


# Woodford Weekly Bulletin..



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# Key Dates and Reminders...



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

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



**9 February—Year 7 Parents Evening**  
**13 February – Year 7 & 11 Form Photos**  
**3 March – Sixth Form Iftar Event**  
**4 March – INSET Day**  
**26 March – Spring Concert**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

PE kits are in the PE Office.

Thank you.





**Redbridge**

**Book Awards**

**2026**

A HUGE thank you to everybody who has contributed a poem, short story or book cover design for this year's Redbridge Book Awards.

The standard of entries is very high this year.

Ms Ahmed (English) and Ms Wall (Art) will be helping Ms Liebeskind (Library) to select the entries for the Borough wide competition.

Woodford County High School's winners will be announced at a special Creative Writing club event to be held in the library after half - term.



THURSDAY  
12<sup>th</sup>  
FEBRUARY

THE YEAR OF THE HORSE



# CHINESE New Year 2026

JOIN THE FEAST!  
TRADITIONAL FOOD AND  
FORTUNE COOKIE CUPCAKES!

CHINESE STYLE  
BUILD YOUR OWN BROTH

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SESAME CHICKEN CHOW MEIN

.....

CHINESE VEGETABLE STIR FRIED  
NOODLES

.....

STICKY FIVE SPICE SPONGE &  
CUSTARD

.....

FORTUNE COOKIE CUPCAKE

JOIN THE FEAST!





## PARENTS & FRIENDS

The Parents and Friends Association (PFA) would like to announce that there is an opportunity for someone to Chair the Committee. The Chairperson who was elected last year has had to resign. The new trustee (Chair) will be formally elected at the next AGM, later in the year.

As Chair, you would have certain responsibilities which are mainly to oversee the smooth running of Fundraising events and to also attend three meetings a year with the school.

If you feel this opening is for you and you are willing to give some of your time and labour to help us to raise money for the school, along with having an energetic and outgoing personality, then this post is for you!

Please contact us on the email address below, as soon as you can. Should you have any further questions about the role, we look forward to hearing from you.

[SecretaryP@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:SecretaryP@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk)

Iffat Hayat  
**Acting Chairperson PFA**



# Spring 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 Spring Term, we'll cover:***

- 1. How to Help Your Child Improve Their Note Taking**  
- 13<sup>th</sup> January @6:00pm (GMT)
- 2. How You Can Make Technology an Ally (& Not the Enemy!)**  
- 27<sup>th</sup> January @6:00pm (GMT)
- 3. How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory**  
- 10<sup>th</sup> February @6:00pm (GMT)
- 4. How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams**  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March @6:00pm (GMT)
- 5. How You Can Support Your Child During Exams**  
- 17<sup>th</sup> March @6:00pm (GMT)



# APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?  
We'd love to hear from you!

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)



**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026**

We were contacted by the Associate Producer at Love Productions; the production company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down. They have asked us to spread the word that applications for the 12<sup>th</sup> series of Junior Bake Off, a Channel 4 competition series celebrating Britain's young baking talent, are now open. Young budding bakers can apply at: [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)

# Work Experience



## Dear 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!



# 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 our school!



# Useful Links

FREE weekly fitness classes for girls aged 11-16



Popular Apps and Games Guide for Parents

The Wellbeing Hub

**elevate**  
education



The Educational Psychology Service

Call to Action—  
Educational Psychology Video

#breakthestigma



Little Kickers Free Trial at Woodford County High School

