


# 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>	



3 March – Sixth Form Iftar Event

4 March – INSET Day

19 March – Spring Concert

20 April – Year 8 Parents Evening

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...



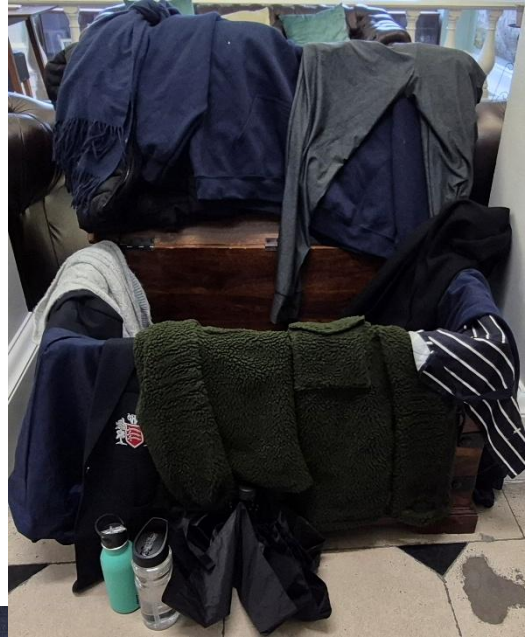
If your child has misplaced something, could you please ask them to check the big wooden box, which is situated near Reception in the main school building, as soon as possible.

Small items are normally left at the main school reception.

PE kits are in the PE Office.

Items not picked up by the Friday after half-term (27<sup>th</sup> February 2026) will be taken to a Charity Shop.

Thank you.





## COFFEE MORNING WITH GEMMA VAN PRAAGH THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the success of our recent parent and carer coffee mornings, I am delighted to continue these events this year as part of my commitment to open, two-way communication between school and home. These informal gatherings are an important opportunity for us to work together in supporting the best possible education and wellbeing for our young people.

Our next coffee morning will take place at **8am – 8.30am** on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026** in the Main Hall. Tea and coffee will be available between 7.45am and 8am for those who would like a refreshment.

During the session, I will:

- Share key updates from the school, including the introduction of new initiatives led by the leadership team to support your pupil's experience at Woodford.
- Discuss key topics and initiatives for the remainder of this academic year.
- Respond to common themes from pre-submitted questions.

The session also provides a relaxed opportunity to meet other parents and carers in your daughter's year group or from across our school community and connect with key members of staff.

Please [click here](#) to confirm your attendance by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 and to pre-submit questions if you want to. Please note that this form may close early once the venue's capacity is reached.

I look forward to welcoming you and continuing to build a strong partnership between home and school.

Kind regards,

Gemma Van Praagh  
Headteacher



# Charity Donations

We are pleased to let you know that we have raised £440.16 during the Warner Charity Week for BBC Children in Need.



We have raised £1,288.08 on Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children.





## 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)

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**Acting Chairperson PFA**





# ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

**MARCH 9TH, 2026 IN CONFERENCE HALL**

All day, getting ready for the VEX Competition.

Organized by Mr. A. Mian and Mr. H. Parchment

Guest: Expert from VEX Robotics, "Chris Calver"

- ✓ Hands-on Robotics Challenges
- ✓ Expert Tips and Advice
- ✓ Team Building and Strategy Development

## WORKSHOP DETAILS:



**SCAN HERE  
FOR FULL DETAILS**

Note that your moderators

Log into the student portal to register

Open to all robotics club members for a full day of engaging and exciting activities to prepare for the upcoming **VEX Robotics competition!**

**Girl  Powered.**

robotics@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk

 Woodford County  
High School for Girls

## 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

