Newsletter 3 25th September 2026

Dear Parents
It was lovely to see so many of you at our first open afternoon today ~ I hope you enjoyed seeing your child's classroom and where they spend their busy days!

As you will be more than aware, the road is still closed on Langley Way and is likely to be until the end of next week (and beyond). I appreciate that the diversion signs direct you to come along to the Sun Sports end of Bellmount Wood Ave but this is causing issues with the unofficial one way system and creating congestion. Please could parents either park and stride or take a longer diversion via Parkside Drive so you can enter Bellmount Wood Ave at the junior school end. Thank you for your co-operation during this temporary inconvenience.

SCHOOL SIDE GATE ~ important information
We regularly review our safeguarding procedures and as a result we have made the decision to lock our side gate (the one by Kingfisher class / nursery garden) at 3:30pm to continue to safeguard pupils and staff who remain on site later in to the evening, as well as to safeguard pupils and staff who are at wrap care at the junior school.

Please ensure that you have left the school site by 3:30pm so staff can secure the site in a timely manner. If you collect siblings from the Junior school, please ensure you exit via their gates by 3:30pm.

If your child attends one of our after school extra-curricular clubs, please wait by the side gate and the staff member from the club will unlock the gate and dismiss the children from there. Collection from Challenge Sport wraparound care remains unchanged at the junior school. Many thanks for your support.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD
Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year.

This week	**97.2%**
Week beg 14th September	**96.3%**
Best week to date	Week beginning 21st September ~ **97.2%**

ATTENDANCE
Week beginning 21st September :

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON			**97%**
FOX			**97.3%**
BADGER			**98%**
ROBIN			**99.3%**
KINGFISHER		**95%**	
HEDGEHOG			**98.3%**
WOODPECKER	**94.8%**		
RABBIT			**99.3%**
OWL			**97%**
SQUIRREL			**96.1%**

Well done to **Robin Class and Rabbit Class** who had the highest attendance this week.

HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

As well as monitoring attendance, we also monitor lateness. If your child arrives 5 minutes late each day, over the course of the week they will have missed 25 minutes of learning time. Over a period of 4 weeks that is 100 minutes and over a term that is 325 minutes (almost 5 ½ hours). Punctuality is important in all walks of life and we encourage the children to be good time keepers.

This week: 21st September	**352 = 5 hours and 52 minutes**
Last week: 14th September	**347 = 5 hours and 47 minutes**

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
Naylah	*Fox*	*Swim England ~ Stage 4 Swimming*
Reyan	*Heron*	*Swim England ~ Stage 2 Swimming* *Yellow belt in martial arts*
Sureya	*Woodpecker*	*Under 7s Moor Park charity fun run for Mount Vernon hospital*
Aveera	*Rabbit*	*Under 7s Moor Park charity fun run for Mount Vernon hospital*
Albie	*Fox*	*Swim England ~ Stage 3 Swimming*

40 THINGS BINGO!

This half term's challenge is to achieve **ALL 4 CORNERS.**
Well done to the following:

Pupil	Class
Amelia	*Robin*
Jasmine	*Robin*
Kush	*Fox*
Zayan	*Fox*
Zain	*Fox*
Saaiesh	*Fox*
Ayden	*Kingfisher*
Violet	*Kingfisher*
Amelia	*Kingfisher*

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

A reminder that individual school photos will be taken on Thursday, 1st October. If you wish to have your child photographed with siblings not currently attending our school, please come to the Activity Room in the EYFS building before school at 8.00 am. This session will finish promptly at 8.30 am. Photographs of siblings within the school will be taken during the day.

AUTHOR VISIT ~ Tuesday 13th October

We are delighted to let you know that professional storyteller **Liz Fost** will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 13th October** to read *The Most Magnificent Moose* by *Rachel Bright*. During the visit, children will have the opportunity to listen to an engaging live reading, enjoy the story together and take part in the experience of sharing a book with a storyteller.

If your child would like a **signed copy** of the book, parents can pre-order using the link below**.** Please note that **orders must be placed before 11am on Monday 12th October**, as late orders cannot be guaranteed. This is a lovely opportunity for children to keep a special memento of the day.

A flyer with full details is attached for your information. We are looking forward to giving the children a memorable storytelling experience: Chiltern Bookshop Order Form

JUNIOR SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT

The junior school have requested that children do not play on their outdoor climbing equipment before or after school. This applies to both the equipment next to our school and around the back of the juniors. Thank you for your support.

NSPCC'S SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE PROGRAMME

We are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe*** programme which aims to help children understand how to keep themselves safe. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. This child friendly, age-appropriate short film, which will be delivered in assembly, is engaging and interactive with help from NSPCC mascot Buddy. To find out more about the programme, please watch the NSPCC's **Speak out. Stay safe. 'Introduction for Parents/Carers film'**. Link or scan the QR code.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information and resources below to and help support keep children safe.

Parent/Carer support Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers. www.nspcc.org.uk/parents www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.	**Activities to extend learning at home** Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe. www.nspcc.org.uk/activities
Online Safety Hub For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more. www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety	**Childline – under 12's** Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content. www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7) www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)
Talk PANTS with your children Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.	

CSA UNIFORM SHOP ~ Help wanted!

The CSA runs a second-hand uniform shop which is planning to reopen for online orders soon. In order to make this happen, we need you! We'd like lots of volunteers to help next Wednesday 3-4pm with a stock count so that we can open the online shop.

We'd also like volunteers on an ongoing basis for sorting donations, organising stock and fulfilling online orders. We are currently open Wednesdays 3-4pm in the Oak Room in the Infant school. If you'd like to volunteer at a different time, please let us know too. A message will be going out on class WhatsApp groups shortly too. If you would like to support or volunteer please respond via the class WhatsApp message.

REMINDERS

PARENT PIT STOPS

A reminder to sign up for our up and coming reading and writing workshops:

Monday 12th October	9am	Year 1 Reading and Writing Workshop	A session on how we teach reading and writing in school followed up with a 'hands on session' working alongside your child	• Year 1 parents only	Year 1 sign up
Thursday 15th October	9am	Year 2 Reading and Writing Workshop	A session on how we teach reading and writing in school followed up with a 'hands on session' working alongside your child	• Year 2 parents only	Year 2 sign up
Friday 16th October	9am	Phonics	A session on how we teach phonics in school followed up with a 'hands on session' working alongside your child	• Reception parents only	Reception sign up

CSA AGM

The CSA are the Cassiobury Schools Association and are a group of people who raise much needed funds for the school. The AGM is taking place on Wednesday 7th October 2025 at 8pm in our school Oak Room. The funds raised from the CSA goes directly to both schools and is put to good use to support the learning and curriculum enrichment of our children. It would be lovey to see you support the CSA in their endeavours and the more the merrier; many hands make light work!

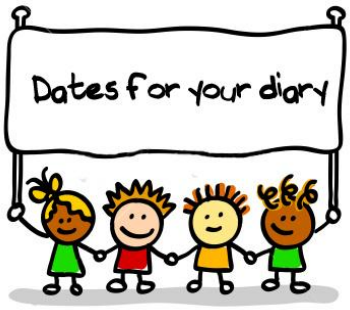
THIS WEEK'S FLYERS/LINKS:

1. LIZ FOST Pre-order Letter - 13th October
2. Coram Family Lives - Dad's together
3. Coram Family Lives – Parenting when separated for parents of SEN children
4. St Mary's Primary WOW half term camps
5. School Nursing Newsletter
6. Zumba – free taster session
7. Transport for Hertfordshire 20mph speed limit transport consultation
8. Beezee in Hertfordshire - Free Programmes & Online Workshops in Hertfordshire

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Autumn 26

Date	Event	Where?	Time?	Parents invited?
OCTOBER				
October	Black History Month			
Thu 1st	Individual School Photos			
Wed 7th	Y1 Harvest Workshop at St Luke's			
Mon 12th	Yr 1 Reading & Writing Workshop	Hall	9am	Yes
Wed 14th	Harvest Assembly			
Thu 15th	Yr 2 Reading & Writing Workshop	Hall	9am	Yes
Fri 16th	Rec Reading & Writing Workshop	Hall	9am	Yes
Wk Beg 19th	Creative Focus Week Recycling Week			
Fri 23rd	Focus week open afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm	Yes
Half term				
NOVEMBER				
Fri 6th	Yr 1 Maths Mastery Workshop	Hall	9am	Yes
Mon 9th	Yr 2 Maths Mastery Workshop	Hall	9am	Yes
Mon 9th	Rec Maths Mastery Workshop	Hall	2pm	Yes
Week beg 9th	Nursery Rhyme Week			
Wed 11th	Remembrance Day			
Wed 11th	EYFS & KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	Appointment	Yes
Thu 12th	EYFS & KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	Appointment	Yes
Fri 13th	Christmas Jumper Collection			
Fri 13th	Children in Need			
Week beg 16th	Road Safety Week Maths Week			
Tue 17th	ESafety Day			
Fri 20th	Learning Together Morning	Classrooms	9am	Yes
Wk beg 23rd	Wellbeing Week Parliament Week			

Bellmount Wood Avenue, Watford, Herts, WD17 3PE
Email: admin@cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk Telephone: 01923 222782

Thu 26th	Outdoor Learning Day			
Fri 27th	School Closed Occasional Day			
DECEMBER				
1st / 2nd / 3rd	Christmas Jumper shop (TBC)			
Fri 4th	Deco Day			
Tue 8th	Whole School Panto ~ TBC			
Fri 11th	Christmas jumper and dinner day			
Wk beg 14th	Christmas Parties			
Mon 14th	Y1 Nativity at St Luke's	St Luke's	9:30am	Yes
Wed 16th	Reception Nativity at St Luke's	St Luke's	9:30am	Yes
Wed 16th	Y2 Nativity at St Luke's	St Luke's	10:45am	Yes
Thu 17th	Nursery Nativity	Hall	9am	Yes
Thu 17th	End of Term for Nursery	Usual timings		
Fri 18th	End of Term for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2		1pm	

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2026/27**

AUTUMN 2026	
Mon 26 Oct – Fri 30 Oct	Half term
Friday 27 November	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils
Thursday 17 December	Autumn term ends for Nursery ~ normal hours
Friday 18 December	Autumn term ends 1pm

SPRING 2027	
Monday 4 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 January	Spring term starts
Mon 15 Feb – Fri 19 Feb	Half term
Wednesday 24 March	Spring term ends for Nursery ~ normal hours
Thursday 25 March	Spring term ends 1pm

SUMMER 2027	
Monday 12 April	Summer term starts
Mon 31 May – 4 June	Half term
Friday 25th June	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 20 July	Summer term ends for Nursery ~ normal hours
Wednesday 21 July	End of summer term 1pm
Thursday 22 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils

Bellmount Wood Avenue, Watford, Herts, WD17 3PE
Email: admin@cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk Telephone: 01923 222782

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2027/28**

AUTUMN 2027	
Wednesday 1 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Thursday 2 September	Autumn term starts
Mon 25 Oct – Fri 29 Oct	Half term
Friday 3 December	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils
Thursday 16 December	Autumn term ends for Nursery ~ normal hours
Friday 17 December	Autumn term ends 1pm

SPRING 2028	
Tuesday 4 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 5 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Thursday 6 January	Spring term starts
Mon 14 Feb – Fri 18 Feb	Half term
Thursday 30 March	Spring term ends for Nursery ~ normal hours
Friday 31 March	Spring term ends 1pm

SUMMER 2028	
Tuesday 18 April	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 19 April	Summer term starts
Mon 29 May – 2 June	Half term
Thursday 20 July	Summer term ends for Nursery ~ normal hours
Friday 21 July	End of summer term 1pm
Monday 24 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils

Bellmount Wood Avenue, Watford, Herts, WD17 3PE
Email: admin@cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk Telephone: 01923 222782