

Woodford Weekly Bulletin



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Key Dates and Reminders...



AUTUMN 2026		
Term	Friday 4 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
Half-term	Monday 26 October 2026	Friday 30 October 2026
Term	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Non-Contact Day	Monday 12 October 2026	



4 September – First Day of Term:

Year 7 Pupils:	8:30am
Year 8—11 Pupils:	11.15am
Year 12 Students:	8:50am
Year 13 Students:	9:55am

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.



2026/27 New School Year Arrangements



**First day back at school is
FRIDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER 2026
WEEK A**

Year 7 Students:	8:30am
Year 8—11 Students:	11.15am
Year 12 Students:	8:50am
Year 13 Students:	9:55am



SEND Updates



It has been a pleasure to work with our SEND students and their parent(s)/carer(s) this year. We hope you all have a lovely summer.

The link below has some great SEN-friendly summer activities for Children in London, should you wish to take a look.

<https://www.sensationaltutors.co.uk/sen-friendly-summer-london/>

Also highlighted below, is just a reminder of key organisations and phone numbers – should anyone need any support over the break.

Take care and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Best wishes

SEND Team

Support for Children, Young People & Adults

- *Childline* – Free, confidential support for children and young people. Call 0800 1111 or visit www.childline.org.uk
- *Redbridge CAMHS* – Mental health support for children and adolescents. Visit www.nelft.nhs.uk/services-redbridge-camhs
- *Samaritans* – 24/7 emotional support for anyone in distress. Call 116 123 or visit www.samaritans.org
- *Shout* – Free, confidential text support for anyone in crisis. Text SHOUT to 85258 or visit www.giveusashout.org
- *Your GP* – For health and wellbeing concerns, contact your local GP practice.



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SEND UPDATE



SUPPORT • EMPOWER • ACHIEVE



Dear parents/guardians,

Please see below another reminder of the key messages for the upcoming expedition for Year 10 (soon to be Year 11!) on the 18th/19th September. Please use some time over the holidays to action the following if it applies:

Hiring kit

- If you hired kit for the Practice Expedition, you will not need to rehire this as East Coast will send that same kit again
- If you did not hire kit, but your child borrowed kit from East Coast on the trip, you will need to go onto the kit hire site and pay the fee for what was borrowed
- If you would like to borrow kit for the Qualifying Expedition, please hire this with at least 48 hours notice
- Kit hire website - <https://eu.jotform.com/app/242543654267360>

Bags

- The staff at East Coast fed back that many of the student bags were not of an adequate size in order to carry all of the kit.
- They also shared that holdall style bags and bags with wheels are not appropriate.
- A 65L rucksack is the correct size and type of bag required for September.

Walking shoes/boots

- East Coast also fed back that many students were not in shoes with appropriate ankle support or grip.
- Please note that walking shoes or boots are now required for the September expedition – **this is a non-negotiable.**
- Decathlon have some great, low priced options.
 - <https://www.decathlon.co.uk/sports/hiking/walking-shoes>
 - <https://www.decathlon.co.uk/sports/hiking/walking-boots>

I will be sending out more information after the holiday and speaking to the students once we return.

Enjoy the Summer.

Best wishes,

Miss Gouch





IMPORTANT

Medication Reminder

for the New Term



We would like to remind all students and parents/carers that any medication required during the school day **must be handed directly to the Medical Room** on the first day of term.

This includes prescribed medication, emergency medication (such as inhalers, adrenaline auto-injectors/EpiPens, and diabetes supplies), and any other medication that has been approved for use in school.



**PRESCRIBED
MEDICATION**



INHALERS



**ADRENALINE
AUTO-INJECTORS
(EPIPENS/JEXT)**



**DIABETES
SUPPLIES**



**OTHER
APPROVED
MEDICATION**



PLEASE ENSURE THAT:

- 1 Medication is clearly labelled with their name.
- 2 It is supplied in its original packaging with the pharmacy label attached.



If you would like to check whether the school currently holds any medication for your daughter, please contact the Medical Room by emailing kayed@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk



If your daughter requires an adrenaline auto-injector (EpiPen/Jext) – please ensure that they carry one in their bag at all times.



♥ Thank you for your support. ♥

Cyber Security Awareness



We have recently published two new cyber security awareness videos to support both students and families in staying safe online.

These short videos cover important topics such as fraud awareness, scam awareness, recognising potential threats, and practical steps to protect personal information in today's digital world. They have been created as fun, music based videos, which we hope will get key messages across in a new and engaging way.

You can access the videos via our official channels:

- **YouTube:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCa7iNAR4EgvsbaPa1EgAKJw>

- **Instagram:** https://www.instagram.com/wchs_uk/?hl=en

We will continue to add a new cyber security video every two weeks, so please keep an eye on our channels for regular updates.

We encourage you to watch these together with your child and use them as a starting point for conversations about safe and responsible use of technology at home.

Thank you for your continued support.



Free School Meals



FREE SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE



London Borough of
Redbridge



IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR FAMILIES

From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, Free School Meal eligibility is expanding to all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of household earnings.

All children in reception or Years 1 or 2 are entitled to universal free school meals.

From September 2026, children attending a full-time state-funded nursery class, as well as children in Year 3 and above, will be eligible for free school meals if they live in a household receiving Universal Credit.

All children in receipt of free school meals will now be rechecked annually.

You may be required to provide further information to your school on request.



To Qualify

To qualify for free school meals, you must get one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Asylum seeker support (Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999)

Households may also be entitled to a meal if they:

- are in receipt of New Style Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- receive the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- meet criteria set out in separate guidance for families with No Recourse to Public Funds

Children aged between 16 and 18 who are getting Universal Credit in their own name can also get free school meals.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you should still let the school know if you get any of the qualifying benefits, as the school can get extra funding called pupil premium. This supports the education of your child.



How to apply

Contact your school, where you will be asked for the following information:

- Your National Insurance number
- Your surname
- Your date of birth
- Asylum seekers documentation (if applicable)

Your school will then check eligibility.

What happens next

Once checked your school will confirm if you are eligible and when your child's free school meals will start.

Other help you can get

- your child may be able to get help with travel costs
- you may be able to get support with a Council Tax Reduction
- cost of living advice



FIND OUT MORE

For more information on who can get free school meals see GOV.UK visit www.redbridge.gov.uk search Free School Meals or scan the QR code



Families can access a range of free support, advice and activities over the summer holidays through our Pop-Up Community Hub at The Exchange, including:

- **Redbridge Food Partnership** – information and support on accessing food assistance and local community resources.
- **Free Pre-Loved School Uniform Shop** – helping families prepare for the new school year by reducing the cost of school uniforms.
- **Benefits Advice and Support** – guidance on benefits entitlement, maximising income and accessing financial assistance.
- **Healthy Start Advice and Support** – help for eligible families to access Healthy Start payments and other support available to parents with young children.
- **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme** – information on free holiday activities, enrichment opportunities, and meals available for eligible children during the summer holidays.
- **Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)** – support for residents experiencing financial hardship or struggling with housing costs. Information and applications are available via the [Benefits and Financial Support webpage](#).
- **Cost of Living Support** – information on the wide range of financial, practical and wellbeing support available through the council's [Cost of Living Hub](#)



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!



CJ London Walking Tours

Empire To Empire

London from 43AD to 1700

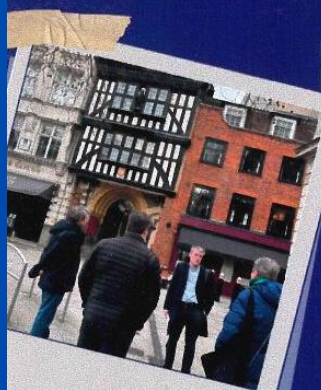
Tracing the history of London from its Roman origins to the early years of the British Empire.

**Free Walking
Tour**

Find out dates and more:

✉ niacerian@hotmail.com

📷 [@cjlondonwalks](https://www.instagram.com/cjlondonwalks)



- 🕒 A unique tour that interweaves the history of London with that of Britain across almost two millennia.
- 🕒 Look at well-known sights with new eyes and explore hidden gems.
- 🕒 Pay what you want – this is a free tour, but you may wish to make a payment if you enjoy it.

“Colin has a great wealth of knowledge that makes the tour really fun and enjoyable.”

Josh, London, 2025



Summer Inflatable Day

Haven House Children's
Hospice, Woodford Green,
IG8 9LB

TUESDAY 21 JULY
10AM TO 1PM

Join us for a fun-filled
Summer Inflatables Day
at Haven House. A joyful day
of bouncing, laughter and
smiles for the whole family.

Scan the QR
code to book



havenhouse.org.uk/inflatable



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Charity no.1044296



children's hospice



Tickets
£15





Don't miss an
unforgettable
experience

HAVEN HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

MUD RUN

Come and be part of the excitement at the
Nuclear Races super muddy obstacle course
and raise vital funds for seriously ill children.

Saturday 5 September 2026

1.00pm

£15 child entry, £25 adult entry

Sign up today at
havenhouse.org.uk/mud
or scan the QR code

Registered charity no. 1044296



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

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- ⦿ 80+ Activities!
- ⦿ Choice each session!
- ⦿ Specialist Courses!
- ⦿ Flexible bookings!



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**HIGHLY RATED
School Holiday
Camps!!!**



OFSTED REGISTERED





Super Star Sport

29th June 2026

FREE SUMMER Holiday Camp Place for Your Child!

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to inform you that if your child is eligible for benefit-related free school meals, they are entitled to **16 days completely free** at one of our exciting Super Star Sport Holiday Camps this Summer. Our camps run for children aged between 4-12

The dates we will be delivering are as follows:

Monday 27th July – Thursday 6th August 2026

The closest camp to your school is held at:

Trinity Catholic School (Lower Site)

Woodford Green

IG8 0TB

Super Star Sport Multi Activity Camps include a wide range of sports, games & activities, with the aim to encourage children to lead an active & healthy lifestyle. Our camps provide a fantastic opportunity for children to stay active, have fun, and make new friends in a safe and engaging environment.

To book your child's FREE place, please text 07983590912 with the following details:

- *Your child's full name*
- *Their age*
- *The name of your school*
- *The date(s) you would like to book*

Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to book as soon as possible to secure your child's place.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Super Star Sport



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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education



[The Educational Psychology Service](#)

[Call to Action— Educational Psychology Video](#)

#breakthestigma



[Little Kickers Free Trial at Woodford County High School](#)

