

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	



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.





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>

VNS HAPPY 107TH BIRTHDAY WOODFORD!

Many
Years of
Excellence

We have received many amazing cakes this year which made judging especially difficult. Thank you and well done to everyone who has baked a cake for the school's 107th Birthday.



CREATE YOUR FUTURE WITH US



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN HEALTH
CARE?
DO YOU NEED WORK EXPERIENCE?
IF YES, SIGN UP TODAY!**

NEL TRAINING HUB WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

Why sign up:

- Gain hands-on experience in a dynamic healthcare environment, understanding the daily life of health care professionals. (up to 22 hours)
- Learn from experienced practitioners, receiving valuable guidance and mentorship throughout your journey.
- Enhance your skills, build confidence, and ignite your career aspirations.



Programme highlights:

- Clinical Exposure: Gain hands-on clinical exposure by shadowing healthcare professionals
- Behind-the-Scenes: Explore administrative roles, understand healthcare management, and experience the entire healthcare ecosystem.
- Networking: Connect with professionals, creating networks that could shape your future career path.

Eligibility:

Open to motivated students **aged 16 and above**, aspiring to pursue a career in healthcare, currently studying at school or college with in North East London.

**REGISTER
NOW**



CALLING ALL PARENTS AND CARERS IN REDBRIDGE - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) are a government funded service providing additional support to families and young people in schools with mental well being.

In Redbridge, we provide low intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (LI-CBT) for mild to moderate difficulties such as anxiety or worries, exam stress and friendship issues. Our service started in 2021 here in Redbridge and we currently work into 42 schools with plans to expand.

We want to hear the views of parents and carers in the borough about what support you would like to see. Be part of our development by sharing your views in our short survey.

YOUR VIEWS MATTER

Click the link below or scan the QR code to
take part.

This survey is 10 questions and won't take more
than 5 minutes of your time



Survey

SCAN ME!



FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO SIGN UP TO OUR
LATEST WEBINARS

[CLICK HERE](#)

VISIT WWW.REDBRIDGE.GOV.UK AND SEARCH 'MHST'
OR GO TO LINKTR.EE/REDBRIDGEMHST



Redbridge Mental Health Support Team presents...



PARENT AND CARER WEEK: CHILDREN'S WELLBEING WEBINARS

Your monthly parenting digest. Hear from mental health professionals about how to promote your child's emotional health and wellbeing.

**REGISTER
NOW!**

INTRODUCTION TO THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS

Find out about Mental Health Support Teams in schools, what we do, what help is available, how we work within schools and how to access the service.

TUES 20.10.26 7-8PM

NERVOUS TO SPEAK - TALKING IN SOCIAL SITUATIONS

What can you do to help your child or young person if they find it difficult to speak in social situations? We will be discussing why this might happen and sharing some ideas about what you can do to support your child.

WED 18.11.26 7-8PM

HELPING YOUR CHILD BELIEVE THEY CAN DO IT

What can you do if your child or young person starts to believe they cannot do things? In this webinar we will be looking at ideas from the field of Growth Mindset and sharing tips and tools to help you support your child in how they think about their abilities.

TUES 19.01.27 7-8PM

**SCAN
ME!**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO SIGN UP
CLICK HERE,**

**VISIT WWW.REDBRIDGE.GOV.UK AND SEARCH 'MHST'
OR GO TO LINKTR.EE/REDBRIDGEMHST**



We would like to invite you to our

Lights of Love

Remembrance service

Join us on Sunday 22 November 4.00pm - 5.30pm

Haven House Children's Hospice, The White House, High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 9LB.

Christmas is a time for coming together, remembering those we love and making precious memories with the people who matter most. Our Lights of Love event is a special opportunity for our community to come together at Haven House Children's Hospice this Christmas.

Together, we'll remember loved ones, share a moment of reflection and help bring the community together in support of the seriously ill children and families cared for by Haven House.

Our Lights of Love Service will include a candle lighting ceremony, a live choir, gentle music, readings and a moment of reflection. You can also send us your loved ones names to be included in our remembrance book to be viewed at the event.

All are welcome at this event, adults, and children, of any faith and none, recent lives or from years past. Attendance is free, donations are welcome.



Register your free attendance here:

<https://www.havenhouse.org.uk/lights-of-love-2026>

Charity no.1044296



Halloween Trail

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

**27 OCTOBER 2026
FROM 10AM**

-  Spooky trail
-  Arts & crafts
-  Pumpkin picking
-  Raffles
-  Refreshments

**Tickets
£10**

Scan the QR code to book



[havenhouse.org.uk/halloween-trail-2026](https://www.havenhouse.org.uk/halloween-trail-2026)

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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.



Parking/Stopping Around School

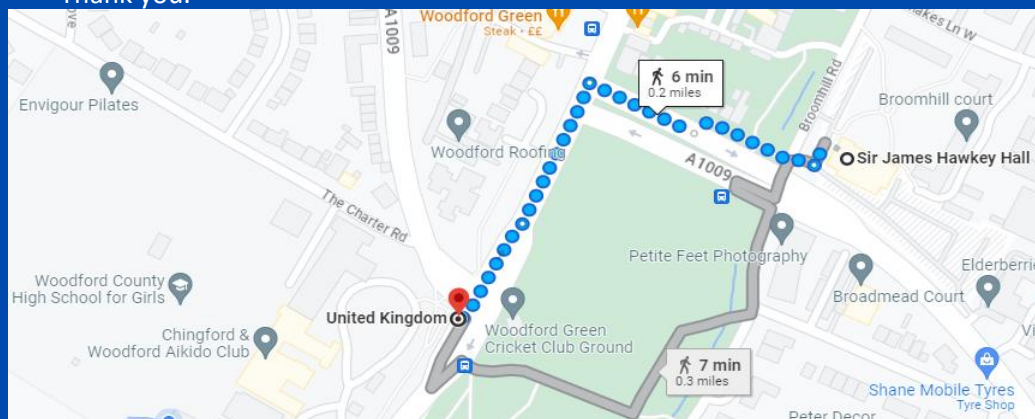


We frequently receive complaints from residents around the school, regarding parents from this school, parking on double yellow lines, parking across their drives and blocking the road. We have also received complaints from the local doctors surgery, where some parents are using the carpark as a drop off location. **Please also do not stop across the vehicle entrance to the school site, to drop students off.**

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.

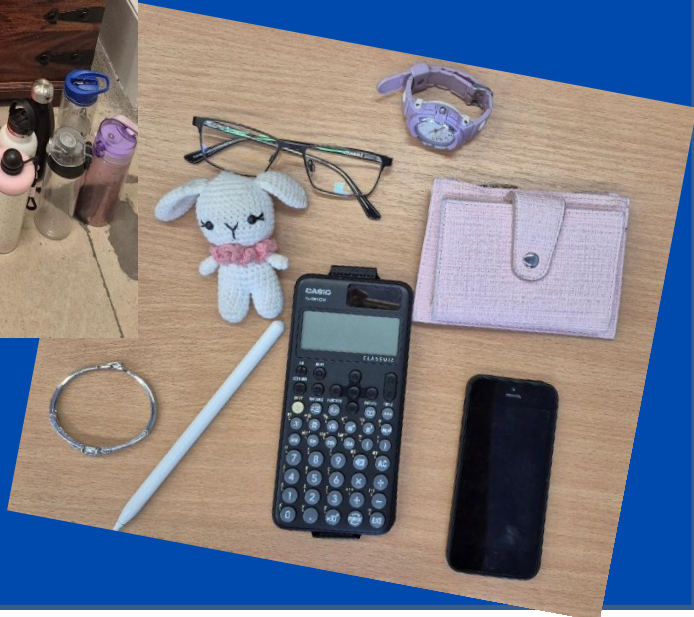


Lost Property...



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.



Extra Curricular Clubs on Offer



	Time	Club	Year(s)	Location
Monday	13:45 – 14:15	Junior Band	KS3	SF1
	13:45 – 14:15	Art rooms open	KS3	AT1
	13:30 – 14:00	Badminton	KS3	Sports Hall
	13:30 – 14:00	Volunteering in library	KS4	Library
	13:45 – 14:15	Brass Ensemble	All	Jubilee
	13:45 – 14:15	Carnatic Ensemble	All	SF2
	13:30 – 14:00	Dance for All	All	Dance studio
	13:40 – 14:10 (Week B)	Law & Debate Club	All	N6
	13:30 – 14:00	VEX Robotics	All	Innovation lab
Tuesday	13:45 – 14:15	Junior Choir	KS3	SF2
	13:45 – 14:15	Senior Choir	KS4 & 5	SF1
	13:20 – 14:15	Art rooms open	KS4 & 5	AT1
	13:30 – 14:00	Creative Writing club	All	Library
	13:30 – 14:00	Cross country	All	Field
	13:30 – 14:00	Football	All	
	13:30 – 14:00	Islamic Society	All	N6
	13:30 – 14:00	VEX Robotics	All	Innovation lab
	15:30 – 17:00	Art rooms open	KS4 & 5	AT1
Wednesday	13:45 – 14:15	Y7 Choir	Y7	Hall
	13:55 – 14:15	Astronomy Society	Y7 & 8	Lab 3
	13:30 – 14:00 (Week A)	Drama	Y8 & Y9	Drama studio
	13:30 – 14:00	Food and Nutrition	Y9*	SG9
	13:30 – 14:00	Volunteering in library	KS4	Library
	13:30 – 14:00 (Week B)	Drama	KS4	Drama studio
	13:30 – 14:00	GCSE PE	KS4	Sports Hall
	13:30 – 14:00	Model UN	KS4 & KS5	SF8
	13:30 – 14:00	Eco Club	All	AT5
	13:45 – 14:15	Jazz Band	All	SF1
	13:30 – 14:00	Crochet Club	All	N4
	13:30 – 14:00	VEX Robotics	All	Innovation lab
	13:45 – 14:15	Ukulele	All	SF2



Extra Curricular Clubs on Offer



	Time	Club	Year(s)	Location
Thursday	13:30 – 14:00	Y7 Drama Club	Y7*	Drama studio
	13:30 – 14:00	Classics Club	KS3	H5
	13:20 – 14:15	Art rooms open	KS4 & 5	AT1
	13:30 – 14:00	Film Club	All	Library
	13:45 – 14:15	Guitar Club	All	SF2
	13:45 – 14:15 (Week B)	Mindful Colouring	All	SF6
	13:30 – 14:00	Netball for all	All	Netball courts
	13:45 – 14:45	String Orchestra	All	SF1
	13:30 – 14:00	VEX Robotics	All	Innovation lab
	15:30 – 17:00	Art rooms open	KS4 & 5	AT1
Friday	13:30 – 14:00	Science club	KS3	Lab 10
	07:50 – 08:20	Badminton	KS5	Sports Hall
	13:20 – 14:15	Art rooms open	KS4 & 5	AT2
	13:30 – 14:00	Volunteering in library	KS4	Library
	13:30 – 14:00	Badminton for KS4	KS4	Sports Hall
	13:25 – 14:15	Chess Club	All	CC10
	13:30 – 14:00	Hunger Games Club	All	N6
	13:45 – 14:45	Orchestra	All	SF1
	13:30 – 14:00	VEX Robotics	All	Innovation lab
	After school	Institute of Research in Schools	Y10	Lab 1



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](#)

#breakthestigma



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

