



Woodbrook Vale
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WOODBROOK VALE

2025/2026

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

Please visit our school website for more information

School Closes

Thursday 9th July at 1:30pm

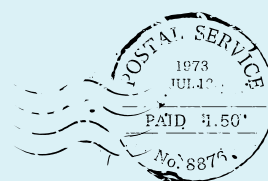
School Opens

Wednesday 26th August

HELLO
SUMMER



Dear Parents/Carers



Thank you for your support this year. Staff and students have worked really hard and we were delighted to give out more Futures Awards, certificates and prizes than ever before!

We are saying goodbye to Mr Galindo, Miss Smith, Ms Reeves, Mr Nervi and Mrs McSwiney this term. We thank them for their service to Woodbrook Vale and the community.

Have an enjoyable and safe summer break and we look forward to welcoming staff and students back on Wednesday 26th August.



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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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ENRICHMENT 2026 WEEK

Enrichment Week – MFL

Year 7s completed World Cup themed activities in French, covering flags, countries and player vocabulary as well as writing their own player profiles.

Year 8s and 9s took part in a carousel of activities including a cultural quiz about Morocco; an escape room which included an idiom quiz, identifying 10 different languages and matching typical food and flags to countries. Finally students had a choice of activities including a multilingual card game, map jigsaws, learning numbers in languages such as German, Welsh and Italian and creating a model of an iconic world monument out of Lego.

Well done to all who took part !



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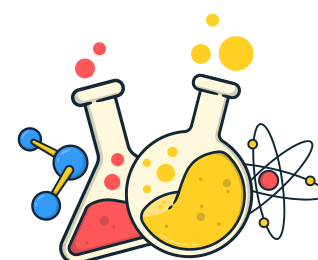
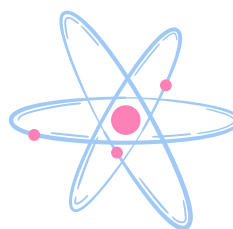
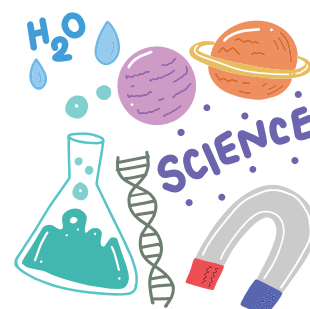
The Future of Science at Woodbrook Vale

On Wednesday 24th in the afternoon, five local primary schools came to Woodbrook Vale to present their excellent science projects in a competition against one another. Each team competing had already won within their primary schools so it really was the best of the best on the day!

The competitions included: testing dissolving times of gummy bears in different liquids; whether height affects lung capacity; and which material degraded best in our toilets. When asked what the groups enjoyed most about the project they all said, 'Working together as a team.' The year 11 'journalists' on the day thought the quote, 'If it moves, it's biology; if it stinks, it's chemistry; and if it doesn't work, it's physics,' was amusing. The gummy bears created quite a stir when the students told us that their heads fell off when dissolved in baking soda.

Ms Fraser, Mr Brown and Ms Johal were the esteemed judges on the day, and decided that Outwoods Team Two were the winners on the day with important research into: 'Does thickness of biscuit affect dunking strength?' In a short second place was Lift Beacon and Mountfields Team Two came third. Mrs Vandeveld's amazing English acted as 'journalists' on the day too, and really enjoyed being part of it.

By 11EV (Mrs Vandeveld's Year 11 English class)





Science

Congratulations to all our Scientists this academic year! Students from across all years have shown excellent resilience and built amazing practical skills. The Science department are very proud of your achievements and look forward to developing even further after Summer. An additional well done to all the primary school children and staff who have taken part in the Science primary outreach programme and competition this year - we look forward to teaching many of them in September!

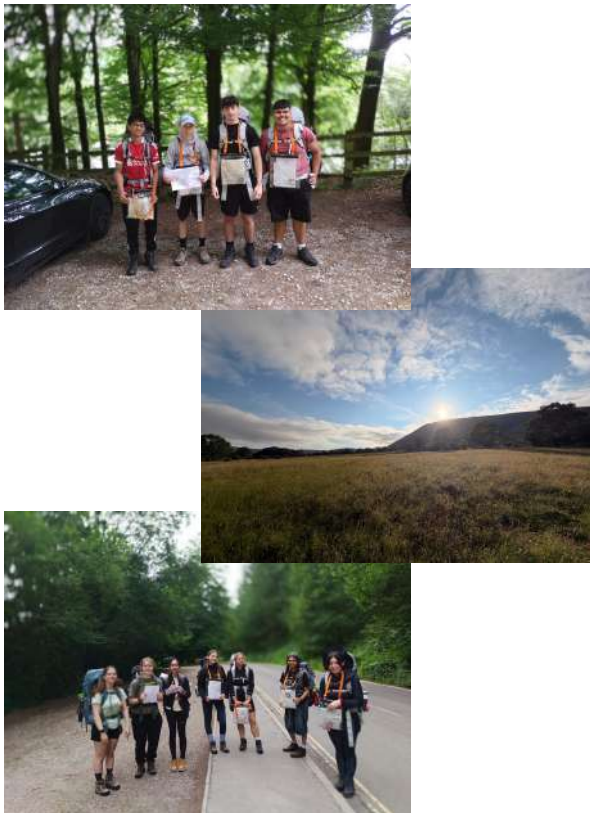
The Science Department



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On Monday 6th July, 16 students from years 10 and 11 took on their silver expedition in the High Peaks district. Over the course of three days the students hiked for 15km each day and camped for two nights.

Throughout the expedition, they demonstrated outstanding resilience, team work and excellent navigational skills rising to every challenge. Each and every student should be very proud of their achievements.





Reading Academy

Year 7

As the academic year draws to a close, we took a moment to recognise the brilliant work Year 10 students had done as part of the Reading Academy. Each week, they gave up their Tuesday form time to mentor groups of Year 7 students, helping them grow in confidence, strengthen their reading skills, and feel welcomed into the Woodbrook Vale Community.

To celebrate the contribution of our Year 10 mentors and thank the Year 7 students who embraced the programme, we hosted a special breakfast to mark the successful completion of the first year of the Reading Academy. It was an opportunity to recognise everyone's achievements, say thank you for their commitment, and celebrate the positive relationships built throughout the year.

The impact of the mentors will continue to be seen in the progress and confidence of the Year 7 students they have supported, and they have set a strong example for the new Year 10 students as future mentors.

“It made me a little more confident reading out loud.”

“Before Reading Academy I didn't want to do it, but now I am better at reading and I'm glad I did it.”

“The best thing about reading together is that I became friends with my mentor and feel that I can go to him.”

Year 10

“Reading Academy helps year 7s regain confidence and by being a mentor I can look out for them in school.”

“The thing I enjoyed most was seeing the change in attitude to reading over the year.”





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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**

If you wanted to support the England team in their football match on Saturday with a chemical flame test which 2 metals would give the closest colour to the flag?

**Answer on
Page 7**



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WATER SAFETY

After the tragic events in May this year of multiple open water deaths, particularly among teenagers, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service would like to provide you with a Water Safety Video Presentation aimed at students from Year 7 to Year 13. The presentation is around 20 minutes long and should be shown in tutor/form time or in an assembly. It can be accessed by clicking the following link.



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bit.ly/YouandYourMentalHealth

HEALTH4TEENS

**Loughborough
COLLEGE GROUP**

NOT SURE ABOUT YOUR NEXT STEPS AFTER RESULTS DAY?

IF YOU WANT TO START A COURSE THIS SEPTEMBER, WHY NOT
DROP IN AND TALK TO OUR TEAMS ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS?



OPEN FOR DROP-INS
10.00AM - 4.00PM

Advice and guidance from our
Careers and Curriculum teams about
a huge range of academic, professional
and technical courses including:

BTECS
T LEVELS
APPRENTICESHIPS
A LEVELS

THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST
FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST
MONDAY 24TH AUGUST
TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST
WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST
THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST
FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST

SPEAK TO OUR TEAMS AT...

**Brooksby
COLLEGE**
Brooksby
Melton Mowbray
LE14 2LJ
01664 850850

**Loughborough
COLLEGE**
Radmoor Road
Loughborough
LE11 3BT
01509 618375

**Stephenson
COLLEGE**
Thornborough Road
Coalville
LE67 3TN
01530 836136

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CLUB

13th July to 21st August
In association with the Leicestershire HAF holiday
scheme

From 9:00-
3:00
(Everyday)

SEND Friendly
5* Reviews

WHERE

148 Loughborough Road,
Hathern, LE12 5JB
or
Brooklyn Court, Brook Street,
Shepshed, LE12 5JB

HAF
inclusive hours
are 9:30 - 1:30
including a hot
meal

HOW TO BOOK

Download the booking form
from our website or email
louisa@thehub-cic.co.uk

See Website for Dates

CONTACT DETAILS

07394981320
<https://thehub-cic.co.uk/>

PAID PLACES AVAILABLE
Hourly, Daily and Weekly
Prices
Lunch and Snacks Provided

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(red) and
Magnesium
(white).**



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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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2023

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YEARS 10 (OR 9)
WHO WANT TO
PLAY UP A YEAR

**NEW
PLAYERS
WANTED**

FOR THE 2026/27
SEASON

- LEAGUE:
DIVISION 4 (PROPOSED)
- HOME GAMES:
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE
- MATCH DAY:
SATURDAY MORNINGS
- TRAINING VENUE:
RAWLINS ACADEMY 3G
- TRAINING:
THURSDAY 7:30PM - 8:30PM

COME ALONG TO TRAINING,
MEET THE COACHES
AND HAVE A TRIAL.
**NEW PLAYERS
WELCOME!**



FA QUALIFIED
COACHING



PLAYER
DEVELOPMENT



COMPETITIVE
FOOTBALL



GREAT TEAM
ENVIRONMENT



RESPECT
COMMITMENT
TEAMWORK

CONTACT:
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TOGETHER WE ARE



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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.enthuze.com/ps/event/TheLoughboroughColourRun2026>

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 game

Followed by some craft activities
and FREE food!

LRFC is proud to be a
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All welcome, from complete
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players!



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LOUGHBOROUGH, LE11 5FJ

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