CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No 9

Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry..

Parent Reps

It was lovely to meet with parent reps this morning. We were able to discuss a range of topics.

We discussed the following:

- Feedback from parent consultations
- Christmas arrangements
- Sets
- Upcoming events
- Uniform - reminders
- Cassiobury Ps

Happy Diwali

To all of our families celebrating this weekend.

Cassiobury Ps

As part of our Behaviour Policy, we have 'green' positive behaviours all beginning with P. As a result they are known as Cassiobury Ps. On Monday, in assembly, we introduced 'p' tokens for positive behaviours.

Phones in school

Please remember that neither pupils nor parents should have their phones out in the school. Staff are only permitted to use their phones in offices and therefore do not use their phones around the school. Please make sure that phones are put away when collecting children or dropping them off. Thank you for helping us keep the children safe.

Visiting Classes

It has been lovely to get in the classrooms to do some observations this week. There is some great learning in the classes.

2026/2027 Consumables donation

Please see the letter emailed today regarding the 2026/2027 Consumables donation. The payment request is now available on the School Gateway. Thank you for your continued support.

Remembrance Day Poppies

We still 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 until Wednesday 11th November 2026 (or until stocks last). Our Office Monitors will visit the classrooms and these are also available on the school gates.

Christmas cards....good news!

If you missed the deadline for ordering your child's artwork there will be a second opportunity to purchase them between 20th November to 30th November. Please be aware that any cards ordered during this time will arrive at a later date than those already ordered.

Halloween Drawing Competition Winners

We have our winners from the DKH drawing competition. They have each won a voucher to Smyths toys – Well done!

From the Junior Scool
Bluebell C - 3 Apple
Emma M - 3 Apple
Hayden M - 4 Holly
Katya M - 5 Pine
Conrad M - 6 Beech

Gym Jams Gymnastics Taster Session – Monday 9th November 2026

Please see the flyer below regarding the Gym Jams Gymnastics taster session on Monday 9th November 2026 in the school hall – please book directly with Coach Bev.

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…

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.

School Website

Unfortunately, our school website provider has advised that there are some technical issues across the network which has affected a number of schools across Hertfordshire. We are hoping that this will be rectified soon.

Online Safety Newsletter – November 2026

Please see this month's online safety newsletter.

DSPL9 Parent, Carer and Family Newsletter

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f7-NEap_OidOWkmha0snuHkfYn7NwNhe/view

Special Mentions

3 Ash – **Aalia D** - for working hard on her handwriting and **Nevaeh SM** - for contributing lots to classroom discussions.
3 Alder – **Mollie K** - for being a kind and thoughtful member of the class and supporting her peers both in the classroom and around the school. **Ali Hasan R** - for his participation and contributions in our science lesson this week when identifying rock types.
3 Apple – **Lucy G** - for participating well in lessons and being super organised and **Ibrahim A** - for listening well in lessons and being a good team player on his table.
4 Hawthorn – **Avani O** - for working well with her classmates and being a helpful and supportive friend and **Jacob M** - for showing careful and considered artistic skills when creating texture using oil pastels to draw a lion.
4 Hazel – **Ammar A** - for being exceptionally engaged in PE lessons this week and demonstrating great focus, enthusiasm and commitment during athletics practice. Well done!

4 Holly – **Seb K** and **Alaya B** - for working well together, sharing ideas to create an ending for a narrative, in our English lessons.
5 Pear – **Joann M** and **Eloise R** - for working really hard and showing good behaviour for learning. Excellent role models to all their peers! Keep it up!
5 Pine – **Aayan P** - for having a positive attitude to learning, asking thoughtful questions and for producing great work - keep it up! **Sebastiao P** - for participating more in class discussions and for working hard on his handwriting - well done!
5 Poplar – **Merak J** - for clear, detailed explanations in his geography work about the western states of North America and **Isha N** - displaying perseverance in maths rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.
6 Beech – **Byron C-A** - for actively participating in all lessons with thoughtful and considerate responses to questions and **Yusuf A** - for ensuring he responds to feedback in his English book and uses it to improve his writing, showing a real determination to improve himself as an author - keep it up!
6 Maple – **Alex P** and **Deivid F** - both for making great effort in their writing and making some great contributions to class discussions this week.
6 Oak – **Vedansh K** and **Zofia G** - stunning self-portraits showing excellent observation and proportion.

Well done to..




Imogen C – **5 Pine** - competed in the Level Up Dance Competition. She came first place for her solo dance and second place for her duet and performed two group dances too. She's qualified for the final which takes place next weekend – Well done!

Hossein R K – **6 Beech** – for playing the piano to the whole school in Singing Assembly this week – Well done!



Hari P – **4 Holly** – achieved his Level 6 in swimming – Well done!

Dhyani P – 3 Apple - has successfully passed **Gymnastics Level 2** and will now be progressing to **Level 3** - Well done!

Thank you to..

Momin N, Iris C, Cora F 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

NOVEMBER 2026	
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	
5th	Year 5 Trip to see Lion King @ The Lyceum Theatre, London
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**

Online Safety Newsletter Nov 2026

Spotify Parental Controls

Spotify is a music streaming service. You must be aged over 13 to access it. If under 18, parent/guardian consent is required. However, under-13s can access Spotify through a **managed account** set up by a parent or legal guardian.

Since July 2026, Spotify has provided parental controls for managed accounts on both free and premium plans. These controls:

- turn messaging off.
- turn explicit content off.
- turn videos and canvas off.
- allow you to block specific artists or tracks.

Further information

Read the news announcement here: https://newsroom.spotify.com/2026-05-13/managed-accounts-free-tier-expansion/

Spotify have produced this Parental Guide to assist you with further information: https://www.spotify.com/us/safetyandprivacy/parental-guide

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translation tool on our web version: https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/november-2026-primary/

Online Grooming



What is Online Grooming?

Online Grooming is when an adult builds a relationship online with a child to manipulate, exploit, or abuse them.

How does Grooming take place?

Groomers often use fake profiles to pretend they are someone they are not, for example they may claim to be younger than they really are or pretend to be a person of influence. They will use flattery and attention to build trust and friendship. They may use online games or social media to initiate contact but then encourage your child to switch to a different app to chat with privately - usually on an app that offers limited or no parental controls and/or encrypts messages.

What can I do?

- Use appropriate parental controls.
- Set privacy settings.
- Show them how to use any blocking or reporting tools.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they do online and who they communicate with. Remind them that people online may not always be who they say they are.

What are the signs that my child is being groomed?

- Being **secretive** about who they are talking to.
- They become **withdrawn** from family and friends.
- Appearing **anxious or upset** after receiving messages.
- Receiving unexpected **gifts**.

Find out more here: https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/offender-gaining-trust

What should I do if my child is being groomed?

- If you think your child is in immediate danger, contact the police.
- Stay calm and reassure your child that they are not to blame.
- If you are worried about online abuse or the way somebody has been communicating with your child online, report it to CEOP: (https://www.ceop.police.uk).

Further information

- https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/11_18/lets-talk-about/sexual-abuse/online-grooming/

COM Networks

COM Networks are online communities where harmful and deeply disturbing behaviour occurs, including child sexual abuse, cybercrime and extremism. These networks operate on mainstream messaging apps, gaming platforms and through social media. **It is important to be aware that such networks exist and understand the risks they can pose to children.** Introductions to COM Networks can begin with harmless conversations on a game or social media platform, but then as trust builds, groups will gradually introduce harmful content, extreme challenges and pressure to prove loyalty. Some groups use threats, humiliation or the threat of exposing private information to control members. Images, messages or personal details may be used to blackmail victims.

What should I look out for?

- **Increased secrecy**
- **Emotional or behavioural changes**
- **Unfamiliar language:** using new expressions or discussing extreme content, opinions or beliefs.
- **Unexpected gifts**

Sky News investigation into COM Networks (and links on popular sites such as Roblox and Discord)

You may have seen Sky News' investigation into COM networks. The report highlights findings from a six-month investigation that found self-harm-themed avatars, clothing and related content available on the gaming platform Roblox, including items that could be **accessed by children as young as five years old**. The report can be viewed here, **please be aware that it contains upsetting content**:
https://news.sky.com/video/inside-robloxs-dark-side-sky-news-finds-self-harm-avatars-available-to-young-children-13592551

How can I protect my child?

- Have regular and open conversations with your child. Ask your child what they do online and who they communicate with.
- Reassure them that they can always ask for help, even if they have shared something personal or broken a family rule.
- It is important to remember that threatening to confiscate their devices may make them less likely to talk to you when something goes wrong.
- Regularly review privacy settings and set up appropriate parental controls on all devices your child is using.
- Ensure your child understands the risks of sharing personal information or intimate images online.

Further information

- https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gscp/professional-resources/sadistic-online-exploitation/
- https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/understanding-com-networks/

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WhatsApp Channels and Parental Controls

Users must be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. Children under 13 can access WhatsApp through **a parent-managed account.**

WhatsApp Channels

WhatsApp Channels are a one-way broadcast tool to send updates to followers. Channels can be found in the Updates tab. From here you can view a whole host of channels, including channels that will **not be age appropriate and may include adult content.** If your child has their own WhatsApp channel, then you need to be aware that they are **public. Anyone can view and follow a channel and anything you share on your channel is public.** We would recommend that parental controls are used to prevent children creating and accessing WhatsApp channels.

Parent Managed accounts

Parent managed accounts are required for those under 13. These accounts have additional safety restrictions and do not allow access to features such as Channels, Meta AI and location sharing. You also have control over which groups they can join.

Parental Controls for Teenagers

For users aged 13 to 17, WhatsApp offers parental control settings to limit access to certain features such as Channels.

For more information, visit:
https://www.whatsapp.com/parentalcontrols

Rage Bait

Have you heard of this term? Rage bait is when somebody deliberately posts online content to make people feel angry or frustrated to generate views and engagement. Find out more here:
https://findmykids.org/blog/en/rage-baiting



Gym Jams Gymnastics

Taster session



Cassiobury School
Monday 9th November
@8:00-8:40am

Come along for only £7.00.
Open to all abilities in KS2.
Limited space available.
A fun club that teaches key skills, yearly displays & achieving awards.



For more information contact
Coach Bev on 0775 334 8536.


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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.