

Woodford County High School for Girls

Bulletin

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School Christmas Lunch 2025

Tuesday 16th December - Forms 7 (A-C) 8 (A-C) 9 (A-C) 10 (A-C) 11 (A-C) Staff & 6th Form

Wednesday 17th December - Forms 7 (D-F) 8 (D-F) 9 (D-F) 10 (D-F) 11 (D-F) Staff & 6th Form

The cost of the Christmas meal with a cracker will be **£3.25**, and will be served by ticket only. Tickets must be purchased and paid in advance at the tills at Breakfast and Lunch sessions from Monday 24th November till Monday 8th December.

There will be a meat and vegetarian option consisting of

**Roast Halal/Non Halal Turkey OR Vegan Sage & onion cranberry Wellington with a selection of
Roast Potatoes, and seasonal vegetables, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy.**

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Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce OR Festive white chocolate confetti cookie

Tickets will be on sale up until Monday 9th December as numbers need to be known in advance for catering purposes

On the days /times you are not having a Christmas dinner, PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH.

There will be the usual snacks / sandwiches at breakfast and morning break.

Please ensure that you purchase your tickets in advance

Merry Christmas



**MISPLACED
JUMPER?**

**PE KIT
VANISHED
INTO THIN
AIR?**



Snag yourself a bargain
at the Year 7 Extravaganza
- Dec 4th! Every penny
powers our green
missions!

**Blazers
£10**

Nearly new
PE Sweatshirts
£8

Sounds like a job for...

THE ECO COMMITTEE'S PRE-LOVED UNIFORM RANGE!

**Jumpers
£6**

**Or make us
an offer!**

Gently worn. Heroically priced. Planet-approved.

Love Eco committee and PFA

Conference Centre @ lunchtime

December 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Book FESTIVAL

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2026

Short Story Competition



Write a short story beginning with the sentence
**'The rules were very simple.
But if you broke them...'**

Closing Date - Friday 30 January 2026

Stories should be submitted in WORD format and submitted to your school librarian or teacher, who will select the best five to submit to the competition.

Maximum length of story - 1200 words

Please include your name, age, school and year group.



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Poetry Competition



Write a poem inspired by the word

'Wonderland'

Closing Date - Friday 30 February 2026

Poems should be submitted in WORD format and submitted to your school librarian or teacher, who will select the best five to submit to the competition.

Maximum length - 30 lines

Please include your name, age, school and year group.



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Book Awards
2026

Book Cover Competition



Design a new book cover for
Animal Farm
by George Orwell

Closing Date - Friday 30 January 2026

Entries should be submitted to your school librarian or teacher, who will select the best five to submit to the competition.

Please include your name, age, school and year group.



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MEDICINE & DENTISTRY MMI EVENT

AT WCHS

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2025

8.45AM–1.15PM

BREAKFAST SERVED FROM 8AM

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DAY



**MMI STYLE
INTERVIEW WORKSHOP,
GUEST SPEAKERS
& Q&A PANELS**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE MEDICAL & DENTAL FIELDS

**CLICK THE FOLLOWING LINK OR SCAN THE
QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR AVAILABILITY**



<https://forms.gle/vm6ZCHjUjFr7DWet8>

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

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.



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.



WOODFORD ROBOTICS

ROBOTICS

Latest Update from Woodford Robotics

Our robotics programme has had an exceptional start this term. The level of innovation, teamwork and resilience shown by the students has been outstanding.

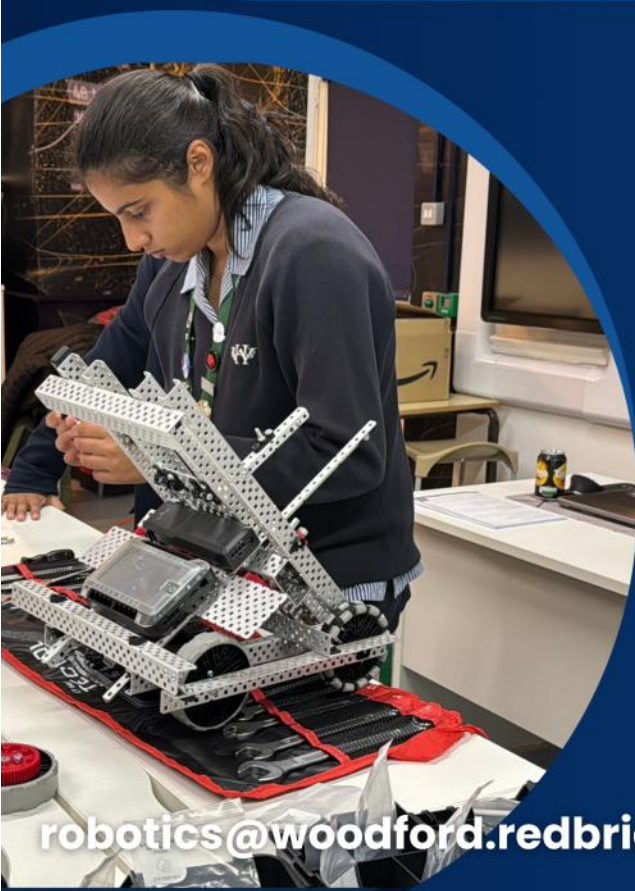


Breakthrough Research and Innovations

They are already deep into the design and build stages of their robots, learning to solve real engineering and computational problems and developing computational thinking skills that go far beyond the classroom.

Innovative Mindset

The atmosphere in the Innovation Lab has been energetic and purposeful. It has been inspiring to see how quickly they have grown in confidence, creativity and technical ability.



Getting Ready for Internal Trials

We'll keep you updated on their milestones and achievements, and we look forward to celebrating their progress with you throughout the year.

Scan the Code

You will require your daughter's school login to view the page



robotics@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk



Woodford County
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Autumn Term Parent Support Series

Free Parent Webinars

*Join us and Elevate Education for FREE
60- minute webinars designed to help you
support your child's studies at home.*

[Click here to Register](#)

In the Autumn Term, we'll cover:

- 1. How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated**
- 16th September @6:00pm (BST)
- 2. How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time**
- 30th September @6:00pm (BST)
- 3. How You Can Help Your Child Set Up for Success in Exams**
- 14th October @6:00pm (BST)
- 4. How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory**
- 18th November @6:00pm (GMT)
- 5. How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child**
- 2nd December @6:00pm (GMT)
- 6. How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress**
- 16th December @6:00pm (GMT)



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- ✓ Fill in your profile once, then **let the opportunities find you**
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- ✓ **Discover university courses and apprenticeships** you may not have heard about



Create your
Talent pool
profile



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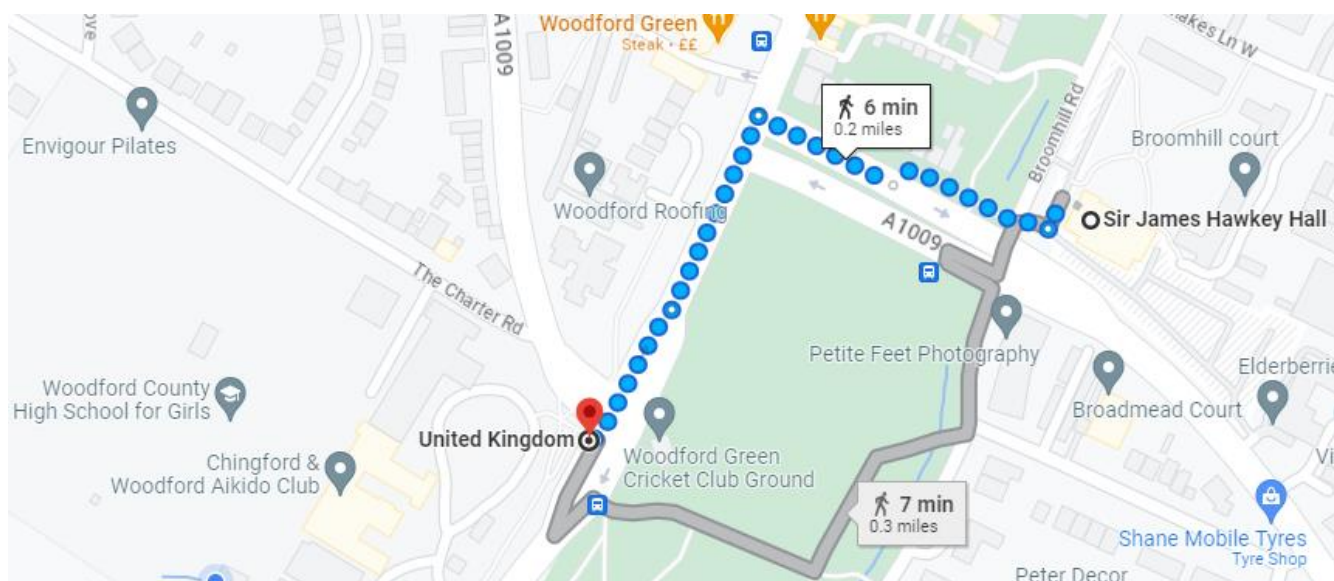


PARKING / STOPPING AROUND THE SCHOOL

We frequently receive complaints from residents around the school, regarding parents from this school, 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. We appreciate your co-operation.





***** DONATIONS *****

***** NEEDED *****



The Medical Room is seeking donations of new white socks / tights in various sizes to keep as spare items for students who may need to change, due to reasons such as accidents, wet feet or falling over.

Please send your donations to Mrs Kaye or Mrs Mann in the Medical Room, where they will be stored for future use.

Thank you in advance.

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

Free Trial



Little Kickers®



Football classes & Birthday Parties

for children aged
18 months – 8th birthday

Venues in: Romford, Upminster, Hornchurch,
Dagenham, Woodford Green & Loughton

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Join our next class at...

Time:

Date:

Location:

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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	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025

SPRING 2026		
Term	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
Half-term	Monday 16 February 2026	Friday 20 February 2026
Term	Monday 23 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
Non-Contact Day	Wednesday 4 March 2026	



KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2 December—Year 13 Parents' Evening
- 8 December—Year 11 Parents' Evening
- 11 December—Christmas Concert 7-9pm
- 15 December—Year 13 (2023-2025) Prizegiving
- 19 December—Last day of term, school closes early

EMAILING THE SCHOOL

To report an absence relating to KS3 and KS4, please email

absence@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk.

If you need to contact a member of staff regarding your child for any matter relating to KS3 or KS4, other than absence, please email admin@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk.

For KS5 (Sixth Form), students are expected to call Miss Mamtora themselves on the day of the absence, before 8.30am, on 020 8506 2927.

Thank you



REMINDER

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

