



Woodbrook Vale
School



WOODBROOK VALE

2025/2026

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

Please visit our school website for more information

Year 10 Mock Exams

Wednesday 17th June 2026

**DofE Silver Award
Training Day**

Monday 22nd June 2026

**Loughborough College Trip
Year 9**

Wednesday 24th June 2026

**Year 10 Rewards Trip
Alton Towers**

Thursday 25th June 2026

DofE Silver Award Training

Friday 26th June 2026

Good luck to the U14 boys Cricket team who have their semi final of the County cup on Monday at Leicester Grammar School!

Congratulations



Congratulations all!
A fantastic achievement.

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



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Pride Month



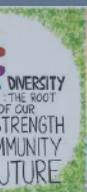
June is Pride Month, a time to celebrate diversity, inclusion, and the importance of being yourself. At WBV, we are proud to be a school community where everyone is valued, respected, and supported, regardless of their background, identity, or beliefs.

Pride Month provides an opportunity to recognise the contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals throughout history and today, while also reflecting on the importance of kindness, acceptance, and equality for all.

By celebrating our differences and embracing what makes each of us unique, we continue to build a school culture based on respect, understanding, and belonging.

For more information please see

- [The Proud Trust](#) – Provides support, resources, youth groups, and information for LGBTQ+ young people across the UK.
- [Stonewall UK](#) – Offers guidance, educational resources, and information about LGBTQ+ identities and rights.





Duke of Edinburgh

Over the last weekend, 40 year 9 students undertook their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying expedition. This involved walking for 2 days in the local countryside, with groups walking through Charnwood Forest and across the Soar Valley. In between the walks they enjoyed a camp at Beaumanor Hall, where they cooked up some delights on the camp stoves.



All students showed grit, determination and resilience to make it through the two days. Although students found it tough, I'm sure they'll look back at this later on in life and feel a great sense of achievement. I'm proud of each and every one of them for completing the expedition. All that is left for most of them now is to complete the assessor report for the Skills, Physical and Volunteering sections to get the award signed off.





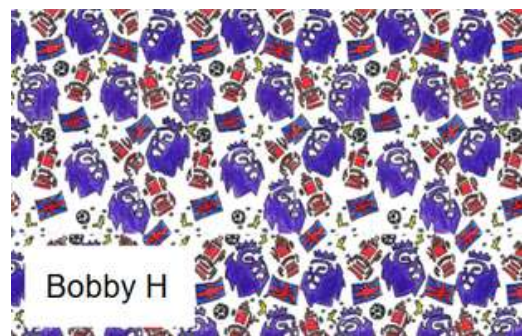
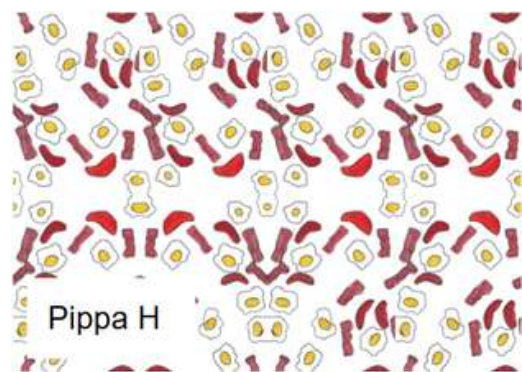
CREATIVE FACULTY

Year 9 Students Shine in Loughborough University Pattern Print Challenge

Year 9 students recently took part in a Pattern Repeat Project as part of a design challenge led by Loughborough University alongside other local schools. Students designed novelty mobile phone holders inspired by deckchairs, creating original repeat patterns that were professionally printed onto the fabric sling of the final product. The project encouraged creativity, innovation, and pattern design skills, while allowing students to see their artwork become a functional product. The university organisers praised the quality of the entries:

“We were blown away by the student artwork and how you took it a step further to incorporate them into your deckchair design. Very impressive!”

We are delighted to celebrate the success of our students, with Amina R named Overall Winner, and Bobby H and Pippa H recognised as Runners-Up. Congratulations to all Year 9 students who took part and represented the school so brilliantly



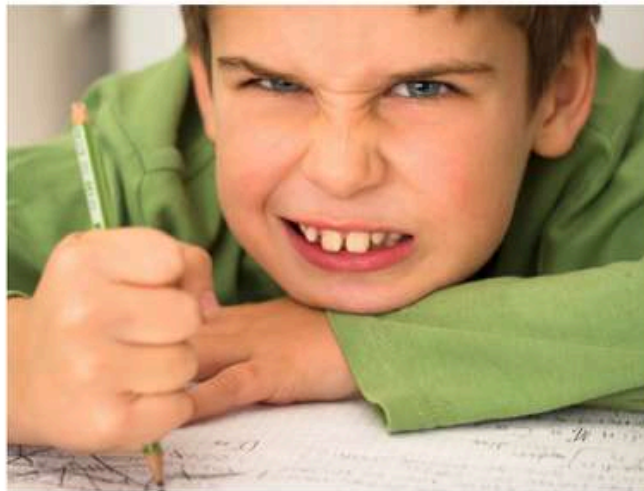


MEDICATION



Please remember if you are bringing medication into school for your child we can **only accept medicines if these are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container** as dispensed by a pharmacist and include **instructions for administration, dosage and storage**. Over the counter medication, for example, paracetamol or ibuprofen, should also be in their **original packaging** so we are able to see dosage instructions on the pack. You will be asked to fill out a green 'request for administration of medicines form' in reception, please make sure this is filled out correctly so we can make sure we are giving your child the correct dosage. Thank you for your co-operation.

Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



FREE one hour online session for parents
Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your
ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the **PARENTS - Live Talks** page
facefamilyadvice.co.uk





SCIENCE REVISION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 10s!

SCIENCE MOCK REVISION STARTS FROM AFTER HALF TERM!

AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS (addressing tricky topics and misconceptions)

Monday 1st June: **BIOLOGY** 3pm @Lab 1/2/3

Monday 8th June: **CHEMISTRY** 3pm @Lab 1/2/3

Monday 15th June: **PHYSICS** 3pm @Lab 1/2/3

LUNCH TIME SESSIONS →
Every week until the end of mocks

	COMB	TRIPLE
TUES LUNCH	Chem Lab 2	Chem Room 23
WED LUNCH	Bio Lab 1	Bio Lab 3
THU LUNCH	Phys Lab 2	Phys Lab 3

SCIENCE

CONUNDRUM of the WEEK

Last Weeks Answer

What are the units of specific heat capacity - $\text{J/kg}^\circ\text{C}$ (specific heat capacity measures the energy required to raise the temperature of 1kg of a substance by 1°C).

On the pH scale for acids and alkalis what does 'pH' actually stand for?





CAREERS

YEAR 12 PROGRESSION PROGRAMMES INTO MEDICINE, BANKING AND FINANCE

The University of Leicester, offers a range of progression programmes to support Year 12 students on their journey to higher education following on from sixth form and college. These programmes include Pathways to Medicine and Pathways to Banking and Finance. Follow the link to the website for more information about these opportunities as you begin to think about the future.



Year 12 progression programmes | Schools, colleges and community
Learn more about the Year 12 progression programmes offered at the University of Leicester.
University of Leicester

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 17th June - Year 8 visit to Voluntary Action Leicestershire

Wednesday 24th June - Year 9 girls visit to Loughborough College engineering department

29th - 3rd July - Year 10 Work Experience

Channel 4 Work Experience is ready for you!

[4Skills | Work Experience in Creative](#)








CAREERS



Free football camps for children this summer
We wanted to share a great opportunity for families over the school holidays.

Kellogg's are offering free places at professionally run football camps for children, led by FA-qualified coaches and delivered in partnership with the English Football League (EFL), Manchester City, Celtic FC and Rangers FC. The sessions are designed to be fun, inclusive and confidence-building, helping children stay active, meet new friends and enjoy a positive, experience during the holidays. As well as giving children something to look forward to, they also provide a valuable free childcare option for families over the break, with supervised sessions taking place at a range of local clubs nationwide.

How to book your FREE place:

-  Buy a Kellogg's Football Camps promotional pack
-  Scan the QR & Find your local club
-  Book a FREE day of football fun

You can find your nearest participating club and learn more here:

Unleashing Potential

In October 2023, Kellogg Company finalized the separation of its North American cereal business, resulting in two independent, public companies – Kellanova and WK Kellogg Co.

 [kellogg.com](https://www.kellogg.com)





**KS3 ROUNDERS CLUB
MONDAYS 3-4PM
FROM 8TH JUNE**

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





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JOIN IN THE FUN AT
**THE LOUGHBOROUGH
COLOUR
RUN '26**

Inflatables,
obstacles,
challenges
& colour
fun

Games,
activities,
refreshments
and stalls

Family fun
run. Medals
for all
entrants

Walk, run
or jog 5km
or finish
at 2.5km

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST

Charnwood College, Thorpe Hill, LE11 4SQ

Scan the QR code
to book your tickets

*Fun starts from 10am
Raising funds for LWA
Registered charity 1121923*



Adult: £15
Child: £12
Under 5: Free
1 ad + 1 ch: £25
Team of 4: £55

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/TheLoughboroughColourRun2026>



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GET SORTED DAYS

SAVE
THE DATE

What is the day for?

- ★ Opportunity to meet our Lead SEND Curriculum Co Ordinator's who will be working with you if you have a learning support need or an EHCP
- ★ Meet our Welfare Team who support our students with Inclusion, wellbeing and mental health needs
- ★ Access help and support to help you to understand any Summer Tasks that have been set by your tutors at Pre Programme Days in June
- ★ Access Bus Travel and Finance support information
- ★ Share copies with us of medical evidence and reports used for exam access arrangements
- ★ Ask any questions

IGNITE Melton
Tuesday 7th July
10.00^{am} - 11.30^{am}

Brooksby College
Tuesday 7th July
1.00^{pm} - 2.30^{pm}

Loughborough College
Wednesday 8th July
10.30^{am} - 12.30^{pm}

Stephenson College
Thursday 9th July
10.30^{am} - 12.30^{pm}

(BOOKING INFORMATION
TO FOLLOW)

For further information please email
our EHCP Team: ehcp@loucoll.ac.uk





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LEICESTER WARRIORS BOYS BASKETBALL TRIALS

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2026

EVINGTON LEISURE CENTRE. LE5 6LP
U14S - 9AM - 10.30AM. SCHOOL YRS 7 & 8

GATEWAY COLLEGE. LE5 1GA
U16S - 11.45AM - 1.45PM. SCHOOL YRS 9 & 10
U18S - 1.45PM - 3.45PM. SCHOOL YRS 11 & 12

PRICE - £5

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER



COME AND GIVE IT A TRY TASTER SESSIONS

GIRLS RUGBY

AT LOUGHBOROUGH RFC



OPEN TO AGES 5-15 YEARS (RECEPTION TO YEAR 10)

SUN 7TH JUNE. & SAT 4TH JULY

10AM-12PM

10-11am FUN non contact games

Followed by some craft activities
and FREE food!

LRFC is proud to be a
welcoming and friendly club.
All welcome, from complete
beginners to experienced
players!



LOUGHBOROUGH RFC, DERBY ROAD PLAYING FIELD,
LOUGHBOROUGH, LE11 5FJ

PLEASE EMAIL FEMALERUGBYLRFC@GMAIL.COM
TO REGISTER OR MESSAGE 07921283344



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OPEN DAY

LOUGHBOROUGH LAWN TENNIS CLUB

**Sat 4th July
1.30pm – 5pm**

Are you a complete beginner, a rusty racket holder, or a regular player looking to meet others – Come to our open day!



- **Free Coaching Sessions** – Qualified coaches will run free mini sessions for kids and adults
- **Free Play & Family Friendly Tennis:** Just turn up and play
- **Fresh Food & Bar** – Tasty food & drinks

FREE ADMISSION – no need to book

Find us at: Ingle Pingle (Off Forest Road), Loughborough, LE11 3NW
Contact: Rob at tiggersnr@yahoo.co.uk



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BLOOMING TOGETHER SINCE 1966

We're inviting our community to help us create a stunning flower display to celebrate JSC's 60th anniversary.

MAKE AND DONATE A BLUE FLOWER. ANY SIZE, ANY STYLE, ANY MATERIAL YOU HAVE AT HOME. KMIT IT, CROCHET IT, STITCH IT. USE FABRIC SCRAPS, DENIM, WOOL, RIBBON, FELT - WHATEVER YOU'VE GOT. YOUR FLOWERS WILL COME TOGETHER AS PART OF A SPECIAL SUMMER INSTALLATION AT JOHN STORER HOUSE, ON DISPLAY FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY.

HOW TO TAKE PART:
 MAKE ONE FLOWER (OR MANY!) IN ANY BLUE MATERIAL.
 DROP IT IN TO RECEPTION AT JOHN STORER HOUSE
 DEADLINE: END OF JULY 2020
 FREE TO TAKE PART - ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME - NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

John Storer Charnwood



ARE YOU A KINDNESS HERO?

TO CELEBRATE OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY WE'RE INVITING YOU TO TAKE PART IN THE JOHN STORER CHARNWOOD 60 ACTS OF KINDNESS CHALLENGE

PICK UP OR DOWNLOAD YOUR CHALLENGE PACK — PACKED WITH 60 IDEAS OF KIND THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR VERY OWN ACTS OF KINDNESS TRACKER

COMPLETE ACTIVITIES AND ADD THEM TO YOUR ACTS OF KINDNESS TRACKER — BIG OR SMALL, EVERY SINGLE ONE COUNTS

AFTER YOU HAVE FILLED OUT YOUR TRACKER RETURN IT TO THE RECEPTION HELPERS AT JOHN STORER HOUSE IN LOUGHBOROUGH — AND EARN YOUR OFFICIAL JSC KINDNESS HERO CERTIFICATE

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.JOHNSTORERCHARNWOOD.ORG.UK OR COME IN TO SEE US AT JOHN STORER HOUSE, LOUGHBOROUGH



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Mental Health Support
Teams in Schools

NHS

Leicestershire Partnership
NHS Trust

Looking for NHS advice on mental health for children?



Find information, advice and support on mental health and emotional wellbeing on the Health for Kids website.



To be referred for mental health support, speak to your child's teacher or mental health lead.

Find more support at:
[www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/
bit.ly/MentalHealthForChildren](http://www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/bit.ly/MentalHealthForChildren)

**Health
for Kids!**



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A PARENTS GUIDE TO



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.