

School Birthday



We will be celebrating the School's 106th Birthday on Monday 29th September 2025.

Students should wear long sleeved shirts on the day and have been advised of the activities they will be taking part in on the day. There will be a Book Fair run by the Library on the back terrace at lunchtime.

HAPPY 106TH BIRTHDAY WOODFORD!

Choose a category and bake a cake celebrating the school's 106th birthday. Cakes will be judged only on the design outcome. The categories are:

1. Woodford themed cake
2. A novelty cake (not Woodford themed)

1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each category and key stage will be decided by break time.

BIRTHDAY CAKE COMPETITION

29/09/25 @ 8:00-8:25 DROP IN CANTEEN

TO JOIN THE COMPETITION COLLECT A FORM FROM YOUR FORM TUTOR AND FILL IT OUT, THEN BRING IT WITH YOU ON THE SCHOOL BIRTHDAY ALONG WITH YOUR CAKE.

OPEN EVENING WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2025

We are looking forward to welcoming children who recently sat the 11+ test, along with their parents, to our Open Evening on **Wednesday 8th October** from **5:00pm to 8:30pm**. This is a **ticketed event**, and invitations have been sent directly to the relevant families.



To allow staff and students time to prepare, the school day will end slightly earlier than usual:

- **Years 7, 8 and 9 will finish at 2:50pm**
- **Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 will finish at 3:00pm**

We are seeking student volunteers from **Years 8 to 13** to support the evening (**4.45pm—8.15pm**) either within departments or as tour guides.

- **Tour Guides:** Parents/carers of students who have been invited to act as tour guides will have received a letter. **Parental consent is required**, and we kindly ask that the Microsoft Teams form linked in the letter is completed.

- **Department Volunteers:** Students who wish to assist within departments will receive a letter from the relevant Head of Department. This letter includes a consent slip that must be signed by a parent/carer.

*Please note that **parental consent is required for all student volunteers participating in the event.***

Please Support Our Fundraiser for GOSH!

Every student in Years 7–11 will be running 2km during their PE lessons during the week beginning 20th October 2025 as part of **Race for the Kids**, a fundraising event in support of Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH).

We are proud to be taking part in this important cause, helping to raise money for seriously ill children and their families.

Please sponsor us by using the link below to make your contribution.

<https://race.gosh.org/fundraisers/Mrstaylor/race-for-the-kids-school>

All donations go directly to GOSH. Every pound makes a difference!



Trainers



Do you have any old / outgrown trainers that can be donated to our PE department's lost property?

If so please can you send them in with your child next week and they can leave them in the PE block foyer.

P.E.—Extra-curricular timetable—Term 1



	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Weds</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Fri</u>
<u>Before School</u> <u>7.50-8.20am</u>				GCSE Badminton HBA	
<u>Lunchtime</u> <u>1.40-2.10pm</u>	Badminton VJA WEEK A = Y7 & 8 WEEK B = Y9,10 &11		GCSE Club (Y11) STA & VJA & KWI & HBA & KRI	Dance STA This starts: 2/10/25 Trampolining KWI Y8-11 (LIMITED AVAILABILITY) XC KRI Football— 6th Formers	Netball for <u>ALL</u> 6th Formers
<u>Afterschool</u> <u>3.30-4.30pm</u>		Netball Squad Training Y7 & 8 VJA & HBA	*FIXTURES* Netball Y 10 & 11 6 th formers	Netball Squad Training Y9 & 10 STA & KWI	



Music Extra-Curricular Timetable Autumn 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Brass Ensemble (Jubilee room 1) 13:45 - 14:15 Mr Thomas	Junior Choir (SF1) 13:30 - 14:10 Ms Evans	Jazz Band (SF1) 13:40 - 14:15 CBO and MC	Ukulele Club (Jubilee room 2) 13:40 - 14:15 Student led	Orchestra (SF1) 13:40 - 14:15 IBO and MC
	Guitar Club (SF1) 13:40 - 14:15 MC	Kalimba Club (Jubilee room 2) 13:40 - 14:15 Student led		Junior Band (SF1) 13:30 - 14:15 MC and IBO	
		Senior Choir (Main Hall) 13:40 - 14:15 CBO		String orchestra (SF2) 13:40 - 14:15 CBO	

If you are having instrument lessons this term and/or are doing GCSE music, you must attend at least one staff-led music club.

There are still some piano slots available with Redbridge Music Service for 15 minutes 1 to 1 tuition. Please contact Redbridge Music Service directly on 020 8708 2828.



Celebrating European Day of Languages @ WCHS 2025



Look out for the menu in a range of languages!

To celebrate European Day of Languages (26.09), the Language Ambassadors & the MFL Department bring you a host of language activities.

Day	Time	What?	Where?	Who?
Thursday 25 September	Lunchtime (13.45 – 14.15)	Spanish Taster Course	N2	All welcome!
Friday 26 September European Day of Languages	Period 1 (MFL lessons)	Webinar hosted by NCLE, British Council & GCHQ on language learning	In MFL Lessons	MFL lessons p1
	All day	Language accessories		Y7
	Form time	Languages quiz created by Language Ambassadors	Form rooms	KS3, KS4
	Lunchtime (13.30 – 14.15)	Languages Fiesta (Drop-in)	Conference room	All welcome!

To learn more about the European Day of Languages, visit: <https://edl.ecml.at/>.



Talk the Talk

On Thursday 11th September, year 7 students took part in Talk the Talk Workshops run by the Jack Petchey Foundation.

The workshops were focussed on the transition from junior school to secondary school and covered everything from 'getting to know you' activities, speaking with confidence and understanding how it is okay to have the wrong answer as this is often the gateway to true learning.

Students clearly got a lot out of the day. The facilitators praised the cohort's ability to maintain their focus throughout each of the tasks. They also noted the warmth and encouragement students gave one another and their positive energy. All attributes which link to the school's value, Community.

Students also said how much they enjoyed the activities, appreciating the fact that all those making the transition into year 7 have similar concerns and that it is important to 'step out of your comfort zone' in order to make the most of your learning. The skills students gained clearly link with our school values of, Perseverance and Independence.

We would like to pass on our congratulations to all of our year 7 students and, in particular, to those awarded with Oracy Champions certificates.



LOST PROPERTY

If your child has misplaced something, could you please ask them to check the box which is situated near Reception in the main school building.

There are also a lot of PE items in the PE department and the ground floor open learning area of the CC building. Small items are left at reception.

Thank you





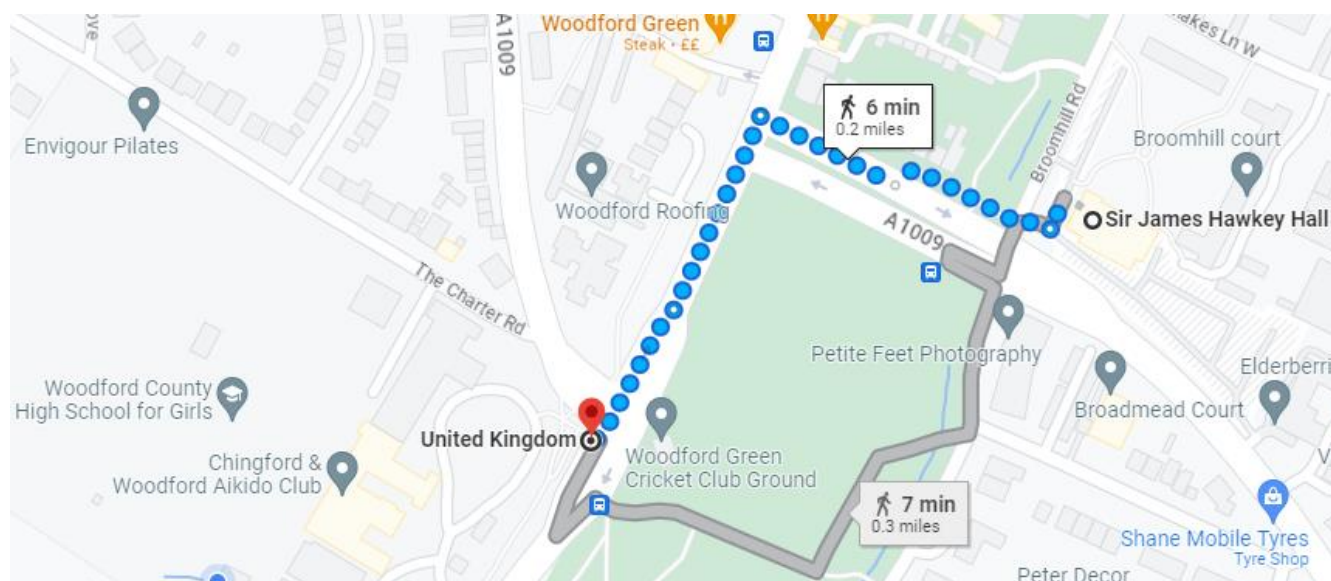
PARKING / STOPPING AROUND THE SCHOOL

We frequently receive complaints from residents around the school regarding parking on double yellow lines, parking across their drives and blocking the road.

If you do drive your child to school, please park at the Sir James Hawkey Hall car park (IG8 0BG - see map below). It is a short distance from the school with ample parking available. If you are unable to do so, then please show consideration to our neighbours. Students can easily be dropped a short distance from the school and walk the remainder of the journey.

Could we also request that when collecting or dropping off your child you do not sit with your car engine idling.

Thank you.



School Facilities Available for Lettings!

Looking for the perfect space for your next event, class, or rehearsal?
We are pleased to offer **availability in our Dance Studio and Conference Hall** for external hire!

Facilities Available:

- **Dance Studio** – Ideal for dance classes, fitness sessions, and rehearsals.
- **Conference Hall** – A spacious venue perfect for meetings, training sessions, and community events.

 **Available Hours:** 17:30 – 22:00

For more information on availability and pricing, or to make a booking, please contact <https://schoolhire.co.uk>.

Don't miss this opportunity to secure a fantastic space at your school!



Conference Room



Dance Studio



LIVE FOR THE MOVEMENT

Sign up today for **FREE**
weekly fitness classes

Calling all girls aged 11-16! Check
out our new **MOVE TOGETHER**
FITNESS CLASSES.

Good for both body and mind
our specially designed classes
will help you to build strength,
confidence and get you moving.
It's the perfect opportunity to
have fun with friends.

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MOVE TOGETHER

Join our next class at...

Time:

Date:

Location:

nuffieldhealth.com/movetogether



Would you like to talk to someone?

Do you need some support with creating a daily routine for your child?

Are you concerned about your child's emotional wellbeing?

Are you struggling to motivate your children at home or manage sibling relationships?

The Educational Psychology Service (EPS) are here to support you.

We have a **dedicated telephone helpline for parents/carers** where you will receive advice and guidance from a professional

Educational Psychologist.

The EPS helpline is available for all parents and carers - your child does not need to be known to the EPS, does not need to have a special educational need or additional support within school.

We welcome calls from all parents and carers.



EPS Helpline

Telephone: 07741 331 009

Opening hours: Every Wednesday 10am - 4pm

Webpage: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/educational-psychology-service/>

FIND: [Educational Psychology Service](#)

@Redbridge_aep Twitter account.



Call to Action—Educational Psychology

Please click on the link to access the “Call To Action” video from the Redbridge Educational Wellbeing Team (REWT) and the Redbridge Mental Health Support Team (MHST), who work with students and staff here at Woodford. This video is specifically for parents and carers and is part of their “break the stigma” campaign.

[Click here to access video](#)

AUTUMN 2025		
Term	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
WCHS Remote Schooling	Friday 19 September 2025	Students studying from home
Half-term	Monday 27 October 2025	Friday 31 October 2025
Term	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Non-Contact Day	Thursday 9 October 2025	



KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 29 September—School Birthday (106th)**
- 8th October—Year 6 open evening (early closure)**
- 9 October—Inset Day**
- 15 October—Five Penny Race**
- 21 October—Sixth Form Open Evening**

REMINDER

Please remind your daughter to bring in her lanyard, locker key and fob to school every day.

