

Woodford Weekly Bulletin



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High Rd, Woodford, Woodford Green, IG8 9LA

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	



29 September – School Birthday
 12 October – INSET DAY
 15 October – 5 Penny Race
 19 October – 6th Form Open Evening
 23 October – Break for Half Term

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.



Freshers' Fair



Our first annual **Freshers' Fair** was held this week and proved to be a tremendous success. The event was extremely popular, with many students signing up for the wide range of clubs and societies available this academic year.

There was truly something for everyone, with opportunities offered by the PE, Music, Drama, Art, Science and Computer Science departments. Students could also explore a variety of enrichment activities, including Crochet Club, Chess Club, Mindful Colouring Club, Eco Club, Model United Nations, the Law and Debate Society, and the Global Conflict Forum, with many more clubs and societies available to ensure every student can find something they enjoy.

A huge thank you goes to Ms Heath for organising such a successful event, and to all the staff who generously give their time to support and run this valuable provision throughout the year.



Uniform Reminders



At our school, we take pride in maintaining high standards of uniform and presentation. The vast majority of our students meet these expectations every day, and we are grateful for your support in helping us uphold these standards.

We would like to remind families of the following school uniform requirements:

- ❑ Students are expected to wear their school lanyard at all times.
- ❑ Short white socks with logos are not permitted.
- ❑ Students should wear either socks or tights, not both.
- ❑ The only piercings permitted are one stud earring in each ear. Hoops and additional facial or ear piercings are not allowed.
- ❑ School shoes should be worn. White trainers are not part of the school uniform.
- ❑ False eyelashes are not permitted.
- ❑ Shirts should be tucked in at all times.

To ensure consistency, we will be carrying out spot checks from next week.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring your child arrives at school each day fully compliant with our uniform expectations. Maintaining high standards of dress contributes positively to our school community and helps students approach their learning with pride and professionalism.



Parking/Stopping Around School

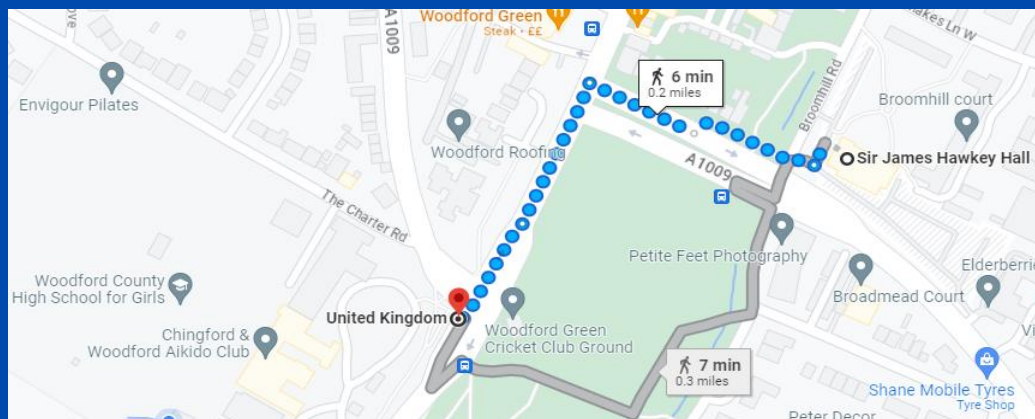


We frequently receive complaints from residents around the school, regarding parents from this school, parking on double yellow lines, parking across their drives and blocking the road. We have also received complaints from the local doctors surgery, where some parents are using the carpark as a drop off location.

If you do drive your child to school, please park at the Sir James Hawkey Hall car park (IG8 0BG - see map below). It is a short distance from the school with ample parking available. If you are unable to do so, then please show consideration to our neighbours. Students can easily be dropped a short distance from the school and walk the remainder of the journey.

Could we also request that when collecting or dropping off your child, you do not sit with your car engine idling. We appreciate your co-operation.

Thank you.



Parent Information Evening



Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to invite you to an information evening about your child's upcoming PGL trip. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 23rd September 2026 at 5:00pm in the Main Hall. This is an important meeting, and we ask that all students taking part in the trip attend with their parent(s)/carer(s). We will be sharing key information about the visit and answering any questions you may have. If you have any questions before then, please feel free to get in touch.

*Kind regards,
Mrs Richardson*





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



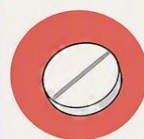
INHALERS



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. ♥

Drama Clubs



Fancy flexing your drama muscles? From impro games to script work, it's never a dull day in Drama!

Come and join us at Drama Club in the new Drama Studio during the following lunch times.

Places are limited to 25 so don't forget to sign up on the sheet outside the Drama Studio, if you haven't already.



Wednesday, week 1:

Drama Club for Years 8 and 9



Wednesday, week 2:

Drama Club for Years 10 and 11



Thursdays:

Year 7





	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Weds</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Fri</u>
<u>Before School</u> 7.50-8.20am					<u>Yr12&13 Badminton</u> STA
<u>Lunchtime</u> 1.30-2pm	<u>Badminton</u> VJA KS3 <u>Dance for ALL</u> STA	<u>Netball - Training</u> STA, VJA, HBA <u>Cross Country</u> (all) KRI <u>Girls Football</u> (all) JJO	<u>Yr10 & 11 GCSE Club</u> STA & VJA & JJO & KRI & HBA		<u>Badminton</u> JJO KS4
<u>Afterschool</u> 3.30-4.20pm					



New Acting, Singing & Dancing Classes



The award-winning, not-for-profit **Anna Fiorentini Theatre & Film School** is launching brand-new, regular Thursday evening classes at Roding Valley High School.

To celebrate the launch of these weekly sessions, they are hosting a **Free Experience Day on Thursday 24th September**. Parents are invited to a Q&A session with the founder while students experience the training.

- **Main Theatre School (Ages 7-18):** Weekly training in **Acting, Singing, and Dancing** to build performance skills, life skills, and communication.
- **Advanced Acting Academy (Ages 12-18):** Intensive training in screen acting, industry audition techniques, and **LAMDA coaching (higher grades earn valuable UCAS points)**.
- **£15,000 Funding Available:** Fully funded and heavily subsidised bursary places are available through the Fiorentini Foundation for families facing financial barriers.
- **Win a Free Place:** You can also enter a direct competition draw to win a completely free term place for your child.

Spaces are strictly limited.

 [Book Your Free Experience Day](#)

 [Win a FREE Place at the Anna Fiorentini Performing Arts School](#)

 [Click here to learn about our Acting Academy](#)

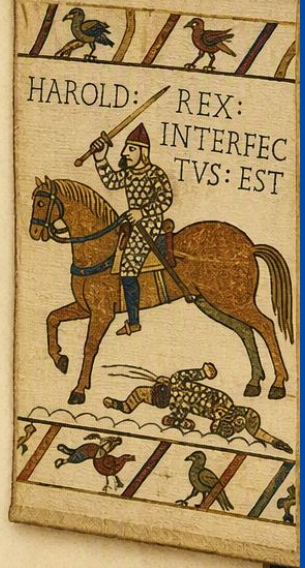


MFL ideas for the week ahead!

To coincide with the arrival of the Bayeux tapestry there are a number of **programmes** and events that may be of interest to you and your **child**.

If you have some time to spare do give the following a listen to this excellent BBC podcast on how Norman French influenced the development of the English language.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m0030yrm>



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!



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](#)

