or without * Royal Blue polo shirt (short and/or long sleeved) with school logo/badge or without * Warm waterproof coat with a hood
Headscarves may be worn throughout the school year in blue, black or grey. Black trainers are permitted but must be **entirely** black – no colour or white sole trims, laces or logos.		

School Council Applications

After half term we will be selecting our new School Council. This year our School Council will also carry out our ECO responsibilities. Please use the application form (emailed this week to you and below) to apply for the School Council. The closing date and time is 9am on 3rd November 2026.

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.

Year 6 reminders

Please see the reminders sent out this week regarding the **Leavers Hoodie deadline** and the **Young Voices deadline**. If you have not ordered a Year 6 Leavers Hoodie, please contact Beat School Uniforms in Watford and, if your child is attending Young Voices next February, please register them on the Young Voices website today and book audience tickets - https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/journey/welcome

Remembrance Day Poppies

We will have poppies for The Royal British Legion. If your child would like to buy a poppy, poppy pencil, reflective clip or cloth wristband, the suggested donation is £1. These will be available from Monday 2nd November 2026 until Wednesday 11th November 2026 (or until stocks last). Our Office Monitors will visit the classrooms during the above dates.

Headlice

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

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

SEN Support Plan Meeting Appointments – Tues 8th Dec 2026

The SEN Support Plan Meeting appointments have now been emailed to you via the schoolcloud parents evening system. These will be online and you should get an email 1 hour before the appointment time.

News and Updates from the CSA

There's lots to look forward to over the coming weeks!

- **Halloween Drawing Competition:** Get creative from 23 to 30 October.
- **Bonfire Bake Sale:** Join us on 6 November.
- **Junior Disco:** Back on 26 November, so save the date!
- **CSA Uniform Shop:** Now up and running.
- **Volunteers needed:** Get in touch if you'd like to lend a hand!
- **CSA is now on Instagram! Follow** our page for the latest news and updates.

Please check the **CSA newsletter below** for more information.

Halloween Drawing Competition

Please see the flyer below from the CSA regarding the Halloween Drawing Competition.

Bonfire Cake Sale on Friday 6th November 2026

Please see flyer below regarding the Bonfire Cake Sale after school.

Junior Disco – Thursday 26th November 2026

Save the date!
If you are able to volunteer for the Junior School Disco please contact your Parent Rep.
More details to follow…

Amazing Harvest!

Our food donation this year to Watford Foodbank weighed 150.00kg. Thank you for the contributions – see certificate below and message from the Foodbank:

On behalf of everyone at Watford Foodbank, I wanted to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous Harvest Festival food donation. Your contribution will make a meaningful difference to local families who are facing difficult times, and your support helps us continue providing essential assistance to those who need it most.

It was wonderful to see your school community come together with such kindness and enthusiasm. Acts of generosity like yours strengthen our wider community and remind us how powerful collective care can be.

Please pass on our gratitude to all the students, staff, and families who took part. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

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.

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.

Coram Family Lives Autumn Term Workshops

Please see the 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.

Special Mentions

3 Ash – **Stanley P** - for being helpful around the classroom and **Grace H** - for making great effort with her handwriting.

3 Alder – **Elanur A** - for always engaging positively with her learning and trying her best in every lesson. Well done! **Lailah S** - for her contributions and written work in guided reading this week when summarising text. Great job!

3 Apple – **Scarlett B-R** - for being an excellent classroom assistant and **Elliott K** - for reading so well and clearly during guided reading in front of the whole class

4 Hawthorn – **Emilia M** - for sharing creative and interesting ideas in English when writing an invitation to a magic show and **Ayaan P** - for consistently working really hard in all lessons and showing great behaviour for learning.

4 Hazel – **Zayn E** - for a brilliant lesson on expanded noun phrases this week, he was very engaged and stayed focused throughout. Well done, Zayn!

4 Holly – **Hayden M** and **Otis C** - for their participation and effort in all lessons.

5 Pear – **Sofiia P** - for writing some excellent multi clause sentences about her mythical creature and **Mathilda B** - for taking pride in her art work and producing a beautiful art piece inspired by Rene Magritte.

5 Pine – **Anaya P** - for working hard on her handwriting and for being a role model for her peers - well done! **Adhira N** - for having a positive attitude to learning, demonstrating exemplary behaviour and for engaging well in her learning - keep it up!

5 Poplar – **Isaac G** - for sharing interesting knowledge about Hebrew and Aramaic when discussing Judaism during our RE lesson and **Paarisa H** - for thoughtful and insightful answers during our guided reading lesson!
6 Beech – **Sebastian A** - for being a kind, helpful and considerate friends to his classmates when in need and **Hossein** - for showing resilience and determination - well done you!
6 Maple – **Aizah H** - for always being polite, kind and helpful around the classroom and setting a great positive example to others and **Shenya S** - for working really hard and producing some great writing in English this week.
6 Oak – **Liyang R** and **Reya R** - superb writing of suspense opening.

Well done to..

Year 5 & 6 Choir – for performing in the "Thank You for the Music" Concert on Sunday alongside Hemel Hempstead Band and Strictly a Cappella – well done - you were all amazing!

Thank you to..

Waniah B and **Ciara R** – **6 Beech** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Have a lovely half term – see you on Monday 2nd November 2026.

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2026	
26th – 30th	**Half Term**
NOVEMBER 2026	
6th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
6th	Bonfire Cake Sale – after school
9th	Year 4 Indoor Athletics @ Queens' School – see separate correspondence
11th	Autumn Term Concert @ 5.40pm doors 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!
26th	Junior Disco after school – more details to follow
27th	**Occasional Day – school closed**
30th	Flu Vaccination Team to visit – mop up session
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	Year 5 Christmas Concert for ALL Year 5 children – 6pm – more details to follow
16th	Year 5 Christmas Concert to whole school
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
29th	Reports sent home
FEBRUARY 2027	
5th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am
9th	Young Voices Concert @ Wembley Arena – see separate correspondence
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**
19th	Year 6 SATS and Residential Talk @ 6pm
27th	RSHE Parent Talk @ 6pm
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**
17th	**Autumn Term 2027 ends @ 1.05pm – non uniform**
JANUARY 2028	
3rd	**Bank Holiday**
4th	**Inset Day – school closed**

5th	**Inset Day – school closed**
6th	**Spring Term 2028 starts**
FEBRUARY 2028	
14th – 18th	**Half Term**
MARCH 2028	
31st	**Spring Term 2028 ends @ 1.05pm – non uniform**
APRIL 2028	
18th	**Inset Day – school closed**
MAY 2028	
1st	Bank Holiday
29th – 2nd June	**Half Term**
JUNE 2028	
JULY 2028	
21st	**Summer Term 2028 ends at 1.05pm – non uniform**
24th	**Inset Day – school closed**

School Council Application Form 2026	
Name	
Class	
Have you been on the school council before?	Yes No
What are your reasons for applying to the school council?	
What reasons do you have to persuade people to vote for you?	
How will you represent your whole class in the school council?	
What ideas would you like to share with the school council?	
What skills should a member of the school council have?	
Are you prepared to give up time to help with school council activities?	Yes or No

Form to be handed in by 9am on 3rd November

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

BOOK YOUR CAMP DAY >

Use code **EXPLORE** for £5 off

challengesporteducation.co.uk

Watford Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Amazing Harvest!

Cassiobury Junior School

For your incredible food donation of 150.00kg in support of Watford Foodbank.

Your dedication and support will make a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Jane Havlin
Foodbank Manager



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FRIDAY
6TH
NOV
after school

REMEMBER, REMEMBER...

BONFIRE BAKE SALE

CASH ONLY from £1



BONFIRE BROWNIES



CUPCAKES & COOKIES



SPARKLER DONUTS

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Homemade bakes get a **STAR BAKER** certificate

Drop off cake donations at the **Junior School Office** or **Infants Oak Room** in the morning

STRICTLY NO NUTS

Please label homemade bakes with your child's name & class, and list all ingredients!


CASSIOBURY SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION
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SAVE THE DATE
JUNIOR IS BACK!!
CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL
DISCO
THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER
More info to follow...
Watch this space!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Please contact your class parent representative
for more information.

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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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Autumn Term Workshops

Anxiety around ADHD Workshop - Wednesday 21 October, 9.30am to 11.30am

This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

Sibling Rivalry Workshop - Monday 9 November, 9.30am to 11.30am

This workshop provides parents/carers with practical strategies and tools to effectively foster positive sibling relationships, promote cooperation and manage conflicts between children.

Reducing Conflict Workshop - Wednesday 25 November, 7pm to 9pm

This workshop is for parents/carers struggling with conflict within their family life and provides tools to promote a cooperative and collaborative approach to resolving the conflict.

It's a Dad's Life Workshop - Thursday 26 November, 7pm to 9pm

This workshop empower fathers with the knowledge and skills to develop deep connections with their children, enhancing their parenting journey.

Navigating the Storm (Teens) Workshop - Wednesday 2 December, 9.30am to 11.30am

This workshop is designed to support parents of pre-teens and teenagers facing challenging behaviours. It aims to equip parents with effective strategies and tools to manage the complexities of raising adolescents, fostering a positive parent-teen relationship

The two-hour workshops will be online via MS TEAMS

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents, carers and adult family members in Hertfordshire so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more info, please contact **Louise** on **0204 522 8700/8701** or email **services@coramfamilylives.org.uk** or scan the QR code for our online form.

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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.

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COMPLETE SURVEY

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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**