



CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No 31

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry..

Uniform and helpful dates

For those of you that like a bargain, I am informed that Tesco, Sainsbury, Asda and Marks and Spencer are offering school uniform discounts between 17th and 30th of June.

Toys, pens, fidgets and swap cards

Please note that children are not permitted to bring toys into school. Please make sure these are left at home.

Please note that Legami pens, swap cards (football and Pokemon are examples) and toys are not to be brought into school. They tend to be important to the children or a cause of arguments.

Fidget toys are specific items agreed with the school as a learning or focus aid, Please do not send these in, some are inappropriate (pretend knives are a recent example) or they are unsafe (some toys bought online are leaking gels or sand.) We are now aware that some sand products bought online and in stores contain asbestos.

Gate 4/Bike Shed Gate Closure

We have had several incidents around the bike shed gate recently. Cars have been damaged, people have had to step into the road and many pedestrians are unable to walk past those waiting for the gate to open.

We have reviewed the use of the gate and have decided to trial opening both of the gates in Capel Vere and continuing to open the big gate on Bellmount Wood Ave. After half term we **will not be** opening Gate 4/Bike Shed Gate and we will review this over the term. We are also looking at additional bike shelters elsewhere in the grounds. For those wishing to use the bike shelter, this can be accessed from Capel Vere Walk.

As an additional help, bikes or scooters can be left neatly outside classroom doors. Thank you for your help with this.

Parent/Teacher Consultations – Summer Term 2026

The dates for the Parent/Teacher Consultations have now been added to our school calendar (below) and also on our website. We will advise when the parent consultation system will be available to book your appointment.

Dad's Drop-in – TOMORROW – Saturday 23rd May 2026

This Saturday, Mr Rutherford is hosting another drop in (10.00am - 11.00am) at Cassiobury Junior School. He'll be in the staff room with tea, coffee and biscuits for an hour of chat about any topics you'd like to bring through the door. As usual, it's an adult only invitation but any dads, grandads, uncles or friends of our Cassiobury families are welcome.

School Dinner Bookings – Summer Term 2

When booking your child's school dinners for Summer Term 2, please check the school calendar and check if your child is on a school trip and if they require a packed lunch.

For example:

Wednesday 3rd June 2026 - Year 5 trip - packed lunch required

Monday 8th June 2026 to Friday 12th June 2026 - Year 6 residential children - do not book school dinners

Monday 29th June 2026 - Year 4 trip - packed lunch required

Wednesday 1st July 2026 - Year 3 trip - packed lunch required

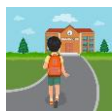
Monday 6th July 2026 - Year 6 - **6 Beech only** require packed lunch (6 Maple & 6 Oak to book lunch as normal)

Thursday 9th July 2026 - Year 6 Transition Day - do not book a school dinner if your child is at their Senior School

Wednesday 22nd July 2026 - Year 6 Day Out - do not book a school dinner

Please see the link for the school dinner menu for Summer Term 2 and our World Cup Themed Menu Day on Friday 3rd July 2026 - <https://cassiobury-junior-school.secure-primariesite.net/lunch-menus/>

All school dinners must be booked at least 2 days in advance and must be paid for at the time of booking.



Walk to School Week Results!

6 Maple and 6 Beech were awarded 136 points! Well done to everyone who took part in the Walk to School Week!

Fun Run - Cassiobury Junior '2k Fun Run' this Summer Term

Back, by popular demand - our Cassiobury Junior '2k Fun Run' this Summer Term!

We have planned an event for the children but also as a fund-raising activity for the school. Funds raised will go towards providing Books, Computing resources and SEND areas in the school.

Date: Thursday 4th June 2026 – AM – Fullarians Rugby Club

- All children can choose if they wish to run as a competitive or novelty (fancy dress) entry.
- All children have received their unique competition number (just like the marathon) in their sponsorship pack today.
- They will need to attend school wearing it on Thursday 4th June 2026 (please ensure the children bring their school uniform to school to change in to after the Fun Run).3
- All children have been provided with a sponsor pack - how much they collect is up to you - all funds go to school resources.
- Winning points for the competitive race will count towards the house Sports Day competition.
- This will be an 'in-school' event.
- All sponsorship forms need to be back in school by Friday 19th June 2026.

Please choose on the School Gateway which run your child will participate in i.e. Competitive Race or Novelty Race. There are two separate payment requests (no money will be taken, however please ensure you complete the transaction).

Online Safety Newsletter – June 2026

Please see below for the June 2026 Online Safety Newsletter.



Chess Tournament – Results...

We are delighted to share that today's School Chess Tournament was a great success, filled with excitement, focus, and excellent sportsmanship from all participants. ♟️ ⚡

Throughout five engaging rounds, students competed with great enthusiasm, showcasing impressive strategic thinking, resilience, and determination. We are proud to announce the Top 3 performers of the tournament, who showed consistent and outstanding gameplay. ♟️

*With an outstanding performance throughout the tournament, **Sofiia P** from **Year 4** proudly claimed the title of School Chess Champion! ♟️ ♟️ **Maahir W** from **Year 3** secured the Runner-Up position. **Raffy P** from **Year 5** won the Bronze Medal.*

*We also extend our heartfelt **congratulations** to all the students of our chess club who received Certificates of Participation. The tournament created a wonderful atmosphere of learning, challenge, and healthy competition, and we were truly inspired by the students' dedication and positive spirit. Every player contributed to making the event engaging, meaningful, and memorable.*

Open Afternoon – Friday 3rd July 2026 – 2.45pm to 3.30pm

On Friday 3rd July we will have an Open Afternoon at Cassiobury Junior. You will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and also meet other members of staff, if you wish.

There will be refreshments available and some music as part of the afternoon. To make things work smoothly we ask the following.

- Children can be collected from class between 2.30pm and 2.40pm so that we have cleared the classrooms ahead of letting the public in. This is for safeguarding reasons.
- If children are not being collected, we will move them to the dance studio whilst the open afternoon is running. Any children collected after 2.40pm can be collected from the dance studio.
- Once children are collected, they are to stay with their parents.
- Challenge Sports will still run on that day for parents wishing to use the after-school club.

This will give you an opportunity to visit your child's classroom ahead of the parent consultations the following week. More details to follow.

Half Term Holiday Camp with Challenge Sport & Education

Please see the flyer below regarding the Half Term Holiday Camp run by Challenge Sport & Education.



Cassiobury Tennis - May Camp – Tues 26th - Fri 29th May 2026

Please see the link for the Tennis Camp in May Half Term - <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/STEVENSHEACoaching2/Coaching/Camp/09ff4a4b-e215-4d3b-98ed-0d1b35ab9d6f>

Human Library Volunteers wanted – Friday 5th June 2026

We are still looking for volunteers for our Human Library event on Friday 5th June 2026 from 9am to 12noon. If you are available to talk with the children about your religion or culture, please comment on the School Gateway and we will be in touch – thank you!

Talent Show update..

We now have a selection of acts and every class is represented. We respected the class votes for choosing who would be in the show. We have changed a few of the things that they are doing if they did not work on stage or would not have been seen. This has been explained to the children.

In some cases, we have combined some acts where some children had entered the same sort of act.

We have stressed to the children that this is the start as we will need to rehearse and build what we have into a SHOW that is fun and entertaining. Their commitment to the rehearsals (in school time) and remembering to have things in school is essential.

Once again, well done to everyone who took part. We look forward to seeing you on the night!

South West Herts Partnership - Family Support Service - May Newsletter - Information for families

Please see attachments sent separately today.

Chess Challengers After School Club – June/July 2026

If your child will be joining the Chess Challengers Club after half term, please contact Chess Challengers directly. Please see below for more information.

MHST Wow Camp – 10th to 14th August 2026

A summer camp for **8 to 12 year olds that supports** children's mental health, and provides a safe space for them to grow, connect, and thrive – see flyer below.

Special Mentions

3 Ash - Finlay K - for showing respect to all adults in the classroom and focusing on his own learning - keep it up! **Hari P** - for the effort he has put into improving his handwriting and presentation - well done!

3 Alder – Shray G - for making links across different topics, being inquisitive and extending his learning beyond the classroom. Well done! **Jake S** - for consistently challenging himself in maths lessons and always aiming to stretch himself as a learner.

3 Apple - Yuvaan H - for using a range of methods in maths to show he has a great understanding of number and is applying this to his reasoning and problem solving - well done! **Hope W** - for always presenting her work beautifully, for being an excellent, kind friend to others and for taking care over her work - keep it up!

4 Hawthorn – Hamza A - for producing some creative ideas in his persuasive speech writing and **Aydin H** - for always trying hard, displaying resilience and perseverance in all that he does.

4 Hazel - Parshva K - for engaging very well in our maths topic this week on area and for writing a great paragraph for our persuasive speech in English.

4 Holly - Sofiia P - for making great improvements with her spellings and **Charlotte T-V** - for writing an excellent, cohesive persuasive paragraph.

5 Pear – Laylah A and Elsa K – for being good role models for behaviour and their positive attitude in their learning.

5 Pine - Amara M - for showing kindness to a fellow colleague and helping an adult in the class on several occasions across the last few weeks and **Conrad M** - for sharing his out of school experiences with the class and explaining these in a thoughtful and informative way.

5 Poplar – **Reya R** and **Raffy P**- for writing a great non-chronological report based on the core texts we have been reading. Well done!

6 Beech – **Edward B** and **Bhargav P** - for both producing some great writing about their creatures this week, and working hard in English.

6 Maple – **Loic C** - for showing generosity and thoughtfulness towards his peers with our Basquiat art project and also producing a beautifully creative piece and **Katrin C** - for enthusiasm and passion towards her English lessons and crafting interestingly scientific sentences for her Spiderwick creature. They're a pleasure to read.

6 Oak – **Shaan N** for helping to put away the bikes at the end of every day.

Well done to..



Andrea L – **4 Hawthorn** – swimming achievement in Cheshunt SC Open Meet on Saturday. She was awarded a Bronze for 50m breaststroke – well done!



Cleo B – **3 Ash** - won the Junior Ballet award at her dancing school last week – well done!

Thank you to..

Efren R and **Haleema R** and **Praanav P** – **6 Oak** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Have a lovely Bank Holiday week!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY 2026	
23 rd	Dad's Drop-In with Mr Rutherford – 10am – 11am – Staff Room
25 th – 29 th	Half Term
JUNE 2026	
3 rd	Year 5 – The Lion King – London – see separate correspondence
4 th	FUN RUN @ Fullarians Rugby Field - AM
5 th	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
5 th	"Human Library" – see separate correspondence
8 th – 12 th	Year 6 Residential Trip – see separate correspondence
9 th	Making Music Day @ Watford School of Music (Hertfordshire Music Service in Watford)
19 th	Sports Day – PM – more details to follow
25 th	Year 3 and Year 5 Athletics - Watford Boys Playing Fields (nr Fullarians) – more details to follow
29 th	Year 4 Trip – Whipsnade Zoo – see separate correspondence
29 th	Year 5 Recorder performance to parents – more details to follow
30 th	Year 3 Recorder performance to parents – more details to follow
30 th	SEND Support Meetings
JULY 2026	
1 st	Year 3 Trip – Tring Museum – more details to follow
2 nd	Summer Concert – more details to follow

3 rd	Parent Rep Meeting @ 9am – Miss Sherry's Office
3 rd	Curriculum celebration open exhibition – more details to follow
6 th	Crucial Crew – Year 6 – 6 Maple and 6 Oak – AM (to book school dinner as normal) 6 Beech – PM (to bring a packed lunch)
6 th	Year 5 Parent/Teacher – online consultations (12.30pm to 3.10pm)
6 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations – 3.30pm – 7pm
7 th	Year 3 Parent/Teacher – online consultations (1pm to 4.30pm)
8 th	Year 6 Parent/Teacher – online consultations (1pm to 4.30pm)
8 th	Year 2 Parent Talk @ 6.30pm – School Hall
9 th	Transition Day
9 th	Year 4 Parent/Teacher – online consultations (1pm to 4.30pm)
16 th	Talent Show – more details to follow
21 st	Year 6 Leavers Production and Assembly – see separate correspondence
22 nd	Year 6 Leavers Day Out – more details to follow
23 rd	Summer Term 2026 ends @ 1.05pm – non uniform
SEPTEMBER 2026	
1 st	Inset Day – school closed
2 nd	Inset Day – school closed
3 rd	Autumn Term starts
17 th	Individual Photos
OCTOBER 2026	
26 th – 30 th	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2026	
27 th	Occasional Day – school closed
DECEMBER 2026	
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
FEBRUARY 2027	
15 th – 19 th	Half Term
MARCH 2027	
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	
31 st – 4 th June 2027	Half Term
JUNE 2027	
25 th	Inset Day – school closed
JULY 2027	
21 st	Summer Term 2027 ends at 1.05pm – non uniform
22 nd	Inset Day – school closed

Online Safety Newsletter

June 2026

Pinterest

You need to be at least 13 years old to use Pinterest.

Pinterest is a social media app, where users can share images and videos (called Pins). Users can browse through the images based on their stated interests, for example cooking. Users can then 'pin' (save) these images to their own boards to revisit.

There is content on Pinterest that is not suitable for young people to see. Also, did you know that there is a messaging element to it, so your child could be interacting with strangers? Therefore, if your child is using Pinterest, it is important to show your child how to use the blocking and reporting tools. You can find out more information, including how to set up parental controls here:

<https://help.pinterest.com/en/article/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers-of-teens>

Find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-pinterest-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleylcs.org.uk/june-2026-primary/>

Online Scams

It is important to be aware that scammers can target your child whilst online through social media, messaging apps and games. These scams often look genuine, and children may not have the digital literacy skills to question their authenticity. This can happen across lots of platforms that your child is accessing, for example Roblox or TikTok. Scams can include:

- Offering in game currency.
- Befriending your child, which can then lead to requests for money or account details/personal information.
- Phishing links, with the intention of sharing malware or requesting account details/personal information.

What can I do?

It is important to have regular conversations with your child about what they are doing online and remind them to:

- Never share passwords or verification codes.
- Speak to you or another trusted adult if they are unsure about anything.
- Ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are in place.
- Talk to your child about the different scams that can appear online and remind your child to check links before clicking on them.
- Remind your child that if they do think that they have been scammed, then to tell you straightaway.

Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-deal-online-scams-parent-guide>



Digital Footprints

When we go online, we create a digital footprint, which is a record of what we do online. This can be by visiting websites, sharing photos, liking or commenting on other people's posts or playing games. It is important that children are aware of the digital footprint that they are creating and the lasting effect it can have. Childline provides further information about digital footprints, including advice on how to protect our privacy online:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/taking-care-your-digital-footprint/>

Risks of Auto saving

Does your child use the likes of WhatsApp, which may automatically download any image/video that is sent to them to their phone's own camera roll? We would advise switching this feature off.

Children may receive lots of photos/videos, particularly within group chats, that they have not requested. If auto download is allowed, then your child does not have control over what is being saved to their camera roll. Potentially, it may also be content that you would not want your child to have saved. Additionally, from a safeguarding perspective, if everything is automatically downloaded to your child's camera roll, it can become difficult to ascertain the source of the image.

How can I disable this feature?

If your child is using a platform that allows this, then there is usually an option to disable this feature, so your child has control over the images saved to their device. The option to disable will be within the settings of the App, here is how to do this on WhatsApp:

- In WhatsApp, go to settings (click on 'You' in the bottom right).
- Click on 'Chats'.
- Toggle 'Save to Photos' to off.



"Retro – Photos with Friends" App

This is a photo sharing app, and it is rated as 13+ by the App store. The aim of the app is users share their photos with close friends only, like a photo journal. Whilst it is marketed as a safer alternative to other social media apps, you do need to be aware of the following:

- Privacy and data access.
- It does include group chats so there is still the potential for cyberbullying and peer pressure.
- Users may feel safer sharing images as it is with close friends, but content can still be shared with others (through screenshots).

If your child is using this app, make sure you check that privacy settings are set up appropriately.

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Storybooks and games from the BookTrust

BookTrust have a whole host of storybooks and games on their website. They have storybooks to read, story time videos to watch and kid's games to play.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/how-we-help/have-fun-at-home/storybooks-and-games/>

Emoji Meanings

Did you know that some children and young people may be using emojis to mean something completely different? For example, a cap emoji may be used to represent a lie. It is important that you are aware of how emojis can be used and keep up to date with the way in which they can be used as their meanings are changeable. You can find out further information here:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/emoji-slang-guide/>

Omoggle

Omoggle is an online platform that is for adults only. However, you can simply lie and say you are over 18 to access it. The platform joins two strangers together and uses AI to rate their appearances in a "mog battle."

As you are paired up with a stranger and can see and hear them, there are serious safeguarding concerns and **young people should not be accessing this site**. Find out more here: <https://www.waynedenner.com/omoggle-parent-guide/>

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Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

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MHST WOW CAMP 2026

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Note you can sign up for specific days, and not just the whole week



• DATES •

10th August – 14th of August

• TIME •

09:30am – 14:30pm

• LOCATION •

St. Margaret's School
Merry Hill Rd, Bushey WD23 1DT

• ACTIVITIES •

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