


Woodford Weekly Bulletin..



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High Rd, Woodford, Woodford Green, IG8 9LA

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	



11 May – Year 13 Study Leave Starts
20-21 May – HPV Vaccine Single Dose – Year 8
12-13 June – Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
25 June – Year 11 Prom

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.



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.





MUSIC EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE SUMMER 2026

Lunchtime	Guitar Club (SF1) 13:30- 14:10	Senior Choir (SF1) 13:30- 14:10	Jazz Band (SF1) 13:40-14:15	Junior Band (SF2) 13:30- 14:10	Orchestra (SF1) 13:40-14:15
	Brass Ensemble (Jubilee room) 13:45-14:15	Junior Choir (SF2) 13:30- 14:10		String orchestra (SF2) 13:40-14:15	
	Tempest Band (SF2) 13:40-14:15				



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EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE SUMMER 2026



	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Weds</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Fri</u>
<u>Before School</u> 7.50-8.20am					
<u>Lunchtime</u> 1.40-2.10pm		Athletics for all	GCSE Club (yr11) STA & VJA & KWI & HBA & KRI Rounders for all	SIXTH FORM BADMINTON -NITURA, SANKAVI & ELLIE CRICKET FOR KS3 -ZAINA KANWAR (YR12)	Volleyball for all Sixth formers - Aminah and Saashi
<u>Afterschool</u> 3.30-4.15pm					



Hay Fever Medication & Warmer Weather Reminder



As we move further into the spring and summer months, we are seeing an increase in hay fever symptoms among students. To help ensure your daughter is comfortable and able to learn without disruption, please make sure she takes any required hay fever medication at home in the morning before coming to school. This greatly helps to manage symptoms throughout the school day.

With the warmer weather approaching, we also ask that every student brings a refillable water bottle to school each day. Staying hydrated is essential for wellbeing and concentration, especially during hotter periods.

Thank you
Mrs Kaye & Mrs Mann
Medical Room



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 Wellbeing Hub



The Wellbeing Hub has also created a guide for our parent & carer community. Find the guide here: [Mental Health Awareness Week - resources for parents and carers on The Wellbeing Hub.](#)

ACTION
FOR YOURSELF.
FOR SOMEONE ELSE
FOR ALL OF US.

The Wellbeing Hub
— from Teen Tips —

Mental Health Awareness Week
11th - 17th May 2026

The theme this year is ACTION. Join us in taking action to support good mental health. Even small actions can help us feel hopeful and less powerless. While our individual actions matter, when we come together we are even more powerful.



Thank You Letter



Please find below a copy of a letter received from Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity.



GREAT ORMOND STREET
HOSPITAL CHARITY

Woodford County High School for Girls
High Road
Woodford Green
Essex
IG8 9LA

28 April 2026

Dear all at Woodford County High School for Girls,

Thank you so much for raising a fantastic £329.55!

We hope you all enjoyed fundraising for us and are proud of the amount you have raised together. We are very grateful that you chose to support Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity (GOSH Charity). The fundraising that you have donated will help Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) support seriously ill children and their families.

Please pass on our thanks to everyone involved - you have done something amazing.

Did you know that every day, around 750 seriously ill children and young people are seen at GOSH from all over the UK? Your donation of £329.55 will help the doctors, nurses and scientists come together to make medical breakthroughs that change the lives of thousands of children across the world.

This extraordinary hospital depends on the support of people like you to help fund:

- child-focused wards and medical facilities, which let the hospital treat more patients
 - pioneering research to find treatments and cures for rare and complex childhood illnesses
 - advanced medical equipment for treating the toughest conditions
- support services that help make life in hospital as normal as possible for young patients and their families.

On behalf of the children, families, and staff at GOSH, thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marina Barnes'.

Marina Barnes
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Workshop



I really enjoyed the Creative Dimension Trust enamelling workshop. It was held at the Goldsmiths' Centre in central London (near Farringdon) and ran from 10am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday.

We made three pieces in total. The ladybird pin (see photo below) was the only one we were allowed to take home — the other two hatpins stayed with the charity.

For the first piece, a daffodil, we designed the shape on copper, cut it out, heated and cleaned the metal, bent it into shape, and soldered it. Then we enamelled it using coloured powdered glass. We applied the colour in layers and fired it in the kiln ourselves, which was a bit scary at first but actually really fun. I also spent about an hour sharpening the wire with a file to turn it into the pin.

The ladybird was similar, but we also domed the metal to make the shape and added a white enamel base coat before the red and black. We carved the eyes and spots with a toothpick before firing it again. I accidentally picked up hot metal and burnt myself while making the second ladybird (we made 2 but only took 1 home, which is how we ended up with 3 pieces), but it was worth it because I ended up with a lovely final piece.

The 2 pieces we couldn't take home are going to be in the window display in a hatshop in central London!

Thank you for recommending the workshop — I learned a lot and had a great time. It was really fun and I would definitely recommend that anyone who can should apply for as many of these workshops as possible!

Emaan 10A
GCSE Art Student



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!





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Summer Term Parent Support Series

Free Parent Webinars

*Join us and Elevate Education for FREE
60- minute webinars designed to help you
support your child's studies at home.*

[Click here to Register](#)

In the Summer Term, we'll cover:

- 1. Ask Me Anything (Live Q&A)**
- 28th April @6:00pm (BST)
- 2. How You Can Help Improve Your
Child's Memory**
- 12th May @6:00pm (BST)
- 3. How to Help Your Child Alleviate
Stress**
- 9th June @6:00pm (BST)
- 4. How to Get (And Keep!) Your
Child Motivated**
- 23rd June @6:00pm (BST)
- 5. How You Can Set Your Child
Up for Success**
- 7th July @6:00pm (BST)



Useful Links

FREE weekly fitness classes for girls aged 11-16



Popular Apps and Games Guide for Parents

Free Parent Webinar Series

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The Educational Psychology Service

Call to Action— Educational Psychology Video

#breakthestigma



Little Kickers Free Trial at Woodford County High School

