


Woodford Weekly Bulletin..



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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	

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.





THE SPRING CONCERT

The Spring Concert will be
taking place on Tuesday
28th April and will
commence at 6pm.

Please come and see
our talented young
performers.

THE MUSIC
DEPARTMENT



Year 12 Parents - Support Your Child's Medical/Dental Application



Dear Parent,

If your child is aspiring to study medicine or dentistry, we know how overwhelming the application process can be. From entrance exams to work experience and university requirements, the journey is complex—but we're here to help! Join us at MedicHut's Annual Parents' Evening, where our admissions experts will guide you through everything you need to know to support your child's success.

What We'll Cover:

- Key dates & application timeline
- Entrance exams (UCAT) – what to expect & how to prepare
- Writing a strong **personal statement** & UCAS application
- Work experience – what counts & how to arrange it
- Interviews: **Panel, MMI, Group, Oxbridge** formats explained
- A-level & GCSE requirements for different universities
- Application statistics & how to maximize success
- How **you** can best support your child
- Live **Q&A session** with admissions experts

Kind Regards,
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Redbridge

Book Awards

2026

Ms Liebeskind, school librarian, set off with a group of excited Woodford students on a bright spring morning to Ilford Town Hall. The book club had spent the cold winter months reading and reviewing the short-listed books for the annual Redbridge Book Awards.

They arrived to a buzzing atmosphere of book sales and signings and took their places in anticipation of hearing the published authors discuss their work.

Two students were selected as prize winners for their respective categories: Poem (Amaya Year 12) and Short Story (Aariyaki Year 11).



Wonderland By Amaya Y12



My baby's eyes are clear-blue with water streaming
down her rosy cheeks like the river she sits by, alone in her company.

or dozy, drowsy, daisy in her bed.
lying wide awake.

Count the sheep to help you fall asleep,
only she counts her days instead.

Come to Wonderland, where we're all mad-
because god knows she's already halfway there.

And so here she is in Wonderland,
everything everybody's never wanted.

The pretty petals of the perfect pink and purple flowers

and the large mushrooms, which could be a home for a small insect,
or could be used for a hot soup, on a cold winter's night,
or could be poisonous.

She sees the Cheshire Cat grinning widely, at her,
smiling with arrogance because of course everything is funny.

The Mad Hatter; soothing her solace. Let's be mad together,
let's be lonely together, now are we really so lonely anymore?

Or the white rabbit with his ticking clock.
Watch how it ticks, ticks,

ticks, ticks, ticks.
Counting the time,
counting her days.

Welcome to Wonderland, where we're all mad-
in our own forgotten fantasy or our own whimsical misery,

where we're all left wondering,
where she's still wondering,
did we ever really get away?



Unspoken Rules by Aariyaki – Year 11

The rules were simple, but if they were broken, the aftermath would cataclysmic. Kiana didn't even think about it anymore; her hands moved methodically as she mixed all the ingredients together, like clockwork. The kitchen was tiny, but it boasted the widest range of spices and sweet aromas. She let the curry simmer ever so slightly, just the way he liked it, and served it his favourite plate, the one with cricket bats. The loud *hum – hum* of the washing machine echoed the soft flutters of her own heart, which seemed to swell as she peered at her husband, took a tentative step towards the living room, and served food.

The TV was blaring cricket. She'd loved cricket in college. She'd played with the girls in her dorm, joking and enjoying themselves, until they'd broken the Dean's windows. God, she still couldn't remember a day where she'd laughed more; they'd all ran off, and when they got back to their dorm, they'd stayed up all night and shared snacks. She smiled slightly and quickly smothered it as Karthi lifted his trained eyes from the TV to look over at her appraisingly.

She could remember the day she'd met him like it was yesterday. It was in college, she'd been standing by her locker, and he'd approached her. 'I like you,' he'd said simply. No if's, no but's. She'd admired the confidence that seemed to radiate off him in waves, and the hard determination in his eyes. 'Do you want to be my girlfriend?'

And of course she'd said yes. On their first date, he'd taken her out of a nearby café and got her a K necklace. He'd been so pleased, with her in his lap and his necklace around her. 'My initials around your neck,' he'd murmured. 'That way, you'll always be mine.'

She thought she melted at that moment; the line sounded like something out of the romance books. Two first lovers, together, forever. Just them against the rest of the world.

He'd muted the TV. She snuck a peek at the ongoing players before quickly turning bashfully to him.

His eyes were the most beautiful shade of brown, and they seemed to swallow her whole in their intensity. His lips curved upwards, as if he liked what he saw. She flushed, and he chuckled.





'My lovely wife,' he said, almost savagely. His hands seemed to be doing strange things - one stayed on her neck whilst the other trailed further and further down. She jerked backwards uncontrollably, and something primal flashed in his eyes. He was still smiling, but in a way she'd come to associate with warning signs.

'What do *you* want?' He asked, looking at her expectantly.

He didn't like it when she spoke. She'd noticed that early on - he'd smile too hugely for it to be real, the quick wincing when she spoke, the soft disappointment in his eyes. So, she'd stopped. She felt a strange twinge of - *something* as she started to form words again.

'Um...' She took some pride in how steady her voice sounded after years of disuse. 'Um, um whatever you want, I suppose.'

He smiled his genuine smile then, and let go of her. She scurried back into the kitchen, and leant against the counter. There was a picture of Karthi with his college friends, the lot of them grinning goofily for the camera. They were coming over for dinner next afternoon, and she was hit with a sudden hollowing in her chest. She was missing something, she felt. What was she missing? Family? They would have wanted this; they would have been happy for her. Her uncle had always said the greatest achievement of a woman was her husband. She couldn't remember her parents, but she was sure they would have felt the same.

Friends? She remembered her own girl group from college, and her gut tightened. When was the last time she had spoken to them? Karthi didn't really like them. Anyway, wasn't a husband the greatest friend one could have?

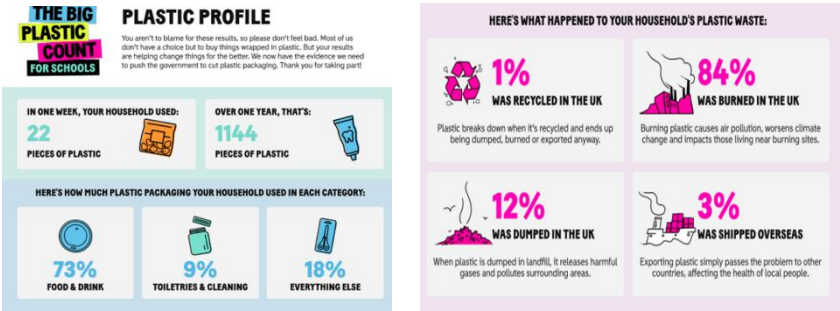
So what was she missing? Light spilled in through the open window. A half empty cumin bottle stood on the counter. The walls felt like prison bars as she looked around the tiny room. The last 2 years, she'd lived her life out in this kitchen, and then his bedroom. She could taste bile in her throat, a rising sense of nausea that came to mind. What had happened to her? Her professor had said she had been one of the cleverest girls he'd met. What would happen if she had finished college? What would have happened if she'd been working? Her brain felt sluggish, like she'd been running a marathon in her head. She looked at herself in the distorted windows. *What am I even doing?*

'Ki, I want a chai in twenty!'

She shifted guiltily in her seat. She shouldn't be thinking like this. It was an unspoken rule: this was her area, and the rest of the wide world was his. Still, it was nice to dream.



Thank you for supporting the Big Plastic Count and below is a typical profile for a household and what happens to our plastic packaging, that was generated from our school data. This will all be presented to the Government and hopefully our community will have a positive impact.



Students have also been busy with gardening projects and a big thank you to Sarah's (11D) father who donated 100's of daffodil bulbs. Both the legacy garden and the pond area are looking spectacular.



Finally, a thank you to the eco team students who completed the Big School Clean. They collected three full bags of rubbish from the school grounds in two days for Keep Britain Tidy. 451,887 bags across UK school were collected. Students said that there was a real feel-good factor and a sense of pride that was achieved.



Pre-London Marathon Event



It was fantastic to see so many students and staff take part in our pre-London Marathon event on Thursday.

Wishing Miss Heath and Miss Foster the best of luck as they will be running the London Marathon this Sunday!



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.



Happy 100th Birthday David Attenborough!

Please join the geography department on Wednesday 13th May to celebrate David Attenborough's 100th Birthday. Drop in for cake, a chat or watch some of his recent documentary. SF6 from 1.30 PM until 2.10 PM

XLP

YOUNG LEADERS

Young Leaders is a safe space for 15 - 18 year olds. We get into conversations that open your mind and help you figure out what kind of change you want to make in the world.

We head out on trips to see how things work beyond your doorstep, and we run hands-on workshops where you can build new skills and boost your chance of landing a job one day.

Date: Every other Wednesday

Time: 5:30pm - 7pm

Where: XLP Stratford Hub
Food and soft drink provided
Travel expenses provided

FREE



FOR MORE INFO
CORY - 07391 058017





The Met Police Cyber Choices Team - Who are we and how can we help you?

Many young people are drawn to activities like hacking or creating viruses out of curiosity or to impress friends. However, they are often unaware these actions are illegal.

The Met Police Cyber Choices Team offers early intervention. Rather than criminalising young people, it recognises their talents and provides constructive guidance to channel their skills positively.

We have two main aims:

- Raise awareness of the cyber offences under the Computer Misuse Act 1990, such as unauthorised computer access.
- Divert young people with strong digital skills away from criminal activities towards positive careers in technology and cybersecurity.

If you care for a young person and believe that the Cyber Choices Team could assist them to make the right digital choices and channel their talent into a positive pathway then please contact us:

Email: cyberchoices@met.police.uk

Website: www.met.police.uk/cyberchoices



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

Free Parent Webinar Series

elevate
education



The Educational Psychology Service

Call to Action— Educational Psychology Video

#breakthestigma



Little Kickers Free Trial at Woodford County High School

