


# 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**

**3 - 5 March – World Book Day Lunchtime Events**

**26 March – Spring Concert**

**The Spring Concert date has been moved back to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026, apologies for the inconvenience.**

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.







Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

16:45-19:45

Conference Room &  
Dining Hall

Tickets at £10 available on  
ParentPay

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# WCHS 2026

## COMMUNITY IFTAR

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"عندما يبدأ شهر رمضان، تُفتح أبواب الجنة"

"When Ramadan begins, the gates of Paradise  
are opened." -Sahih al-Bukhari

IF YOU OWN A PRAYER MAT, PLEASE BRING IT  
TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM FOR 3.50PM.

ALL DONATIONS GO TO Medical Aid for Palestine



Please note, this event is for Year 11 – Year 13 only.

# Medical Room During Ramadan

When a student visits the medical room, they will be asked about their symptoms to help determine the appropriate course of action.

Please reassure your child that there is no need to worry about visiting the medical room while fasting. They will be asked about symptoms as usual, but there will be no requirement to break the fast. We will also enquire if the student is fasting to ensure that advice is tailored accordingly. For instance, treatments that do not break the fast, such as a cold compress or heat pack for a headache, or resting briefly if feeling lightheaded, will be recommended first.

If a treatment that may break the fast is suggested, there will be an option to consult with parents beforehand, as many students prefer to do so.

We recognise, respect, and support the diverse religious practices of our students, and we are committed to accommodating individual needs in the event of illness.

Mrs Kaye and Mrs Mann, Medical Room



# EID MUBARAK ✨

## SWEET TREAT COMPETITION

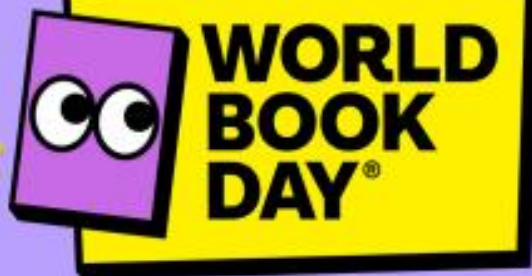


**We want to see your sweet  
treats this Ramadan  
Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place**

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Take a picture and email to  
[harkessl@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:harkessl@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk)  
Deadline 20<sup>th</sup> March





## EVENTS AT LUNCH FROM 3RD - 6TH MARCH

**March 3rd – Celebrate the last day of Chinese New Year in the library**

**Good fortune spinners & a drop in lantern making origami workshop**  
**Creative writing club hosting the theme of literary animals**

**March 5th – Non-uniform day**  
**Dress up as a BOOK CHARACTER**  
**Stage based event**  
**Enactments of book characters**  
**Prizes for creative costume design**  
**Refreshments**

**March 6th – Book Fair in the Hall**

**Second-hand book sale**  
**New Scholastic books to click and collect**  
**Book mark making**  
**Book-based cup cakes stall**





## 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





# 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 you need 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

**WCS** Woodford County  
High School for Girls

# Become a parent volunteer for the WCHS Careers Fair

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 10:00am - 3:30pm

## Main Hall

Calling for parent volunteers!

Students of year groups 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 will have the opportunity to participate in a careers fair to meet employers and talk about career paths.

We already have a variety of different careers and organisations confirmed attending, however if you are interested in volunteering to talk to students one-on-one about your career path and exciting moments so far, please do get in touch!

According to a survey, there is a high interest in the following sectors:

Medicine, Doctors & Surgeons

Business, Accounting & Finance

Psychologists & Psychiatrists

Law

Architecture

Engineering

Careers in tech

Creative careers

Animal care

Green careers / Environment

Researchers

Dentistry

If you are interested, please complete the following [form](#) or email [summersh@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:summersh@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk) with details about the career/sector you could represent, or if you have any further questions.



## Scholastic Book Club Online Order Link

Our new Scholastic Book Club for Parents is up and running!

Go to <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-91S933G2> to browse the latest books and order online.

For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

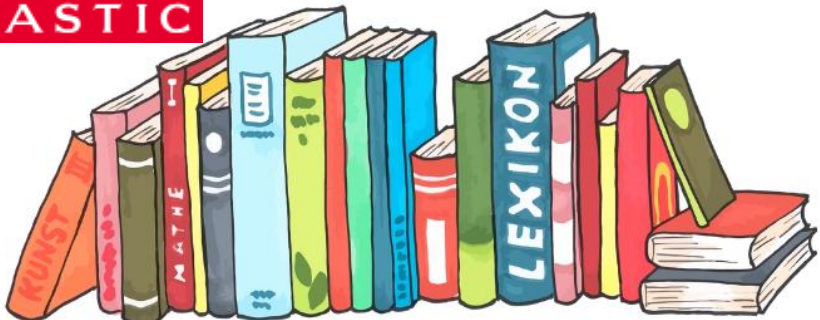
Please place your order online by March 22nd, 2026.

Books will be delivered to school within 3-5 working days of the order link closing free of charge.

World Book Day £1 tokens can be used when placing orders.

Students can pick up their books from the school library .

 SCHOLASTIC



## 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!





protecting  
children, supporting  
families



## Child Exploitation and Missing From Home Webinars for Parents and Carers

The Iverson Trust (formerly Pace) is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation by supporting parents, disrupting exploiters, and working in partnership with police and family services. Their work is grounded in a trauma-informed, family-centred approach.

During March 2026, the Iverson Trust is delivering a series of live webinars for parents and carers focused on county lines and criminal exploitation. The sessions help parents understand how exploitation happens, how children are groomed, what warning signs to look out for, and where to access advice and support. Each webinar includes local context, time for questions, and input from a parent with lived experience.

More information and booking details are available at:

<https://iversontrust.org.uk/webinars/>

PODCAST



The Wellbeing Hub  
— from Teen Tips —



### This week's content

Week commencing 2nd March

PODCAST: Family breakdowns and how to support your child with Alicia Drummond, Founder and CEO of The Wellbeing Hub



WEBINAR



The Wellbeing Hub  
— from Teen Tips —



### Upcoming Webinar

Wednesday 18th March, 6:30pm (GMT)

WEBINAR: Understanding family dynamics: step-families, single parenting, sibling rivalry and more with Dr Maryhan, Psychologist and Parenting Expert



# 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

