



Woodbrook Vale
School



WOODBROOK VALE

2025/2026

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

Please visit our school website for more information

**DofE Bronze Expedition
Skills Training**

Saturday 16th May 2026

DofE Bronze Training Walk

Monday 18th May 2026

**Paris Parents' Information
Evening**

Monday 18th May 2026

Year 7 Parents Evening

Thursday 21st May 2026

**Year 11 Prom Ticket
Payment Deadline**

**Wednesday 10th June 2026
NOON**

Congratulations



Congratulations all!
A fantastic achievement.

Our students went above
and beyond
demonstrating the core
values of our school.



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CREATIVE Faculty

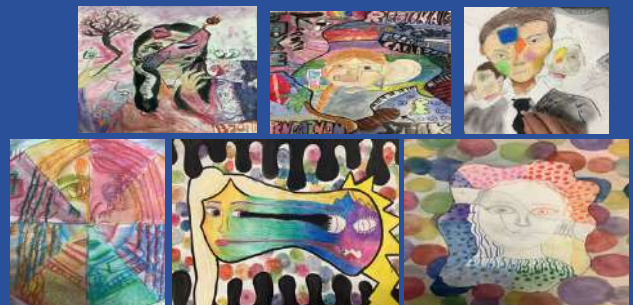
Year 9 Food Tech



Year nine pupils completed a biscuit decoration challenge after learning about batch production. The results were very exciting!

Year 8 Art

In Art, year eight pupils have completed their personalised responses to the theme of distorted portraits. There have been some incredibly creative responses.



Year 7 Food



Year seven pupils made bread, following a lesson where they learnt about the science behind bread making. There were some amazing results!





Combined Events Championships

On Thursday 30th April, Jaden & Graeme travelled to Corby, leaving school at 7:30am to take part in the Leicestershire & Northamptonshire Schools Combined Events Championships. The boys competed in four events to make up their Quadrathlon competition. First up was the shot putt, with Graeme throwing a distance of 5.54m and Jaden throwing 8.41m. Their second event of the day was the 100m sprint, with both of them running fantastic times to boost their points at the half way stage. The long jump was up next, and a special mention goes to Jaden who jumped 5.02m – over 1 metre further than 2nd place!



Their final event was the 800m, with both boys knowing they needed a strong time to increase their points tally. Graeme's race was up first, and it proved to be a tense two laps of the track, with him holding his position near the front until 200m to go where he pushed on, overtaking others to lead the race. There was a late charge from another athlete but thanks to Graeme's awareness and intelligence, he held him off and finished in 1st place! Jaden raced in the second group, and his race proved to be just as competitive. Jaden found himself in the front pack where he held on and finished strong to maintain his lead at the top of the table. Congratulations to Graeme who finished in 5th place with 886 points, and to Jaden for finishing in 1st place with a record breaking 1796 points!

On what was a long day in the heat, the boys performed amazingly, representing Woodbrook Vale with fantastic character and sportsmanship. A huge well done to both of you!





Prom Ticket Payment



DEADLINE

Due to Beaumanor Hall needing to finalise numbers for their catering department we will need to bring the deadline for purchasing tickets forward to **10th June 2026**.

You can purchase the tickets via your ParentPay account.

***PLEASE NOTE ONCE THE DEADLINE HAS PASSED TICKETS CAN NO LONGER BE PURCHASED SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PURCHASE YOUR CHILDS TICKET IN TIME TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT*.**

If you are having any problems with purchasing please contact the school so we can help.

SCIENCE

Last Weeks Answer

Which reagent would you use to test if a food contains protein - Biuret reagent, which turns from blue to purple on detection of the peptide bonds found in proteins. A darker purple indicates a higher protein content.

What are the key differences between igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks?





CAREERS

WOODBROOK VALE CAREERS PROGRAMME EVALUATION

Dear parents and guardians

At Woodbrook Vale we aim to provide a solid careers offer to our students. Last year we achieved The Quality in Careers Standard which reflects the hard work and commitment of the careers team, teaching and support staff. However it is vital that we constantly monitor and evaluate our careers programme and we greatly value your input as parents and carers.

If you could kindly complete the following survey this will provide us with helpful feedback as to how we can continue to improve our offer to your young people.

Thank you,
Mrs Mcswiney



The link will close on the 30th of June.

PORSCHE APPRENTICE VEHICLE TECHNICIAN

Porsche Centre Leicester has an exciting opportunity available for an Apprentice Vehicle Technician to join their talented team.

If you have a keen interest and enthusiasm for automotive vehicles and the automotive industry as a whole then click the link to find out more



Porsche Apprentice Vehicle Technician

Apply online for Porsche Apprentice Vehicle Technician jobs in Leicester at CVLibrary.co.uk





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Entry price includes
FREE T-Shirt & Refreshments
£20 adults / £6 child

CHARITY BIKE RIDE 2026



SUNDAY, 17th MAY
9am START



Join us!

Alpine House Surgery are hosting their Charity Bike Ride for a second year. This time, to raise funds to support two wonderful local hospices, LOROS and Rainbows. Both charities do incredible work giving care and providing support for children, adults and their families during their time of need.

All abilities welcome! Our figure 8 route will cover 54km of the local area. A shorter route of 22km is available by completing the first loop only. We have also introduced a smaller route this year of 11km for families and children aged 10 and over (must be competent cyclists). All children under 16 years old must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

ROUTE MAPS AVAILABLE FROM ALPINE HOUSE
www.alpinehousesurgery.co.uk

Donations (via Just Giving) in addition to the Registration fee, if you are being Sponsored for the event or wish to donate to either or both Charities, please scan the relevant QR code below. Any donations appreciated even if you are NOT taking part in the event.



REGISTER HERE

To book your place, please scan this QR code



100% OF ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE SPLIT EQUALLY BETWEEN OUR TWO CHARITIES



Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

New Strategy Based Films for parents/carers and Professionals New for 2026

What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance



Risk factors for Emotionally Based School Avoidance



Tips for Emotionally Based School Avoidance



Thriving with ADHD in school



ADHD and sleep



Reframing ADHD



Girls and ADHD



ADHD – order out of chaos



Growing older and changing ADHD symptoms



The importance of sleep



Tips to support sleep optimisation



To watch the videos, scan these QR codes



Upcoming Events

2026

BOOK NOW

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MARCH 28

Safe Steps- Road Safety Project

St Peter's Church- 11.00am to 1.00pm BOOKING REQUIRED

APRIL 11

Diet/Food and Menopause

St Peter's Church- 11.00am to 1.00pm BOOKING REQUIRED



APRIL 25

Safe Steps- Road Safety Project

St Peter's Church- 11.00am to 1.00pm BOOKING REQUIRED

MAY 09

Cancer Neurodiversity Group

St Peter's Church- 11.00am to 1.00pm BOOKING REQUIRED



MAY 23

Safe Steps- Road Safety Project

St Peter's Church- 11.00am to 1.00pm BOOKING REQUIRED

If you would like more information or would like to join our WhatsApp group to keep up to date with our sessions:

www.neurodiversitysupport.org / admin@neurodiversitysupport.org

Mobile: 07957 377 770/ 07934 591 061/ 07398 997 187

To donate: Neurodiversity Support CIC

Sort code: 08-92-99 / Account: 67336186



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YEAR 10 ENGLISH LITERATURE

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Poetry

REVISION



TUESDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL



ROOMS 17 & 19



La Belle Dame Sans Merci
& Neutral Tones



A Complaint
& The Manhunt



Valentine, Love's Dog
& My Last Duchess



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Woodbrook Vale Clubs

Woodbrook Vale Clubs – Autumn Term 2025-26

| Day | Club | Staff Member | Year Group (s) | Time | Room | Starting Date | End Date |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---|-----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| Monday | Christian Union | Mr Lewney | All Years | 12.30 - 1.10 pm | Room 15 | September 2025 | ongoing |
| | Drama – production rehearsal | Mrs Hopkinson | Cast members | 12.45 – 1.10 pm | Drama Studio | October 2025 | End Jan |
| | Drama Club | Mrs Hopkinson | All Years | 3 - 4 pm | Drama studio | October 2025 | ongoing |
| Tuesday | Darts Club | Mr Clargo | KS4 | 12:35 – 1:10 pm | Room 12 | September 2025 | ongoing |
| | Mindfulness Club | Miss Vaughan | All Years | 12:25 – 1:10 pm | Room 1 | September 2025 | ongoing |
| | Drama – production rehearsal | Mrs Hopkinson | Cast Members | 12.45 – 1.10 pm | Drama Studio | October 2025 | Jan '26 |
| | Drama – Theatre Tech Club | Mrs Hopkinson | All Years – flexible session limited no.s | 3 – 4 pm | Drama Studio | October 2025 | ongoing |
| | Homework Club | Miss Roberts | All Years | 3 – 4 pm | Library | September 2025 | ongoing |
| Wednesday | GCSE Drama Rehearsals & Intervention | Mrs Hopkinson | Year 10&11 GCSE | 12.45 – 1.10 pm | Drama Studio | October 2025 | ongoing |
| | KS4 Documentary Club | Miss Vaughan | Years 10 & 11 | 12.30 - 1.10 pm | Room 5 | October 2025 | ongoing |
| | Homework Club | Miss Roberts | All Years | 3 – 4 pm | Library | September 2025 | ongoing |
| Thursday | Darts Club | Mr Clargo | KS4 | 12:35 – 1:10 pm | Room 12 | September 2025 | ongoing |
| | GCSE Drama Rehearsals & Intervention | Mrs Hopkinson | Year 10&11 GCSE | 12.45 – 1.10 pm | Drama Studio | October 2025 | ongoing |
| | School Production Rehearsal | Mrs Hopkinson | Cast members | 3 – 4.30pm | Drama Studio | October 2025 | Jan 2026 |
| | Homework Club | Miss Roberts | All Years | 3 – 4 pm | Library | September 2025 | ongoing |
| Friday | Drama Production Choreography | Mrs Hopkinson | Choreography Team | 12.45 – 1.10 pm | Drama Studio | October 2025 | End Jan '26 |
| | School Production | Mrs Hopkinson | Cast Members | 3 – 4 p m | Drama Studio | May 2025 | ongoing |

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Homework Club

A safe, supportive environment

Looking for a quiet and supportive space to get your homework done? Come along to the Homework Club in the school library every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. Open to students from all year groups, the Homework Club is the perfect place to focus on your assignments, study, or catch up on work. There's no obligation to stay for the entire hour—drop in for as long as you need! Whether you're looking for a peaceful environment to concentrate or need some guidance with your tasks, the Homework Club is here





SCIENCE REVISION

| SCIENCE REVISION | YR 11 | | |
|------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Monday Date | Topic | Room | |
| 16/03/2026 | PHYS | 25 | Lab 3 |
| 23/03/2026 | BIO | Lab 1 | Lab 3 |
| 30/03/2026 | EASTER | | |
| 06/04/2026 | | | |
| 13/04/2026 | CHEM | Lab 3 | Lab 2 |
| 20/04/2026 | BIO | Lab 3 | Lab 2 |
| 27/04/2026 | PHYS | 25 | Lab 2 |
| 04/05/2026 | CHEM | Lab 2 | Lab 3 |
| 11/05/2026 | BIO | Lab 3 | Lab 1 |
| 18/05/2026 | PHYS | 25 | Lab 3 |



Upcoming Sports Fixtures



Athletics

All years
Wednesday 13th May

Sign up in the sports hall!

Boys Cricket

U12
Thursday 23rd April

U14
Thursday 30th April

U15 (T20)
Thursday 7th May

Girls Cricket

U13
Tuesday 28th April

U15
Tuesday 5th May



Woodbrook Vale Sports Clubs



| Day | Club | Year Group | Time | Location |
|-----------|----------------|------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Monday | Badminton | Year 10 | Lunch 12:25-1pm | Sports hall |
| Tuesday | Girls Football | KS3 | After school 3-4pm | Field |
| | Boys Futsal | Year 7 & 8 | After school 3-4pm | Sports hall |
| Wednesday | Basketball | All years | Lunch 12:25-1pm | Sports hall |
| Thursday | Athletics | All years | After school 3-4pm | Field |
| Friday | Badminton | Year 11 | Lunch 12:25-1pm | Sports hall |





A PARENTS GUIDE TO

SPARX MATHS



WHAT IS SPARX MATHS?

Sparx Maths Homework is an online learning platform that creates personalised maths homework for students aged 11-16.

We believe that practice makes perfect, so each week, your child's teacher selects the topics that have been taught in class and we build a personalised set of questions to match your child's current level of understanding.

Our aim is for all children to strive for 100% completion of their homework.

By consistently using Sparx Maths, your child can build a solid foundation in maths and achieve their full potential.

WHY IS MY CHILD ENCOURAGED TO DO WRITTEN WORK AS WELL AS ONLINE?

We believe that written work is essential in supporting your child's understanding of maths and to help them create positive habits.

Sparx provides bookwork checks to encourage your child to do written work when they're answering questions in Sparx Maths. These checks remind students to write down the question and their working, which is helpful if they get stuck as teachers can see where they are going wrong. We advise your child to do this work either in the back of their exercise book or at your discretion, a notebook dedicated for their maths work.

HOW YOUR CHILD WILL LOGIN TO SPARX MATHS?

- Search for 'Sparx Maths student login' in google search engine
- Click on Student Login
- Type Woodbrook Vale School into the select your school box
- Then click on Woodbrook Vale School and press continue
- Now select Log in to Sparx using Google
- The student's username and password are the same as they use to login into the computers in school

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS REPEATEDLY GETTING AN ANSWER WRONG AND CAN'T COMPLETE THEIR HOMEWORK?

Sometimes when your child is completing their homework they might keep getting an answer wrong which prevents their homework from being complete. To help with this, we encourage your child to watch the helpful support video for that question and if they are still stuck, then they can use the new question swap feature which will give them an easier question to attempt. They can use this feature three times in each homework. If your child needs further help after this then we would encourage them to ask their teacher for support before the homework deadline.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD WITH THEIR SPARX MATHS HOMEWORK?

We believe your child can answer all of the questions correctly in their homework, but we know there may be times when they struggle, so how can you support your child with their homework?

Our top three tips for you and your child when using Sparx Maths...

- Encourage them to tackle it on their own
- Nudge them to use the support videos
- Suggest that they start early to give plenty of time for help if they need it.

WHAT IS XP?

- Sparx XP or 'Experience Points' is an effort based points system that we as a school will use to support and inform a reward scheme.
- Pupils can go to the Independent Learning tab and find topics and activities at any time. This will also be so valuable to aid any revision for examinations and assessments too.
- Students earn XP when they complete a task or win a reward game.
- Tasks from different homework types earn different numbers of points, for example students can earn more XP if they complete XP Boost and Target homework tasks compared with Compulsory ones.
- Students go up a Sparx level for every 10,000 XP they collect.
- They can be encouraged to increase their number of XP by completing all of their XP Boost and Target homework.
- Certificates are awarded for levels attained.
- There will be prizes awarded termly for the pupils with most XP points and most improved XP points.

IN CONCLUSION

Teachers select topics that have been taught in class. Sparx Maths builds a personalised set of questions. Students complete their homework online. Teachers monitor homework so they can motivate and support students. Parents can monitor homework using Go4Schools and receive an email from Sparx before homework is due. Teachers receive powerful insights each week with the pupils attainment.

If you require any more information then please go to <https://sparxmaths.com/parents/> or contact your child's maths teacher.