



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

DofE Enrollment

Thursday 1st October

Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday 1st October

Year 7 Disco

Thursday 8th October

**Year 11 Post 16
Information Evening -**

Thursday 15th October

Half Term

**Monday 19th October - Friday
23rd October**

Congratulations



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Celebrating Attendance and Every Step Forward

As we start the new school year, we are excited to put a real focus on celebrating good attendance and, importantly, recognising the effort our students make to be in school and ready to learn.

This week, we launched our attendance rewards with **double credits for students who achieve high attendance**. This is a great way to get our new rewards programme started and to celebrate those students who are consistently attending school and making the most of the opportunities available to them. There have been spot prizes and we have a non-uniform day on Thursday.

We do want to reassure parents and carers, however, that **this is just one part of our wider approach to attendance**.

We know that attendance is not always straightforward. Every child is different, and there can be many reasons why a young person may struggle to attend school regularly. We are very aware that some of our students live with long-term illnesses, disabilities or other circumstances that can have an impact on their attendance. We will always consider individual circumstances and ensure that our approach is fair, supportive and consistent with our responsibilities under the Equality Act.

For some students, maintaining excellent attendance will be the goal. For others, the most important achievement may be improving from their individual starting point. This might mean setting a personalised attendance target, celebrating a reduction in absence, or simply recognising that a student has managed to attend more regularly than they have previously.

We want to celebrate progress, not just percentages.

Throughout the year, there will be further attendance initiatives and specific weeks where the focus will be on improvement. This means that students who may not currently have the highest attendance will still have opportunities to earn recognition and rewards for the progress they make. The improvement may be based on how the year has started or on improvements from last year. Therefore, our double-credit week is the starting point for our attendance rewards, rather than a one-size-fits-all approach. Alongside whole-school rewards, we will continue to work closely with students and families to understand barriers to attendance and provide appropriate support wherever we can.

Ultimately, our aim is simple: **to help every student attend school as regularly as they are able, feel supported to overcome barriers, and be recognised for the progress they make along the way.**

We are really looking forward to celebrating our students' successes this year - both the big achievements and the small steps that make a real difference. If you need additional support with ensuring your child has improved attendance please reach out to the Form Tutor, Head of Year or the Attendance Team.



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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.



4 SCHOOLS

Go 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

SHREK The MUSICAL

Rehearsals are in full swing for this year's school production. As well as acting, singing and dancing students take responsibility for sound, lighting, costumes and props and have been working really hard.

Tickets will be on sale around Christmas for the shows on the evenings of Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th and 29th January 2027.

Free school meals information



Leicestershire
County Council

SCIENCE

CONUNDRUM

of the WEEK

What happens to
your reaction time
if you drink a
standard cup of
tea?



Last Weeks Answer

What as an Ampere - The base unit of electric current in the SI system (also known as an Amp). It is a measure of how much electric charge moves through a circuit every second.

Homework Club



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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Take a look...

**YOUR VOTE
MATTERS**

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 Tesco 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.

THANK
YOU

Everyone who has helped with the Blue tokens for our sensory garden,
Keep up the great work, we have till Nov 30th 2026 for the final count!

**A handful of
students receiving
their Bronze Arts
Award certificates
this week!**



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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



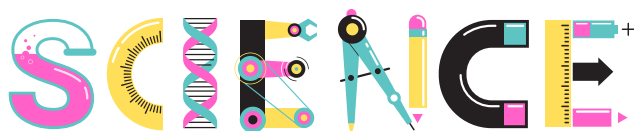
INTERVENTIONS

Year 11 Intervention Programme – Autumn 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Science	History Science	Science		
Afterschool	Maths	MFL / Creative Science		English / iMedia	Geography

Teachers will inform you if you have been invited to interventions

Tuesdays: History / MFL / Creative will take priority



YR 11 AFTERSCHOOL REV		Triple Room	Combined Room
TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER	Phys	25	25
TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER	Bio	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER	Chem	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER	Bio	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER	Phys	25	Lab 1
TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER	Chem	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER	Phys		25
TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	Bio	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER	Chem	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER	Phys	25	25
TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER	Bio	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER	Chem	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER	Phys	25	25

YR 11 Science Lunchtime Revision STARTS 12.25 prompt

	TRIPLE	COMBINE D
MONDAY	PHYSICS ROOM 25	
TUESDAY	CHEMIST RY LAB 1	CHEMIST RY ROOM
WEDNES DAY	BIOLOGY LAB 3	BIOLOGY ROOM 24





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SPARX MATHS

Your homework. Your progress. Your success.

COMPLETION RATE

88%

Keep up the great work!

Consolidate your learning from lessons and earn A points!

Woodbrook Vale School

18,179

questions answered correctly
in Sparx Maths so far this year

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Students in your school have completed

268 hours

of personalised learning
on Sparx Maths this year!

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STUCK? TRY THESE FIRST

- ▶ Watch the help video
-
- ▶ Write down your working out
-
- ▶ Ask for help in school

GET SUPPORT IN SCHOOL

MONDAY

Lunchtime

Room 13

TUESDAY

Lunchtime

Room 14

TUES, WEDS, THURS

After school

Library • Homework
Club



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Upcoming Sports Fixtures



Girls Netball

Year 7

Tuesday 22nd September

Year 9

Thursday 1st October (new date!)

Boys Football

Year 7

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

Year 9

Thursday 1st October (new date!) & Thursday 15th October

Year 10

Thursday 8th October (contingency - TBC)

Girls Football

Year 7 & 8

Wednesday 30th September

Sign up in the sports hall!

Please ensure you are returning any borrowed sports kit to the PE office as soon as possible after your fixture so they can be washed ready for other teams to wear.



Woodbrook Vale Sports Clubs



Day	Club	Year Group	Time	Location
Monday	Badminton	KS3 Girls	12:25-1pm	Sports Hall
	Volleyball	All years	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
Wednesday	Football	Year 9 Boys	3-4pm	Field
Thursday	Badminton	Year 10	12:25-1pm	Sports Hall
Friday	Badminton	Year 11	12:25-1pm	Sports Hall

Year 7 & 8 Girls Football Training:

Monday 21st September 3-4pm





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CAREERS

QUORN FOOTBALL CLUB TRIAL DAY

20th October

Quorn FC, Farley Way Stadium.



The trial provides an opportunity within the grassroots football pathway for students interested in developing football to showcase ability, experience the coaching environment, and be assessed by coaching staff.

Trial Day Details:

Date: Tuesday 20th October 2026

Time: 9:30am – 1:00pm

Throughout the session, players/learners will take part in a variety of technical, tactical and small-sided games, designed to assess key areas including technical ability, game understanding, decision-making, physical attributes, attitude, and overall potential.

Quorn FC are particularly interested in hearing from learners who want to developing their game and looking to take the next step within their football journey.

Places for the trial day are limited, and therefore early registration is recommended.

If you have the right skills, potential and ambition, register your interest via <https://hoet.activehosted.com/f/79>

POST 16 OPEN DAYS

Stephenson College - Tuesday
29th September

Loughborough College -
Saturday 3rd October

Brooksby College - Saturday
10th October

De Lisle Sixth Form- Thursday
29th October

Rawlins Academy Sixth Form
- Saturday November 14th

Melton Ignite - Tuesday 17th
November



HOET Email Marketing

We already have basic information about you, so this form is to capture some extra details to complete your application.

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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?'





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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**



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