


Woodford Weekly Bulletin



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Key Dates and Reminders



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	

SUMMER 2026		
Term	Monday 13 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026
Half-term	Monday 25 May 2026	Friday 29 May 2026
Term	Monday 1 June 2026	Monday 20 July 2026
Non-Contact Day	Monday 20 July 2026	



28 January—Year 9 Parents Evening
 5 February—Music Recital Evening
 9 February—Year 7 Parents Evening
 13 February – Year 7 & 11 Form Photos

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



Contact us



To report an absence relating to KS3 and KS4, please email absence@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk

Any absences 5 days before or after a school holiday will require medical supporting evidence in order to be authorised. If this requirement is not met, the absence will be marked as unauthorised.

If you need to contact a member of staff regarding your child for any matter relating to Key Stage 3 or Key Stage 4, other than absence, please email admin@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk

For Key Stage 5 (Sixth Form), students are expected to call Miss Mamtora themselves on the day of the absence, before 8.30am on 020 8506 2927.



Lost Property



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

Small items are normally left at the main school reception.

There is a box in the CC building ground floor with items left behind in CC.

PE kits are in the PE Office.

Thank you





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



Parents

Can you offer a Year 11 student work experience during the summer?

Help our young people gain real-world skills by creating opportunities in your workplace or community. The placement should be for two weeks (from 29th June), however can be flexible. If you are able to accommodate one of our students, please fill in the form below or contact Ms Summers: summersh@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk

[Work Experience Placement Offers – Please Fill Out Form](#)

6 Finding Work Experience Tips!

1 Questions to ask yourself

If you're not sure what type of work experience you want to do, start by asking yourself a few simple questions:

- What are my interests?
- What types of career paths appeal to me?
- What are my strengths? My weaknesses?
- What hobbies do I have and do any of them relate to careers?



4 Plan ahead

Once you've got the dates confirmed, make sure you start looking for placements in plenty of time. Some work experience placements are quite competitive, so getting your application in early will give you an edge over less organised candidates. Researching placement options might also show you some exciting options you didn't know you had.



2 Use your network

You can ask friends and family if they know of any employers you could approach, or even if you could do work experience at their workplace.

Look out on Woodford's bulletins for a variety of different opportunities too!

5 Don't put too much pressure on yourself

Work experience is a learning activity first and foremost. Committing to a work experience placement doesn't mean you're committing to a career in that industry.

So if you're not sure what you want to do yet, don't panic. Work experience is never wasted as long as you go into it with an open mind and plenty of enthusiasm,

3 Apply directly with an employer

If you'd like to work for a particular employer, you can apply directly. First, do a Google search for the name of the company and "work experience". If they have an existing scheme in place, this will direct you to the appropriate webpage. Many large companies have well-defined work experience schemes with a specific application process.

Don't forget that you're not limited to traditional businesses, either. Many charities and public sector organisations also offer work experience placements.



6 Follow up on your applications

Work experience placements are competitive. Therefore, it's a good idea to apply for several placements. This will ensure you end up with something that will be beneficial to you.

Also, do not hesitate to contact the employer if you have not heard from them. They might just need a reminder to say yes!



PARENT WEBINAR

Online Safety & Safe Use of AI



**29 JANUARY 2026
18.00 PM - 19.00 PM**

[JOIN US HERE](#)



Join our first online webinar for parents' everyone is invited.

This online session led by SWGFL explores your child's digital world 🌐 Provides you with an insight into popular technologies.

Learn:

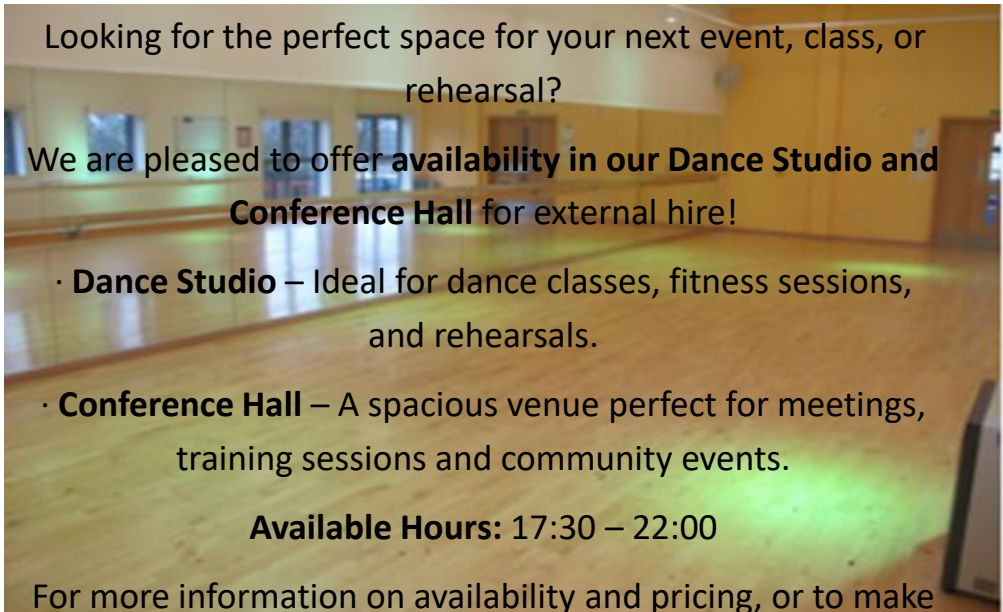
- ✓ How young people use popular tech
- ✓ The massive benefits & potential pitfalls
- ✓ Practical tips and resources for healthy online habits



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!

- **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!

[Little Kickers Free Trial at Woodford County High School](#)

A red logo with a soccer ball and the text 'Free Trial' in white and blue.

Free Trial

Football classes & Birthday Parties
For children aged
18 months - 8th Birthday
10 members come free of charge

Book Online: www.schoolhire.co.uk
enquiries@schoolhire.co.uk
www.schoolhire.co.uk

Useful Links

[FREE weekly fitness classes for girls aged 11-16](#)



[Popular Apps and Games Guide for Parents](#)

[The Wellbeing Hub](#)



[The Educational Psychology Service](#)

[Call to Action— Educational Psychology Video](#)

#breakthestigma



[Free Parent Webinars](#)

27 January 2026 - 6-7pm - How You Can Make Technology an Ally (& Not the Enemy!)

