



Woodbrook Vale
School



WOODBROOK VALE

2026/2027

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

Please visit our school website for more information

Open Week

Tuesday 22nd September - Friday 25th September - please see website

Year 7 Tutor Evening

Thursday 24th September

Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday 1st October

Year 7 Disco

Thursday 8th October

Half Term

Monday 19th October - Friday 23rd October

Congratulations



What a fantastic first week back here at Woodbrook Vale.

We already have so much to celebrate, going above and beyond, showing great determination and resilience!

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Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all our staff, students, parents and carers.

It has been wonderful to see our students returning looking so smart, ready to learn and full of enthusiasm for the year ahead. We are excited about all that we can achieve together and look forward to a successful and positive year.

A special thank you to all our parents and carers for taking the time to support your child and their education, and for continuing to work in partnership with us. We also greatly appreciate your support with our new mobile phone expectations, in line with government guidance, with phones switched off and kept away in bags throughout the school day. Thank you for helping us create a focused, safe and positive environment where every student can thrive.



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'OFF AND AWAY'



Beginning on Monday, June 29, 2026, education in England has changed under new government-imposed rules.

The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026 mandates that all state-funded schools create a completely phone-free environment during school hours. We wholeheartedly agree that the pressure of social media and constant connectivity is harmful to young people's focus and attention for learning.

Woodbrook Vale School operates an 'Off and Away' policy. This relies on students having a school bag in which to put their switched off phone. They can use it on their journey to and from school but not whilst on the school site.

Any student who has the phone in a pocket or on their person is breaking the school rule of 'Off and Away' and will have to hand the phone in for collection by the parent. Please have the necessary conversations in families to make sure our young people have understood the message.



Education - News, views, pictures, video

Most people in the UK stay in education until the age of 18, with nearly half of 17-30 year olds going on to Higher Education. The coalition government made the controversial decision bring student fees up to £9,000.

The Mirror



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August Futures Award Superstars



We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding submissions from over 80 Year 7 students this month. The enthusiasm, creativity and commitment shown have been fantastic, with students demonstrating character through sport, music, community involvement, creativity and personal challenges.

A huge congratulations to our August Futures Award Superstars: Violet, for the exceptional detail and quality of her evidence in all sections, alongside the incredible bravery, resilience and determination she demonstrated by challenging herself to perform the exceptionally difficult Beethoven's 5th Symphony on the piano for a school concert, achieving first place in a rowing regatta and helping out in her local community. Ausin Villiers, for his outstanding curiosity, creativity and innovation in carrying out his own electrolysis Science experiment and creating a Morse code box to support people with limited hearing. Rosa Mayes, for completing all sections of her Futures Award with brilliant evidence showcasing her character through cricket and her involvement in her local Guides group and Sophie Singh for also completing all sections of her Futures Award, providing thoughtful, creative and innovative evidence from piano concerts, charity events and learning new languages.

We are incredibly proud of all 80+ students who have already begun building their Character Journey. The quality of your work is inspiring to read. Your submissions show that character isn't just something we learn about at WBV, it is something develop and demonstrate every day.





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JEWELLERY



SPOTLIGHT

From Monday 7th September Heads of Year will be ensuring students are inline with the schools uniform policy, please see below:

One pair of stud earrings is permissible. Apart from this, for safety and security reasons, jewellery, including bracelets, necklaces, rings and nose, face, body or oral jewellery should not be worn in school. If such jewellery is worn students will be expected to remove it. It may be confiscated and students and/or parents/carers will be informed when it can be collected.

Parents/Carers, help support your child make the right choice.



Go 4 Schools

Free school meals information



Leicestershire
County Council

4 SCHOOLS

As part of our commitment to inform parents/carers about students' progress whilst at Woodbrook Vale, we have Go 4 Schools an on-line internet based package that allows you to access your child's timetable as well as, attendance, homework and behaviour data.

Parents follow this link: <https://www.go4schools.com/parents/>

This information is also available through the Go 4 Schools Mobile App which can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play.

If you require help to set up your account please contact Julia Perry on 01509 557560 ext 1044 or jperry@wbvs.co.uk



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Upcoming Sports Fixtures



Girls Netball

Year 11

Thursday 10th September

Year 10

Thursday 17th September

Year 9

Thursday 24th September

Year 8

Tuesday 15th September

Year 7

Tuesday 22nd September

Boys Football

Year 11

Thursday 10th September & Thursday 1st October

Year 10

Thursday 17th September & Thursday 8th October

Year 9

Thursday 24th September & Thursday 15th October

Year 8

Tuesday 15th September (Contingency: Tuesday 29th September)

Year 7

Tuesday 22nd September (Contingency: Tuesday 13th October)

Sign up in the sports hall!



Woodbrook Vale Sports Clubs



Day	Club	Year Group	Time	Location
Monday	Badminton	KS3 Girls	12:25-1pm	Sports Hall
	Volleyball	All years (sign up required - FULL)	3-4pm	Sports Hall
Tuesday	Badminton	KS3 Boys	12:25-1pm	Sports Hall
	Netball	All years	3-4pm	Ball court
	Football	Year 10 Boys	3-4pm	Field
Thursday	Badminton	Year 10	12:25-1pm	Sports Hall
Friday	Badminton	Year 11	12:25-1pm	Sports Hall

Boys Football Trial Sessions

Year 7 – Friday 11th September 3-4pm

Year 8 – Tuesday 8th September 3-4pm

Year 9 – Wednesday 9th September 3-4pm

Year 10 – During club sessions

Year 11 – Friday 4th September 3-4pm





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Take a look...

**YOUR VOTE
MATTERS**

MFL

Linguascope is a great website for revising content covered in class by playing the games. There is an addition "construction of sentences" section which is more challenging. Why not challenge yourself to learn one of the other languages over the summer? the linguascope password had been changed

username = woodbrook
password = cultural20

We are pleased to share that Woodbrook Vale has been selected for the Teaco Fruit and Veg schools grant program starting from the 3rd August to Nov 2026, you can support our project by blue token in selected Tesco's Stores.

Our project is creating a sensory garden designed with students; supporting wellbeing, inclusion, multi-sensory learning and responsibility.

Please remember us when leaving the local Tesco stores.

SCIENCE

**CONUNDRUM
of the WEEK**

What does this hazard symbol mean



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NHS Guidance

Sometimes it can be difficult to know whether your child is too ill to attend school. NHS guidance says it's fine to send them in with a minor cough or common cold, as long as they don't have a temperature – we will keep an eye on them.

See [NHS guidance sheet 'Is my child too ill for school'](#)

Is my child too ill for school?



UK Government



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

DfE comms video - [Illness absence and staying healthy](#)

There are also two YouTube video's on attendance expectations, one for Key stage 3, one for key stage 4 - Could we perhaps use these but make our own to post on social media?

[Starting secondary school and supporting your child's attendance](#)

[Starting Key Stage 4 and supporting your child's attendance](#)

[Tips for how parents can support with good attendance in secondary school](#)





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Mental Health Support
Teams **in Schools**



Leicestershire Partnership
NHS Trust

Looking for NHS advice on mental health for teenagers?

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



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

Find more support at:

[www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/
bit.ly/YouandYourMentalHealth](http://www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/bit.ly/YouandYourMentalHealth)

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How Parents Can Access This Support:

Families do not need a school referral to access these specific early intervention programmes.

Parents can self-refer directly by visiting the NHS LLR Self-Referral Portal which can be accessed from our website [The Early Intervention Service \(EIS\)](#) | [The Relationships Centre - Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland](#)

Early Intervention Service

Emotional wellbeing and therapeutic support for children and young people, and their parents/carers, living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.



Flourish

Our Flourish groupwork programme is for children and young people aged 8-17. It aims to equip young people with a better understanding of mental and emotional health, coping strategies and emotional resilience through a range of creative and engaging interventions.

The programme runs for 6-8 weeks, groups are separated by age range and tailored to better fit the needs of each age group.

Prosper

Our Prosper programme is a 3-hour Zoom session for parents/ carers of children experiencing anxiety. Our Prosper deliverers support parents to understand anxiety and how they can best support their children and young people to cope better.

Children and Young People's Counselling

A safe space for children and young people aged 8-18 to talk about challenges they're facing one to one with a trained counsellor, and learn better ways of coping.

ADHD support

We offer support to young people and their families where there is diagnosed or suspected ADHD. Our practitioners work with young people to support them in understanding ADHD and how this can impact them in their daily lives, and explore better ways of regulating their emotions. We also offer workshops for parents/ carers, supporting them to understand ADHD and how they can best support their children and young people to cope better.

Heads Up

The service is made up of two organisations: The Relationships Centre and Heads Up, and offers a range of support interventions for children, young people and parents/carers. You can find information on the services offered at Heads Up here:

www.headsupleicester.org.uk

To access this, you will need to be assessed and referred by your GP or you can complete a self-referral to see whether The Relationships Centre is the best fit for you:
www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/



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**Leicestershire Local Offer
Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities Roadshow**

**Thursday
24th September**

17.00 - 19.30

County Hall, Glenfield, LE3 8HD

**Come along with your child/young person to
have a go at activities and find out about
Local SEND services and support
in your area.**

The Roadshow brings together information and services which support families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) all in one place. A chance to meet and chat with representatives from Leicestershire County Council and its partners.

**Please book your FREE tickets via:
leicestershire.gov.uk/local-offer-roadshows**

**Scan here
to book tickets**



**To find out more about the SEND
Local Offer in Leicestershire please visit:**

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