

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 Cake Competition

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.



WNS HAPPY 107TH BIRTHDAY WOODFORD!

Many
Years of
Excellence



Choose a category and bake a cake celebrating the school's 107th birthday. Cakes will be judged only on the design outcome. The categories are:

- 1 Woodford themed cake
- 2 A novelty cake (not Woodford themed)



1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each category and key stage will be decided by break time.



THE COMPETITION DATE IS
Tuesday 29 September 2026



To join the competition, come to the Food and Nutrition class in **SG9** to write your name and which cake you would like to enter.

Let's
Celebrate!



A massive well done to the Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh cohort who completed their Bronze expedition last weekend. We could not be more proud of how the students conducted themselves over the two days of walking, demonstrating their resilience, team work skills, humour, motivation and support of each other.

Congratulations to all involved!





Woodford County High School



Hosted by PFA (Parents & Friends Association)
in coordination with the school

Parents QUIZ NIGHT



 Fri 16 Oct 2026 |  7pm – 10pm

Have fun, test your knowledge
and get to meet other parents in an informal fun setting!

ORDER OF PLAY FOR THE EVENING

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 19:00 | Arrival, welcome, networking |
| 19:30 – 20:30 | Quiz Section 1 |
| 20:30 – 21:00 | Dinner |
| 21:00 – 21:30 | Quiz Section 2 |
| 21:30 – 22:00 | Quiz Prizes + Raffle / Voucher Winners |



Ticketed Event



£20

includes
samosa, biryani,
soft drink & sweet



£10

if you wish to just
participate in the Quiz



Bring your own drinks

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER YOUR



Note: Adults only, no children



<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/woodfordcountypfa/?event=event&eventId=122480>

Become a parent volunteer for the WCHS Futures Fair



Wednesday 18th November 2026 10:00am - 3:20pm
Main Hall

Calling for parent volunteers!

Students of year groups 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 will have the opportunity to participate in a futures fair to meet employers, universities, apprenticeship providers and post 16 providers.

We already have a variety of different careers and organisations confirmed attending, however if you are interested in volunteering to talk to students one-on-one about your career path and exciting moments so far, please do get in touch!

According to a survey, there is a high interest in the following sectors:

Medicine, Doctors & Surgeons

Business, Accounting & Finance

Psychologists & Psychiatrists

Law

Architecture

Engineering

Careers in tech

Creative careers

Animal care

Green careers / Environment

Researchers

Dentistry

If you are interested, please complete the following [form](#) or email summersh@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk with details about the career/sector you could represent, or if you have any further questions.



CEOP Education has produced new guidance to help parents understand online harm groups and how children can become drawn into them.

These groups may initially appear friendly or supportive before introducing secrecy, pressure, harmful challenges, threats or blackmail. The guidance explains some of the warning signs parents can look for and, importantly, how to respond calmly if they are worried about their child.



I would like advice on...



[Home](#)

[Get advice](#)

[Get help](#)

[Home Safety Activities](#)

[#AskTheAwkward](#) 

Online harm groups

What are online harm groups?

Online harm groups (sometimes called 'Com groups', short for community) are groups of people who use online platforms to manipulate, control, threaten or exploit others.

They often operate through messaging apps, gaming platforms, channels or servers.

Members may try to gain status from others within the group by sharing evidence of how they have manipulated or pressured another person online to harm themselves or someone else.

Their behaviour can be illegal and may involve pressuring people to:

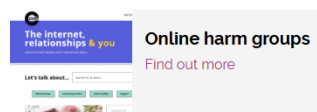
- Harm themselves or others
- Share nude or sexual images or videos
- Carry out humiliating acts
- Hurt siblings or pets
- Record or livestream the above acts as proof for the group or others to share

Both group members and those targeted are often under 18 year olds.

Remember:

- Children and young people are never to blame for online sexual abuse.
- This could happen to anyone.
- **Help** is there for you and your child.

Advice for young people on this topic



Click the link below for more information:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/online-harm-groups/>



The title 'Matilda' in a colorful, 3D-style font with each letter in a different color (yellow, orange, red, green, blue, purple).

Please ensure that students attending House Drama rehearsals are collected promptly at 5.00 pm. As the school office is not staffed after this time, we are unable to supervise students who remain on site after rehearsals have ended.

Thank you for your support.



Charity Donation THANK YOU Letter



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Woodford County High School
High Road
WOODFORD GREEN
IG8 9LA

15 September 2026

Donor ID: 6412128

Dear Woodford County High School,

Assalaamu'alaykum (Peace be upon you) Esteemed Supporter.

Your contribution of £205.00 will go a long way in serving those who are in need of humanitarian assistance. Alhamdulillah, for over 40 years we have been delivering both life-saving and life-enhancing programmes across the world, this is only possible because of the grace of Allah (SWT) and because of your invaluable support.

Here is a breakdown of your donation(s) made on 15/09/2026:
Where Most Needed £205.00

TOTAL : £205.00

Whether a city is blighted by conflict or hit by a natural disaster, you can rest assured that we will try our best to get on the ground ASAP, Insha'Allah. Your donation is an amanah for us and we will ensure that it is utilised in the most effective way possible.

In the coming weeks, we will endeavour to keep you updated on how your donation has been put into action. By providing your email address and telephone number, we'll keep you up to date with our latest work and how you can help us continue to **save lives**. If you would like to opt in/out or have any queries, please get in touch with our Supporter Relations Team on 0207 593 3232 or info@islamic-relief.org.uk and they will happily assist you.

Yours Sincerely,

Zia Salik
UK Director

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Islamic Relief UK, 16 Lower Marsh, London, SE1 7RJ 020 7593 3232 info@islamic-relief.org.uk islamic-relief.org.uk



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.



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Parking/Stopping Around School

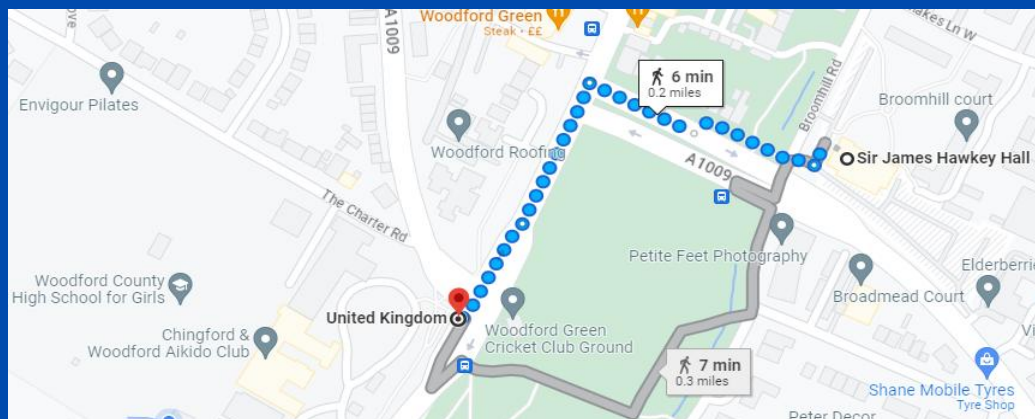


We frequently receive complaints from residents around the school, regarding parents from this school, parking on double yellow lines, parking across their drives and blocking the road. We have also received complaints from the local doctors surgery, where some parents are using the carpark as a drop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





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					



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](#)

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[The Educational Psychology Service](#)

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

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

