



Newsletter 5

06 October 2023

Dear Parents

Another busy week in school! It is lovely to see the children settled and enjoying their learning.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year. This week we have made it!

This week	97.93%
Week beg 25 September	97%
Best week to date	Week beginning 02 October ~ 97.2%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 02 October:

RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
Squirrel	Owl Kingfisher	Rabbit Woodpecker Hedgehog Robin Badger Fox Heron

Well done to **Fox Class** and **Woodpecker**.

HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

This week: 02 October	490 minutes = 8 hours and 10 minutes
Last week: 25 September	633 minutes = 10 hours and 33 minutes



GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Sahara</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Sara</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Avantika</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
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ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We like to celebrate the achievements and awards of our children outside of school too! If your child has earned an award in an event, please send in a copy of the certificate and we can mention them in our weekly newsletters.

This week we celebrated the success of:

Pupil	Class	Achievement
<i>Otis</i>	<i>Robin</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 2</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Heron</i>	<i>Watford Gymnastics ~ Level 4 Vault</i>
<i>Felix</i>	<i>Robin</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 2</i>

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WEEKLY WELL-BEING

Each week we will share one idea to promote family wellbeing. Please let us know if you enjoy it and if you have any other ideas that we could share!

This week's wellbeing idea: **Have a go at your favourite craft or something you have never tried before!**

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

This week we celebrated National Poetry Day in school. On Wednesday, each KS1 class took part in a webinar with acclaimed children's poet Simon Mole, who led a session in which the children wrote their own poem based on the theme of 'My Herd'. On Thursday children in Reception and KS1 learned a new poem from their 'Poetry Baskets', and Nursery had their daily Rhyme Time session. You can see some examples of the children's poetry reading and writing on X (Twitter) #CassInfEnglish

PHONICS PIT-STOP

It was great to see so many of you at our Phonics parent-pit-stop on Thursday, the feedback from those who attended was really positive. We will be running a Reading Workshop on Tuesday 7th November and hope to see lots of you there. In the meantime, we have sent home our 'How we teach your child to read' booklets for Reception and KS1 this week; if you did not receive your digital copy, get in touch with the office.

SUPPORTING READING PROGRESS

As a school, we are passionate that every child learns to read and have a number of different initiatives to ensure that we support your child to become a lifelong reader:

- **RWI portal clips** (Reception & KS1 children)
Every week your child's phonics teacher sends home a link to the RWI sounds that they have learned in their lessons that week. The RWI portal clips are sent out via our schoolcomms, so please check your inbox and let the office team know immediately if you are not receiving them. The RWI portal clips are an important part of your child's **phonics and reading development**, as they are **specifically chosen to revise the learning that has taken place in their group that week**. By watching the clips your child will reinforce and consolidate what they have been taught and are therefore in a position to make the best progress.
- **Free Book Exchange**
This is located in the main reception foyer, underneath the sign-in screen and allows all children to have FREE access to a variety of books at all times. All you have to do is: donate a pre-loved book in good condition, then choose a book from the trolley to swap it for... and enjoy the book at home!

HARVEST FESTIVAL ~ Wednesday 11th October

We will be holding our Harvest Festival Celebration this week. We will be collecting on behalf of The Watford Foodbank. For more information about the work of the Foodbank, follow this link: [Watford Foodbank](#)

Please give donations to the class teacher on Wednesday 11th October.

Here is the suggested list of donations:

- Long-life milk
- Long-life fruit juice
- Tinned meat + fish
- Jars of jam/ honey/ peanut butter/ chocolate spread
- Tinned fruit
- Instant mashed potato
- Tinned tomatoes
- Bags of sugar (especially 500g bags)
- Tinned rice pudding/custard
- Packets of jelly or sponge puddings
- Tinned vegetables
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Little chocolate bars and sweet treats

Alternatively we will be collecting donations via the School Gateway for the Morocco and Libya Appeals. We will split all online donations received 50/50 between each of these appeals run by the British Red Cross.
Thank you for your contributions.

HOMERUN AUTUMN TERM REMINDER

As we settle into the autumn term, we want to remind families about our school run journey-sharing network. We have partnered with sustainable travel app HomeRun to provide parents with the opportunity to connect with school families living nearby, or on their route to school, so they can journey-share the school run. We hope this will provide more support for parents, reduce the number of cars at drop off and pick up, as well as help us become a greener school. The more parents who sign-up, the more opportunities there are for families to find journey-sharing opportunities. Please do take a minute to download our HomeRun app at this link – sign-up takes just 5 minutes:
[Home Run App Sign Up Here](#)

PARENT REPS

Thank you to our Parent Reps who have signed up and they will have contacted you via a class WhatsApp. It is ideal to have 2 Parent Reps per class and we still have vacancies in the following classes:

Squirrel	1 x vacancy
Hedgehog	2 x vacancy
Robin	1 x vacancy
Badger	1 x vacancy
Fox	1 x vacancy
Heron	1 x vacancy

If you are able to spare some time to support your class, please send your details to the school office:
admin@cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk

REMINDER:

FLU VACCINATIONS

You will have received an email about the flu vaccinations that are taking place later this term. If you have not yet signed the consent form, please use this link: [Flu Vaccination Consent](#)

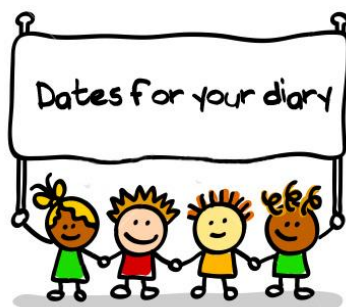
THIS WEEK'S FLYERS:

None

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Autumn term 2023

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Wed 11 th Oct	Harvest Festival		
Wk beg 16 th Oct	Discovery Focus Week Recycling Week		
Wed 18 th Oct	Art Exhibition	Hall	3pm
Wed 18 th Oct	KS1 Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Thu 19 th Oct	KS1 Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Fri 20 th Oct	Year 2 Parent Coffee Morning	Oak Room	9am
Fri 20 th Oct	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Fri 3 rd Nov	Outdoor Classroom Day		
Wk Beg 6 th Nov	Switch Off Fortnight		
Tue 7 th Nov	Reading Parent Pit Stop	Hall	9am
Wed 8 th Nov	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Thu 9 th Nov	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Wk Beg 13 th Nov	Well-Being Week Nursery Rhyme Week Road Safety Week Maths Week		
Fri 17 th Nov	Children in Need Awareness Day		
Fri 17 th Nov	Learning together morning	Classrooms	9am
Tue 21 st Nov	Maths Parent Pit Stop	Hall	9am
Thu 23 rd Nov	Flu Vaccination Day		
Thu 30 th Nov	Whole School Trip		
Fri 1 st Dec	SCHOOL CLOSED ~ OCCASIONAL DAY		
Mon 4 th Dec	Deco Day		
Tue 5 th Dec	Writing Parent Pit Stop	Hall	9am
Wed 6 th Dec	Reception ~ Christmas at St Luke's	St Luke's Church	9:30am
Wed 6 th Dec	Year 2 ~ Christmas at St Luke's	St Luke's Church	10:45am
Thu 7 th Dec	Year 1 ~ Christmas at St Luke's	St Luke's Church	9:30am
Fri 15 th Dec	Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day		
Wk Beg 18 th Dec	Christmas Parties Week		
Tue 19 th Dec	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Wed 20 th Dec	Autumn Term ends 1:15pm		



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE_ACADEMIC YEAR **2023/24**
These dates are the same as the junior school.

AUTUMN 2023

Mon 23 Oct – Fri 27 Oct	Half term
Friday 1 December	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 20 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm

SPRING 2024

Thursday 4 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 5 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Monday 8 January	Spring term starts
Mon 19 Feb – Fri 23 Feb	Half term
Thursday 28 March	Spring term ends 1:15pm

SUMMER 2024

Monday 15 April	Summer term starts
Mon 27 May – 31 May	Half term
Friday 19 July	End of summer term 1:15pm
Monday 22 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils



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AUTUMN 2024

Monday 2 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 September	Autumn term starts
Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov	Half term
Friday 29 November	INSET ~ School closed to pupils

Friday 20 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm
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SPRING 2025

Monday 6 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
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Tuesday 7 January	Spring term starts
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Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb	Half term
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Friday 4 April	Spring term ends 1:15pm
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SUMMER 2025

Tuesday 22 April	Summer term starts
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Mon 26 May – 30 May	Half term
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Friday 18 July	End of summer term 1:15pm
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Tuesday 22 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
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