Woodford Weekly Bulletin



Issue No. 615
20th November 2026

In this week's bulletin:

1. Home Page
2. Key Dates and Reminders
3. Contact us
4. Early Closure – 27th November
5. Lost Property
6. Scholastics Book Fair
7. Christmas Lunch 2026
8. 9 to 5 Jnr – The Musical
9. Endangered Instruments – Taster Day
10. Year 9 National Languages Competition
11. Pavilion Design – Term Winners
12. End of Year Disco (Years 7 to 9)
13. Cut Your Carbon – November Challenge
14. Extra Curricular Clubs on Offer
15. Careers Events for Parents
16. Free Parent Resources – Anxiety
17. Autumn Term – Free Webinars
18. Free Digital Parent Guide – Student Success
19. Woodford Rugby Club – Sister Sunday
20. School Facilities Available for Lettings
21. Useful Links

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

SPRING 2027		
Term	Monday 4 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
Half-term	Monday 15 February 2027	Friday 19 February 2027
Term	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Inset Day	*Friday 29 January 2027*	



26 November – GCSE Prize Giving
27 November – Early Closure
2 December – Year 12 Parent Evening
3 December – Christmas Concert
10 December – Year 7 Music Extravaganza

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 Sixth Form (Key Stage 5), parents are required to call Miss Mamtora on 020 8506 2927 before 8.30 am on the day of absence.
Alternatively, parents may email 6formattendance@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk before 8.30am on the day of absence.



EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE NOTICE

Important Please Note!

Friday 27 November

SCHOOL CLOSES EARLY AT

12:30PM

Friday 27 November

Dear Parents & Carers,

We would like to remind parents and carers that, as outlined in the school calendar, the school will close early on **Friday 27 November**. All students will be dismissed at **12:30pm**.



Extended Break

An extended break will take place to ensure that all students have the opportunity to purchase something to eat from the canteen should they wish.

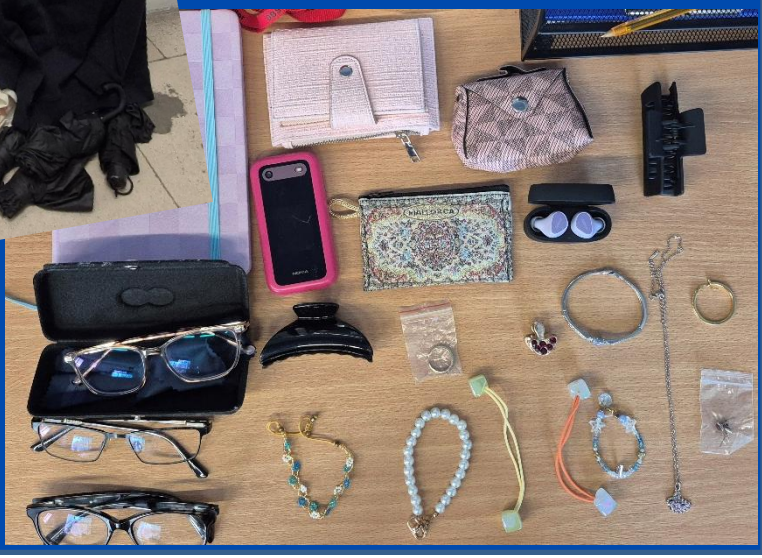
Thank You

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.





Scholastics Book Fair

Over 200 TEEN TITLES

returns to the

CONFERENCE CENTRE

Nov 27th – Dec 1st

Friday 27/11

PREVIEW @ BREAK TIME

fortune cookies & wish lists



Monday 30/11

open LUNCHTIME

book arts – book repair



Tuesday 1/12

open LUNCHTIME

second hand book bargains

last chance to buy!!

SIXTH FORM

welcome to bring their favourite board games:

chess - dominos - scrabble - MONOPOLY

and OTHER retro games available to play

School Christmas Lunch 2026

Tuesday 15th December - Forms 7 (A-C) 8 (A-C) 9 (A-C) 10 (A-C) 11 (A-C) Staff & 6Th Form

Wednesday 16th December - Forms 7 (D-F) 8 (D-F) 9 (D-F) 10 (D-F) 11 (D-F) Staff & 6Th Form

The cost of the Christmas meal with a cracker will be £3.00, and will be served by ticket only. Tickets must be purchased and paid in advance at the tills at Breakfast and Lunch sessions from Monday 23rd November till Monday 7th December.

There will be a meat and vegetarian option consisting of

Roast Halal/Non-Halal Turkey OR Vegan Sage & onion cranberry Wellington with a selection of

Roast Potatoes, and seasonal vegetables, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy.

&

Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce OR Festive white chocolate confetti cookie

Tickets will be on sale up until Monday 7th December as numbers need to be known in advance for catering purposes

On the days /times you are not having a Christmas dinner, PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH.

There will be the usual snacks / sandwiches at breakfast and morning break.

Please ensure that you purchase your tickets in advance from the dining hall.

Presents 9 to 5 Jr – The Musical

The original 1980 movie was conceived by Jane Fonda and inspired by the real-life organisation 9to5, founded in 1973. The film sought to improve workplace conditions for women in low-paying clerical jobs. What followed was a movie that blended comedy with social critique, highlighting issues such as unequal pay, lack of promotion and misogyny in the work-place – all serious challenges that were rarely discussed at the time. 9 to 5's comedy resonated with a generation of women, inspiring a movement that sought fairer treatment and better opportunities. The sad truth is whilst improvements have undoubtably been made, many women continue to face these challenges in the workplace, both here in the UK and across the globe. According to the UK Office for National Statistics, across all employees the current gender pay gap stands at about 12.8% as of October 2025, with women of colour more likely to be affected by this. Many women continue to face the 'motherhood penalty' while men often experience the 'fatherhood premium'.

Driven by strong messaging, a fantastic score and a healthy dose of comedy, we hope you'll come and join us for this fun ride as we take ourselves back to a time of big hair, disco and Rolodex, before smartphones, K-Pop and even seatbelts! The setting might be in the past, but the battle stands firmly in the present.

And what better time to pay homage to Dolly Parton? A woman who spent her life-time giving back and trying to leave the world a little better than she found it; making huge charitable donations and creating charitable trusts that focused on education, healthcare, disaster relief and community development. This is a woman and a cause that all of us at Woodford County can get behind.

Missed the audition form deadline? Pop and see Mrs Mainwaring in the Drama Studio and she'll see what we can do.

We will be also be looking for a range of backstage support, band players and front of house. Further details regarding these roles will be released next term, in the meantime, get your groove on and get rehearsing for the auditions.

It's going to be a blast!

The Production Team.

VISION ISMUSIC

Saturday 28 November | 14:00 - 16:30

Redbridge Music School

Endangered Instrument Taster Day

Ages 8-17 (No Experience Necessary)

Join us at the Redbridge Music School for a fun afternoon exploring a range of wonderful, lesser-known instruments!

Registration fee **£5**

Try out the **Oboe, Bassoon, Cello, Double Bass, French Horn & Trombone!**



Sign up on the form:
vrcl.uk/endangered-instrument

REDBRIDGE MUSIC SERVICE

Supported using public funding by ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

London Borough of Redbridge

Hola!

Bonjour!

NLC GCHQ National Language Competition

We're taking part!

#NLC2026

Inspire, encourage and discover with GCHQ and the NLC

101 Y9 Students

have signed up to participate in the annual

Y9 National Languages Competition

organised by GCHQ.

Many Y9 Students have already made an excellent start to the competition and have

until the end of this week

to complete as many challenges as possible.

Keep up the good work Y9!

Pavilion Design – Term Winners

After much deliberation, a winning design has been chosen for this term's Design and Technology Pavilion Design Competition.

Congratulations to **Aliyah** & **Aarlin** from class 9TH!

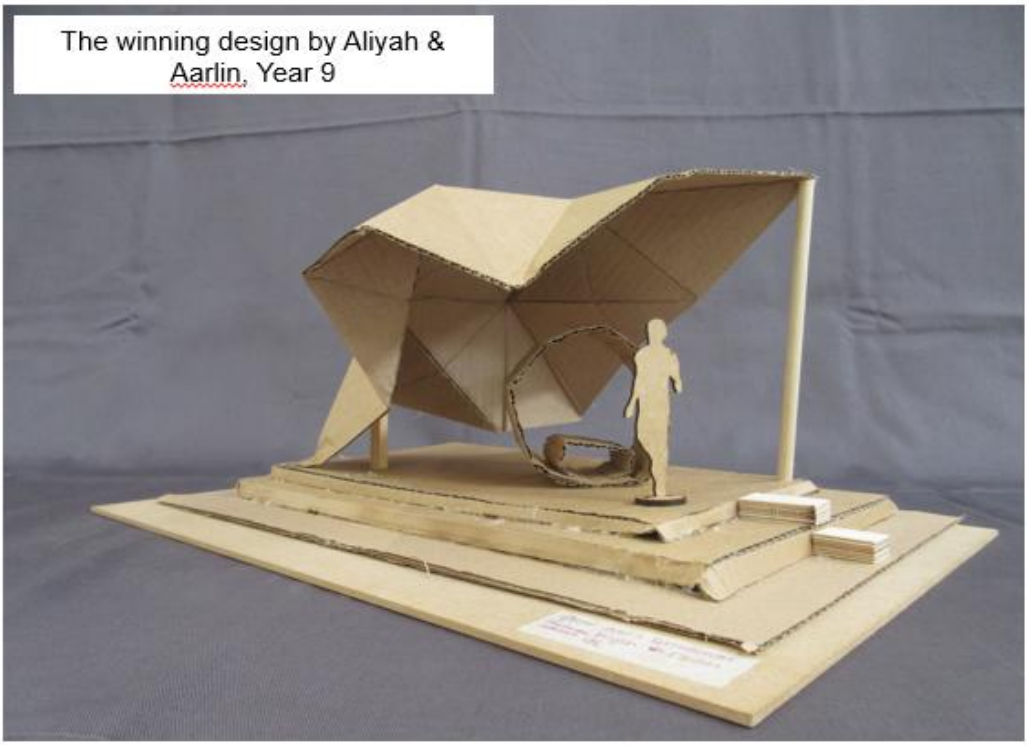
Your design was selected by Miss Van Praagh, who was incredibly impressed by your work.

The decision was not an easy one, as the standard of entries was exceptionally high.

Miss Van Praagh also commented that all of the designs were outstanding, making the final choice a very difficult task.

Well done to everyone who took part and contributed such imaginative and inspiring ideas.

We are incredibly proud of the talent and creativity shown by our year 9 students.



The winning design by Aliyah & Aarlin, Year 9

Woodford County PFA | Ilford County PTA

Jointly hosted by Woodford County PFA and Ilford County PTA

END OF YEAR DISCO 2026

Wed 9th December

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

ICHS Sports Hall

Ilford County High School (Mossford Ln entrance)

★ **Years 7 – 9** ★

Amazing DJ & Magician

★ **Dance-off** ★

★ **Cool prizes to be won** ★

£10 ENTRY TICKET

Pizza | Samosas | Snacks | Refreshments | Disco themed items

can be purchased on the day

Buy tickets on ParentPay

Contact us: Secretaryp@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk

Cut Your Carbon – November Challenge







CUT YOUR CARBON

Throughout November, we're challenging everyone to complete 9 small carbon-cutting activities at home with friends and family.





- ○ Make 3 evening meals plant-based across the month.



- ○ Make 4 journeys active across the month.



- ○ Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week.



- ○ Have a 'device-free' day.



- ○ Drop your heating by 1°C for a week.



- ○ Substitute 4 baths for 4 showers and limit them to 4 minutes.



- ○ Share 3 pieces of carbon-cutting advice.



- ○ Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for 3 washes across the month.



- ○ Opt for a refillable water bottle 3x a week across the month.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Try something new!

	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

Get involved!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Try something new!

Make friends • Learn new skills • Have fun!

	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

Get involved!

Careers Events for Parents

Investment20/20

Investment20/20, who support young people in finding out about career opportunities in investment management, are hosting a series of webinars to support parents & carers of young people making next step and career decisions to explore school/college leaver opportunities in investment management.

This free 30-minute online session will help parents and carers understand the career options available in investment management to young people after sixth form.

In just ***30 minutes***, parents and carers will:

- Learn about career opportunities in the industry
- Gain a better understanding of apprenticeship and trainee pathways
- Discover options available to those leaving school at the end of sixth form.

Date	Time	Registration link
Tuesday 24 November	11am – 11.30am	Registration - The Investment Association Services Ltd
Wednesday 25 November	4.15pm – 4.45pm	Registration - The Investment Association Services Ltd
Thursday 26 November	6.30pm – 7pm	Registration - The Investment Association Services Ltd

Please note:

- These sessions are not for young people. Investment20/20 works separately with schools to deliver workshops and activities for students.
- When you click the registration link, please choose the option 'skip and proceed as guest'.

Once registered, a confirmation email will be sent, with the Zoom link.

For more information contact : career.events@investment2020.org.uk

Free Parent Resource

We are excited to share our FREE online learning session, Understanding and Supporting Anxiety. Led by SENDATS BAPT accredited and BACP registered Play and Creative Therapist – Lee Smith, this presentation guides parents through what anxiety is: how anxiety affects the body, and how they can support their child with anxiety. Parents can access this free training using this link – Anxiety Parent Workshop.



Autumn 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 Autumn Term, we'll cover:

1. **How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated**
   - 15th September @6:00pm (BST)
2. **How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time**
   - 29th September @6:00pm (BST)
3. **How You Can Help Your Child Improve Their Note Taking**
   - 13th October @6:00pm (BST)
4. **How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams**
   - 10th November @6:00pm (GMT)
5. **How to Help Your Child Study with ADHD**
   - 24th November @6:00pm (GMT)
6. **How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child**
   - 15th December @6:00pm (GMT)

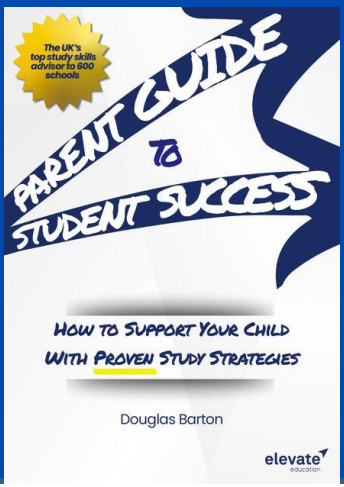
elevate education

C

As part of our partnership with Elevate Education, we are pleased to offer parents and carers a free digital copy of their Parent Guide to student success.

This covers motivation, time management, how to study, technology and AI, exams, stress and resilience, and managing relationships at home. You will need to fill in your details to download. You can do this via **this link**.

Please also see a reminder of the Autumn Term webinar series.




SISTER SUNDAY
WOODFORD RUGBY CLUB
19 24
NUNQUAM RESPICE
Sunday 22nd & 29th November 10 - 11am
Calling all active girls from 5 - 15
Join us for Sister Sunday and give rugby a go in a safe and fun environment.
We can't wait to welcome you.
Sign up: girlsrugby@woodfordrugbyclub.com
High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 9LB - pedestrian access Nesta Road

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

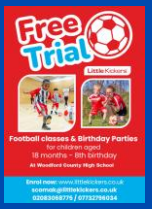




Popular Apps and Games Guide for Parents

Free Parent Webinar Series

elevate education



Little Kickers Free Trial at Woodford County High School

Redbridge Mental Health Support Team Free Webinars

