


Woodford Weekly Bulletin..



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Headteacher's Message



As we approach the end of this week, I would like to take a moment to recognise that for many of our families this is a very special and celebratory time. To all those in our community who will be celebrating, I wish you a joyful and peaceful Eid. Eid Mubarak to you and your families.

You may also be aware of recent coverage in the press regarding cases of meningitis. Following this, we want to share some helpful information and reassurance. Meningococcal disease is rare, and there are established vaccination programmes in place to protect young people. The MenACWY vaccine is routinely offered in Year 9, and catch-up opportunities are available for those who may have missed it. For further information, parents may find the following resources helpful:

- <https://www.meningitisnow.org>
- <https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/consent-forms-dtp>

As always, please be reassured that the health and wellbeing of our pupils is our highest priority. Our staff remain vigilant in monitoring pupil wellbeing, and our medical team is highly trained and well equipped to support any pupil with a health need promptly and appropriately.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the parents and carers who attended the Headteacher's Coffee Morning last week. It was a genuine pleasure to meet so many of you, to talk together, and to share important updates and initiatives. These opportunities for open dialogue are incredibly important to us as a school community. We will continue to host a coffee morning each term, and all parents and carers, across every year group, are warmly welcome to attend.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Gemma Van Praagh
Headteacher



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	



27 March – School Finishes Early

11:55 for KS3

12:05 for KS4/KS5

20 April – Year 8 Parents’ Evening

28 April - Spring Concert

Please note, the date of the Spring Concert has changed to 28th April 6-8pm

1 May – Non-Uniform Day

4 May – Bank Holiday

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



End of Term Arrangements – Friday 27th March



School will finish early on Friday 27th March 2026.

Key Stage Three will be dismissed at 11.55 and Key Stage Four will be dismissed at 12.05.

All students will have an extended break to use the canteen if they wish to do so.

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.



Summer 2026 Series Exam Timetable

The Summer 2026 Series Exam Timetable for both GCSEs and A Levels is now published on the school website. Please click the below link:

<https://www.woodford.redbridge.sch.uk/page/?title=SUMMER+2026+EXAM+TIMETABLES&pid=593>

Final individual timetables after resolving any exam clashes and including room and seat information for students will be sent out near the end of March 2026.



World Book Day Costume Parade

To celebrate World Book Day, the House Librarians organised a book fair and costume parade event in the main hall on March 5th, 2026.

A glimpse of the creative talent on display that day can be seen in these pictures of students dressed as memorable book characters.



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.



Scholastic Book Club

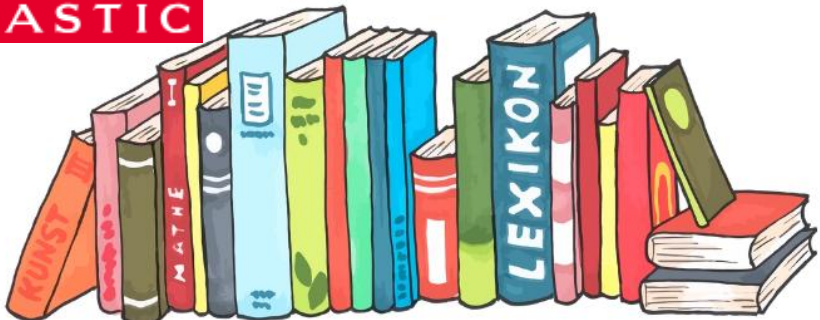
A huge **THANK YOU** to EVERYONE who has made an online order through our Book Club link with Scholastics Books!

There has been a change of deadline to ensure everyone who is interested gets a chance to snap up a bargain whilst helping the school library at the same time!

The latest date you can place your order at <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-91S933G2> is now March 23rd, 2026.

If you haven't ordered yet, why not take a look at some of the great offers across a huge range of titles. Every order earns free books for our school.

 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 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!



WCHS Careers Fair

Monday 23rd March 2026

Main Hall (Year 9 - Year 13)

This is **your** chance to...



Speak to professional's one-on-one



Discover various pathways for post-16 and post-18 education



Find out more information about careers



Talk to volunteers about their experience in their career



Learn which skills and subjects you will need to be successful

You can speak to over twenty different stalls, such as ...

Big Creative Education

Solicitors

City St George's

Creative Dimension Trust

Publishing

NHS

Physiotherapy

Engineers

Architects

Worshipful Company of Joiners

Coca-Cola

Imperial University

Synovis- Guy's Hospital

Barts Health

MedTech

Greater London Authority

Accounting

Barclays



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!



Barracudas Easter Camp

We will be hosting Barracudas Easter Camp Monday 31st March – Friday 10th April (Excluding Easter Weekend). If you are considering using this facility then you may be entitled to a discount – please see the flyer below.

BARRACUDAS ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

AVAILABLE AT YOUR SCHOOL **2026!** EXCLUSIVE PARENT DISCOUNT

GET AN EXTRA £25 OFF A WEEK/£5 OFF A DAY

USE CODE HSPC26

*Not to be used in conjunction with other codes.

- ⊙ 4 to 14 year olds!
- ⊙ 80+ Activities!
- ⊙ Choice each session!
- ⊙ Specialist Courses!
- ⊙ Flexible bookings!



barracudas.co.uk
01480 467 567

Happy
Easter

HIGHLY RATED
School Holiday
camps!!!



 OFSTED REGISTERED



 Trustpilot
★★★★★



Useful Links

FREE weekly fitness classes for girls aged 11-16



Popular Apps and Games Guide for Parents

Free Parent Webinar Series



The Educational Psychology Service

Call to Action— Educational Psychology Video

#breakthestigma



Little Kickers Free Trial at Woodford County High School

