

UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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No 938 WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 6 JULY SUMMER TERM 2025

'We are courageous, reflective and, above all, kind'

MONDAY 3.45pm NO Little Voices

3.45pm **NO** Virtual Reality

6.00pm Violet Class Parents 11+ Prep via **ZOOM**

TUESDAY 7.45am **NO** La Jolie Ronde

3.15pm and 5.00pm (in between music concerts) Second Hand Uniform Sale

3.45pm **NO** Touch Typing 3.45pm **NO** Sew What

4.00pm Yellow and Green Class' Music Concert in the school hall - all are welcome

6.00pm Junior Music Festival – all are welcome

WEDNESDAY 8.45am Blue Class Assembly – Blue Class parents are welcome to attend

3.35pm Green – Violet Class (September's Juniors) parents – meet new teachers

3.45pm **NO** Karate 3.45pm **NO** M:Tech

3.45pm Try an instrument afternoon for Yellow – Violet Classes

THURSDAY 7.45am **NO** La Jolie Ronde

8.45am Green Class Assembly - Green Class parents are welcome to attend

12.20pm **NO** Sew What (Infants) 6.00pm UV Leavers' Evening

FRIDAY 10.45am Prize Giving Assembly

11.50am Red and Orange Class pick up 12.00pm Yellow and Green Classes pick up 12.10pm Blue to Ultra Violet Classes pick up

12.10pm School's Out for Summer!

To book wraparound care, please click: Richmond Rugby Club (WAC) Booking

Breakfast club: Run by school and NO need to book in advance

To report a child absent, please click: absences@unicornschool.org.uk



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Celeste (G), Nicky (Y) and Quinn (Y)





The Infant Music Concert (for Yellow and Green Classes) is at 4pm until 5pm in the hall. All children in Yellow and Green will be taking part in performances from our Choir, Green recorders, Yellow violins and more!

The Junior Music Festival is at 6pm until 7pm outside in the playground. All junior children from Blue to UV are taking part in performances from choirs, orchestras, violin club, Tutti Fluti, rock band, Unicorn singers and more! Parents should bring a chair!!





Wednesday 9 July - Try an instrument afternoon. All children and their parents from Yellow to Violet are

welcome. Meet our wonderful VMTs and have a go on all the different instruments on offer. We will have our string, woodwind, brass, drum, and piano teachers there. Instrumental lessons are available to children from Green Class upwards.

If your child is interested in singing lessons (Blue Class upwards), please contact Miss Gresson asap.

Pupil Parliament This week, Violet's Pupil Parliament assembly was a remarkable display of confidence and brilliance from every child involved. We all felt an immense sense of pride as we witnessed the pupils articulating their thoughts on a range of important issues, from environmental concerns to school improvement. Their bravery in presenting their ideas was truly commendable, and Mrs Bird extends her heartfelt congratulations to all the children in Violet Class.

The children will be voting for one girl and one boy who will be presented with a certificate at our Prize Giving Assembly. Given the wealth of talent displayed, it will be a very difficult vote! A special thank you also goes to the parents for their unwavering support at home, which undoubtedly contributed to their outstanding performances.

Book Swap On Monday, we had another very successful Big Book Swap for the junior children. An incredible 266 books found themselves a new owner!

It's a great way to support our commitment to sustainability and for the children to receive a new selection of books without having to pay for them. I always encourage the children to keep swapping amongst themselves when they finish their books, and hopefully they will all have lots to read over the summer holidays!

Thank you to parents for supporting the children and reminding them to bring in their books. Happy Reading! Mrs Gladstone









Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.15pm and 5.00pm (in between the Infant and Junior Music Concerts) Tuesday 8 July on the Forecourt



This is a great opportunity to donate outgrown uniform and stock-up on replacement items! Please have a sort-out; **ALL** proceeds from the sale support the School's charity fundraising.

Donation Instructions:-

Duffle coats, good quality blue polos, sweatshirts, sports tracksuit bottoms, new style sports jackets, PE tops, skorts, gym shorts, trousers but please **NO** white shirts or old school sports jackets.

Please bring your uniform donations, cleaned, ironed and on a hanger by **Monday morning 7 July** and leave in the school office. Please do not bring donations on the day. The sale is on **Tuesday 8 July.**

Blue Class Science Blue Class enjoyed testing the elasticity of different types of nappies. They discovered that waterproof nappies were the stretchiest, designed to allow free movement during swimming. Newborn nappies, on the other hand, lacked elastic at the back - likely because newborns don't move much. Cotton training nappies were stretchy both at the front and back, making them easier to pull on and off during potty training. Great job, Blue!













UV's Bus / Tube mission

After several lessons studying tube maps, possible routes and safe travel, this week the intrepid UVs set out in groups of twos and threes to put their learning into practice.

Their mission was to get to Green Park (involving a change of line!), find a certain fountain and then return to Richmond to catch a bus as the last leg.

Each group was tailed by a parent/staff observer who was given a detailed checklist of points to look out for. The feedback was that all groups were excellent in all areas - congratulations UV!



















Our Orange Class ducklings are now teenagers! We cared for them from the moment they pipped right up to 10 days old. Mrs Maher then drove them down to Bedales School in Hampshire, where they now live happily in the beautiful school grounds—with a huge lake to enjoy!













5 big boxes of books were collected to go to Africa this week



Mrs Bryan, Mrs Gladstone and Mrs Daw have been busy sorting out lots of books which are no longer used in school and have packaged them up with the help of some of the children. The books will be collected by an organisation called **Books2Africa** and sent over to schools and communities. We will be sent photographs of where the books have been donated to and how they are being used. This is a great organisation and contributes to our sustainability targets. For more information see www.books2africa.org

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National Spark Book awards Well

done to Archie who won a prize at the National Spark Book awards for a piece of diary writing. Amazing achievement!



Do you need help over the summer holiday? Alex Richford is a former Unicorn student, now age 20, and currently studying Mathematics at The University of Nottingham. Alex is currently available through to September to help with general childcare/ 'manny' duties with prior experience in teaching children maths and chess. He is an accomplished musician and has special interests in tennis and football. Alex has a chalet catering certificate and is happy to prepare children's meals as required. Please call Alex on 07879 243435 to chat about how he might be able to help your family over the busy summer months.

Morrison girls Summer Holiday Help! Babysitting & Pet Sitting Available

Miel – Experienced Babysitter (GCSEs just finished!)

Miel is available for babysitting during the day or evening throughout the summer holidays. She has experience caring for children aged 3–12, and can:

- Take children out for fun days
- Keep them busy at home with crafts and games
- Cook meals and snacks
- Help with bedtime routines

Miel is reliable, fun, and has references available. She's excited to offer a helping hand and a great time for your kids this summer!

ලී Gigi – Responsible Pet Sitter (Age 11, nearly 12)

Gigi is offering pet sitting services this summer. She has experience feeding and caring for cats over several days and would love to help with: Cats, fish, Rabbits, lizards etc.

She can pop in to care for your pets while you're away feeding, checking on them, and giving them some love. Preferably in the Chiswick or Kew area, as she travels independently. References available.

Interested? Please contact Anouk in the first instance: 07304 281236



Soft plastics (Eco Warriors) alert for parents. Do you get frustrated that you can't put lots of plastic packaging, wrappers etc in recycling? Well ... the Eco Warriors can help you!

Supermarkets have started recycling soft plastics (they are now required by law) so next Wednesday, 9th July, the Eco Warriors will be collecting the soft plastics that (we hope) everyone will be bringing into school, and it will all be taken to the local Sainsbury's to be recycled.

What do you need to do?



Please bring in some of the following into school, to be collected in the classrooms.

- dry food plastic wrappers eg. for cereal, bread, biscuits, crisp packets
- Other food flexible plastic wrap eg. cheese wrap. Clingfilm, salad or fruit or vegetable bags
- non food plastic wrappers eg. carrier bags, clothing bags, kitchen roll wrapping

Please separate into the different categories (as listed above) &



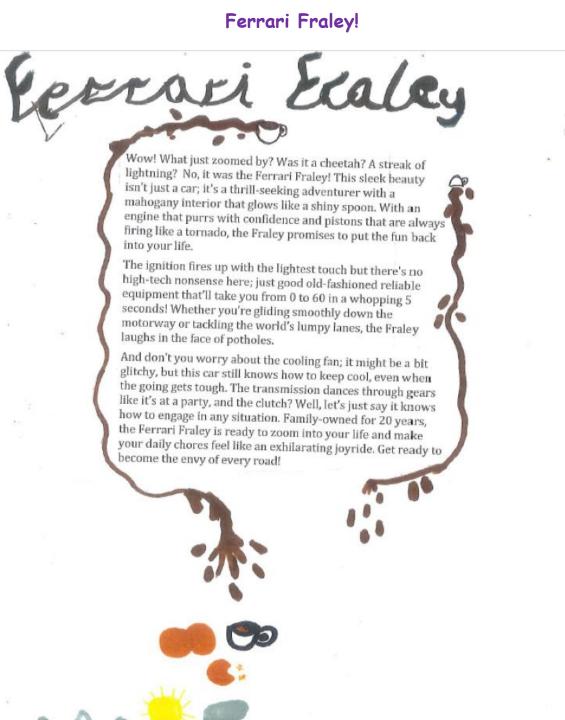
IT MUST BE WASHED & CLEAN!!!

Thank you for your help!

https://www.about.sainsburys.co.uk/sustainability/plan-for-better/ourstories/2021/flexible-plastic

In UV, the children have been turning their beloved teachers into quirky

cars, using anthropomorphism as a tool for writing! Picture the GTA Gladstone boasting a transmission so clever, it could solve a complex equation, or a Ferrari Fraley that runs like a cheetah with an ignition that fires up with the lightest of touch. The humour's revved up, and these adverts are driving us all wild with laughter!







Introducing the brand-new GTA Gladstone—a car that's as sharp as a silver fox and as smooth as a knife gliding through butter! This isn't just any car; it's a gentlemanly vehicle, oozing class and sophistication. The Gladstone's engine purrs like a satisfied cat, while its brakes are so polite, they'll stop you just at the right moment to let pedestrians cross, saying, "After you!"

The leather seats are a little ripped around the edges - this car has lived - but the ignition flickers with enthusiasm, always ready to jump to action at the touch of a button. And the battery—never stressed and always calm—ensures you never run out of steam even on the longest of journeys.

Speaking of journeys, the Gladstone boasts a transmission so clever, it could solve a complex equation while you sit back and enjoy the ride. As for the clutch, it's a bit of a softie, ensuring changes are as gentle as a whisper.

Don't let the cool, calm exterior fool you though, this GTA Gladstone can fire up its pistons suddenly and take you on a tantalising drive, swerving obstacles with ease and taking country lane corners like a champion racing driver. Just don't overuse its acceleration, as once in a while, it may splutter and grind to a sudden halt.

With the GTA Gladstone, you're not just getting a car; you're ensuring adventure, whether it be a smooth cruise through the countryside or a quick dash to the shop for biscuits!

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Rolls Royce Rodgers!

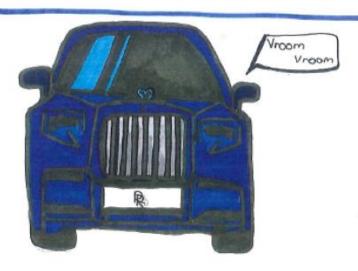


Introducing the magnificent Rolls Royce Rodger's, your new best friend on the road! With a smooth silver exterior that glistens like freshly polished treasure, Rodger's is not just any car; it's a car that makes hearts flutter. Once you slide into its soft, scrumptious seats, you'll feel like royalty lounging on a cloud.

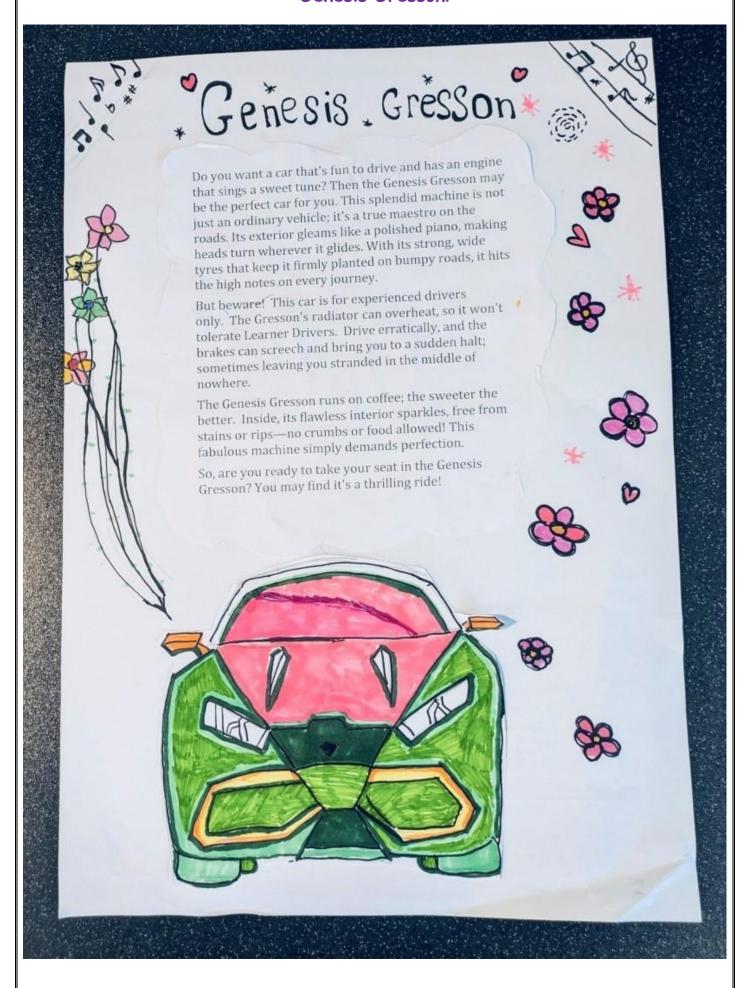
Now, Rodger's might have a short fuse when it comes to pesky potholes, but don't worry! With a playful accelerator and pistons that dance with joy under the bonnet, it'll glide you along the road like a dream. Its bright headlights show off its charming personality, especially when a loving family come for a tour.

While the Rodger's can get a bit messy from time to time, it's resilient and always bounces back with a soft purr. But don't bring chocolate digestives aboard - it'll devour them in seconds!

Don't let its past bumps and scrapes fool you. Treat this Rolls kindly and it'll steer you in the right direction for a lifetime of enjoyable adventures. And yes, it runs smoothly on bio-tea fuel, just to keep things fresh and fabulous!



Genesis Gresson!



BMW Bird!

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Meet the brand new BMW Bird, your modern-day marvel – a Scottish-Italian hybrid with a personality as vibrant as its engine!

Just like a well-oiled machine, the BMW Bird runs smoothly, even on cold winter mornings.

The BMW Bird thrives on order and a pristine interior, so if you are the type to leave your crisp packets behind, you can expect a bumpy ride, but treat this model with care and respect, and it will radiate warmth and friendliness, making every passenger feel at home.

The BMW Bird is equipped with the latest technology; it navigates tricky turns with ease and glides over potholes, so you can expect a reliable car for many years to come.

With its sleek design, lustrous golden paint and perfect leather interior, this car will turn heads. But don't be fooled by the cool exterior; the Italian twist means the radiator can occasionally overheat, especially when its maps are updated without permission.

However, keep this car fully serviced and it can be your perfect companion on every road trip: honest, reliable and really fun to drive – it will be difficult to trade this one in!



The Front Door Older Adults (Frailty) Team at St Mary's Hospital where Claire (and Simon) Peake works are running a 10K to raise funds for their Unit.

The Frailty service looks after older adults with complex medical, social and psychiatric issues for the first 1-2 days of their attendance at A&E - with the focus being to restore health and safe function as quickly as possible by offering whole-person holistic care from the moment they arrive.

The team are raising money for vital equipment that would improve the quality of care including a bladder scanning device, personal oxygen saturation monitors and, even pillows!

Imperial College Healthcare

Imperial Front Door Team running 10 km for Imperial Health Charity

The Imperial Front Door team is lacing up their running shoes for a 10K challenge on July 13th! Every pound raised will go to Imperial Health Charity, helping improve patient journeys at Imperial hospitals. Support us and make a difference – donate today!

To donate click here!

Or just enter the following into your browser

https://www.justgiving.com/team/icht-frontdoor-team



Contact: Nicola Crossey, Clinical Lead for OT and PT- Acute and Emergency Medicine



5th and 6th July 2025 at Old Deer Park, Richmond

Marzamemi Festival '25 is less than 2 weeks away! Tickets are selling quickly so don't delay in getting yours now!

2025 will be bigger and better:

Epic line up of Italian food & drink
Packed line up of live chef demos
Lots of fun live music & DJ's all day

Curated shopping tents with homeware, fashion, artisan brands

Creative workshops for adults (ceramic painting, embroidery, oil painting, terrariums)

FREE kids entertainment (Giggle Company shows, inflatable fun, little beach, outdoor cinema, football drills, lawn games, story time, art & craft table, gelato, granita, popcorn & vintage sweet stall)

Italian cinema playing a few oldies

Our GIOIA beauty tent (blow drys by Blo Bar, express manicures & festival glam)

Super! Space with x2 free drinks & nibbles more live music & premium seating (limited ticket availability)

Buy your tickets now:

https://marzamemi.co.uk/tickets/

Unicorn Sport week beginning 7 July

For Directions to Sporting Venues

<u>Directions to Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Drive, Chiswick, W4 2SH</u>
<u>Directions to Old Deer Park (London Welsh), TW9 2HN</u>

Date	Sports information	Parents information	
Mon 7 July	Violet and UV Games lesson 13:30 – 15:00 Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH	Violet and UV to WEAR KIT TO SCHOOL: trainers, white socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, FULL Unicorn tracksuit, cap, water bottle Violet and UV parents to collect children from school as normal at 15:35 or from Barnes Hockey Pitch at 15:00	
Tues 8 July	Swimming lessons for ORANGE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00 NO AFTER SCHOOL SWIM SQUAD.		
Wed 9 July	7.30am (prompt) Running Club with Mrs Fraley – meet Pools on the Park Swimming lessons for BLUE / INDIGO (tbc) CLASS 14:00 – 15:00		
Thurs 10 July	Squad for Blue – Violet Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:15 – 16:15 Swimming lessons for GREEN CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	Parents to pick up after Squad from the field at 16:15 or back at school at 16:30.	
Fri 11 July	Swimming lesson for VIOLET Parents to drop children to the pool for 08:45		

Lunch Menu

Week commencing 7 July

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning	Sausage rolls (G, D)	Jam doughnuts	Cucumber and avocado	Pain au chocolate	Chocolate cookies
Break	Vegan sausage rolls (G)	(G)	Sushi (G, E, M, SE)	(G, D)	(G, D)
Mains	Peri Peri chicken thighs	Beef lasagne	WORLD FOOD WEDNESDAY	Pepperoni pizza	
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Vegetarian	Aubergine Parmigiana	Salmon pasta bake (F, D)	Chicken nuggets (G)	Pizza Margherita	
Option	(G, D)	Or	Katsu sauce	(G, D)	OUT
		Vegetable pasta bake (D)	Steamed rice		
			Edamame beans		FOR
Sides	Smoked paprika sweet	Curly kale	Tofu in black bean sauce	Steamed carrots	
	Potatoes, sweetcorn	Green beans	(G, S)	Green beans	SUMMER!
	Roasted vegetables	Garden peas	Roasted chilli broccoli	Rocket salad	
	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar	
Dessert	Vegan pancakes	Mixed berry pots	Strawberry sponge cake	Mini waffles	
			(G, D)	(G, E, S)	
	+ fresh fruit	+ fresh fruit	+ fresh fruit	+ fresh fruit	

Contains:

G = Gluten

D = Dairy

E = Egg

F = Fish

SE = Sesame

M = Mustard

S = Soya

SF = Seafood

SP = Sulphite

C = Crustasean