


Woodford Weekly Bulletin..



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Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful term, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support of the school and of your children. It has been a term full of energy, commitment and achievement, and I am incredibly proud of all that has been accomplished across our community.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our staff, who work tirelessly every day to provide the very best opportunities for our pupils, both within and beyond the classroom. Their dedication, care and professionalism are what make our school such a special place. I would also like to congratulate our pupils, who continue to demonstrate exceptional effort, resilience and excellence in all that they do. Whether in lessons, performances, competitions or wider enrichment activities, they represent the school with pride.

Today, in line with national guidance, we carried out a lockdown drill. I am pleased to share that pupils conducted themselves impeccably throughout. Their calm, sensible and mature response is a real credit to them and to the culture we have built together as a school.

This term we have welcomed many visitors for a wide range of events, partnerships and collaborative work. Without exception, every single visitor has commented on the warmth, confidence and character of our pupils. While this is something we see every day, it is always a pleasure to hear such consistent and effusive praise from others.

Looking ahead to next term, there is much to be excited about. We will be hosting our newly revised Open Evening on Wednesday 30 April for prospective families, replacing the event traditionally held in September. Alongside this, we look forward to our school production, Community Evening which will also encompass our annual Summer Showcase, Values Day, Sports Day, and a wide range of trips, concerts and enrichment opportunities across the school. Of course, we will also be supporting our pupils through the public examination season. To support families, we will be offering "How to support your child" webinars, and I would encourage you to make use of the resources available on our Wellbeing Hub for pupils, staff and families.

We will also be continuing our Headteacher Coffee Mornings next term. These have proven to be a valuable opportunity to strengthen our partnership with you, and I very much look forward to welcoming many of you to future sessions, along with the many other opportunities to engage with school life.

As always, I am excited for the term ahead and all that it will bring. Thank you once again for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next term.

With very best wishes,

Gemma Van Praagh
Head Teacher



Key Dates and Reminders...



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	

20 April – Year 8 Parents' Evening

28 April - Spring Concert

30 April – Early Closure due to Open Evening

KS3 Students will be dismissed at 13:35

KS4 Students will be dismissed at 13:45

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.



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.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



APRIL 2026

Dear Parents,

We have a few spaces left in February's after school clubs,
these are now on parentpay for you.

Thank you



Spaces available in:

Self-defence= 8

Friday cakes & bakes =2 (**open to year 7 if previously
completed basic cooking with us**)

Wednesday Fencing=6

Pop workshop= 4



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.

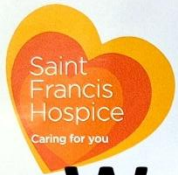
Small items are normally left at the main school reception.

PE kits are in the PE Office.

Items not collected by Friday, 17th April 2026 will be taken to a charity shop.



During 'Highams House Charity Week' we have raised £852 for Sains Francis Hospice. Please find below a copy of their Thank You note:



With special thanks to

Woodford County High School for Girls

For your recent donation raised from Highmans House Charity Week totalling

£852

Your support is truly appreciated – Thank You!

signed on behalf of:
Saint Francis Hospice

20 March 2026

The Hall
Havering-atte-Bower
Romford
Essex RM4 1QH
Tel: 01708 723593
www.sfh.org.uk

Reg. Charity No. 275913

Thank you for your generosity!



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!



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
★★★★★



5 DAY FENCING PASS

ALL-DAY HOLIDAY ACTIVITY
9:30AM-4:30PM



Ages 6-16

Beginners and experienced fencers welcome

Use your 5 days across *any* school holiday in 2026 -totally flexible.

The best-value holiday
childcare in Barnet

Limited places — early
booking recommended

★ **£99** ★
FOR ALL 5 DAYS!

Buy now — choose your dates
later

You can purchase multiple
passes if you want more days

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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|  Fencing tuition from qualified coaches |  Games, challenges & confidence building |
|  Masky Passport + British Fencing Awards |  Use your x5 days anytime in 2026 |

ALL THE KIT & EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!



We are the only fencing club in the UK to be an Ofsted
Registered activity provider

Professional coaching · DBS-checked staff · Safe environment



We accept childcare vouchers & tax-free childcare

Barnet only • London EN5 4DJ

www.5dayfencingpass.com

0203 637 5707

Scan to reserve
your 5-Day
Holiday Pass



See you on the Piste!



How the 5-Day Pass Works

Total flexibility for busy parents



- Use your 5 days anytime in 2026
- No need to choose dates when booking
- Buy multiple passes if you want more days
- First-come, first-served for dates



Example: Easter x 1 day • Half-term x 2 days • Summer x 1 day • Christmas x 1 day

What Your Child Will Experience



- Learn real fencing skills
- Games, challenges & fun activities
- Build confidence, focus & coordination
 - Make new friends
- Suitable for all levels of fencer including total beginners
 - All equipment provided



Masky Passport & British Fencing Awards

Children collect stickers, achievements and milestones as they progress. We also follow the British Fencing Award Scheme.



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benefits for children:
Earn badges
Celebrate achievements
Build confidence | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benefits for Parents:
Clear progression
Recognised national awards
Motivating goals |
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(Note: grading days take place on Fridays only)

Safety First — Always



- Ofsted Registered
- DBS-checked staff
- Professional fencing coaches
- Fully supervised at all times



What to Bring



- Long tracksuit bottoms or leggings (NO shorts)
 - Trainers
- Nut-free packed lunch
 - Water bottle



Who Can Join?



- Ages 6-16
- Beginners welcome
- Experienced fencers welcome
- All equipment provided



Ready to Join the Fun?

- £99.00 for ALL 5 days, per child
 - Barnet Only, EN5
- Scan the QR code, visit the website, or call us to book



www.5dayfencingpass.com

0203 637 5707



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

