

UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

AUTUMN TERM 2025

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

WEDNESDAY 12.30pm Thomas Franks' (our food providers) Presentation to our Eco Warriors

FRIDAY **School in closed for Hannah Langdon's funeral** – there will be a memorial service at St Anne's Church, Kew Green at 11.00am, which you are welcome to attend, but please note it will **not be suitable for children**

SATURDAY 8.30am – 12.00pm Netball tournament. Selected pupils only. Email from Mrs Young with more information to follow

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@unicornschooll.org.uk



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Ember (UV) and Ava (V)



Friday 3 October - School will be closed for Hannah Langdon's funeral – there will be a memorial service at St Anne's Church, Kew Green at 11.00am, which you are welcome to attend, but please note it will **not be suitable for children**. A celebration of Mrs Langdon's life will be held at school in the New Year, which you are all welcome to attend.

Yellow Class enjoyed their trip to Kew Gardens on Wednesday We were super excited to identify oak, beech, plane and chestnut trees and leaves and lots of signs of Autumn. We enjoyed walking on 'Holly walk' and noticed that they were evergreen. We loved walking high up on the Treetop walk even though some of us found it a little scary. We loved sharing the trip with the parents who joined us; thank you for coming with us!

Thank you also to Yura's dad who came in to talk to us this week about how you can use maths and data in business.





Orange Class is bursting with creativity and curiosity!

We've been making Colour Monsters by blowing paint through straws and spinning it in a salad spinner - the results are absolutely amazing, and we've learnt so much about our feelings along the way.





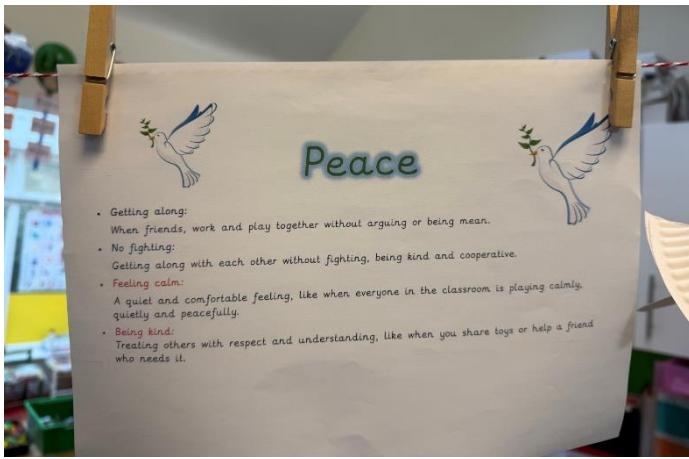
We explored colour mixing using pipettes and test tubes, transforming primary colours into secondary ones. Alec even showed us how to blow across the test tubes to make music — wow!



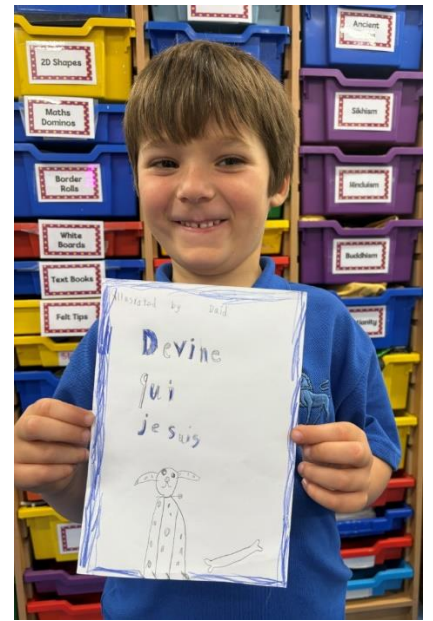
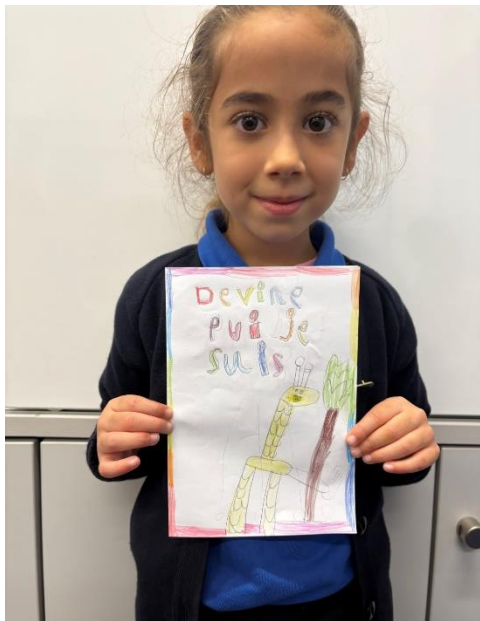
To celebrate International Peace Day, we created doves from paper plates and olive branches using cotton buds. We also came up with a set of class rules inspired by our Unicorn values to help bring peace to our classroom. It's early days, but it seems to be working!

We listened to the story of Noah's Ark and discovered the origins of the symbol of peace — a beautiful way to tie everything together.

We're all having a wonderful time, and learning so much too!



Green Class French In French lessons this week, Green Class used the book *Devine Qui Je Suis* (Guess Who I am) by John Butler, to learn the names of a variety of animals. This inspired them to write their own mini versions featuring their favourite animals.



Blue Class Science – Blue Class became petrologists by examining and testing rock samples. They found that sedimentary rocks are usually softer and more permeable (let water pass through) than igneous and metamorphic rocks, which are harder and often impermeable. Sedimentary rocks can contain ancient sea creature shells, and these rocks will fizz when vinegar is dropped on them.



Blue Class enjoyed making the three main types of rocks:

Igneous rocks form when magma cools and hardens. They are strong and often contain crystals.
Examples: Granite, Basalt

Sedimentary rocks form from layers of mud, sand, and dead organisms that settle and compress over millions of years. They are usually softer and permeable.

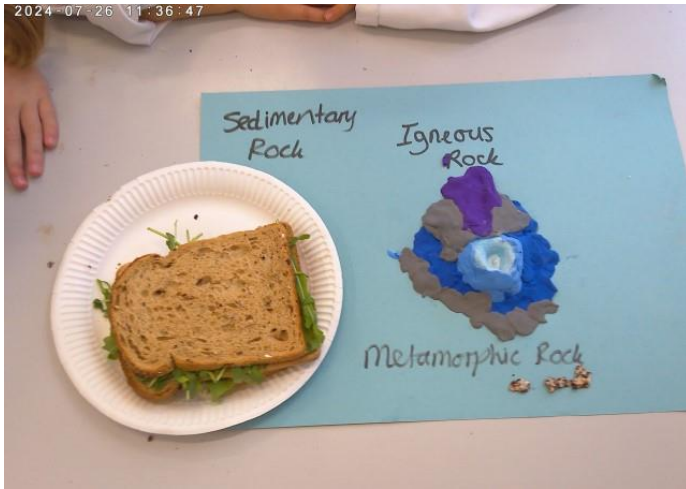
Examples: Sandstone, Chalk

Metamorphic rocks are created when existing rocks are changed by heat and pressure deep underground.

Examples: Slate, Marble

Fun Fact:

Sedimentary rocks made from ancient sea creature shells will fizz when vinegar is dropped on them!



UV Science - Classification UV explored classification by sorting sweets based on features like ingredient, structure, and colour, using yes/no questions. They created both common and scientific names for their sweet "species," then applied these skills to make branching classification keys for birds, butterflies, or bees using more subtle characteristics.



Indigo Class Science - Classification Indigo have enjoyed using and creating branching classification keys to identify invertebrates by examining their features. Scientists have long relied on detailed drawings, like those by Charles Darwin, to study living things. Today, artists such as Levon Biss use modern photography to capture the intricate details of invertebrates. Indigo observed how different beetles required careful, thoughtful questions to classify them accurately.



UV Sculptures UV have been trying out the technique of building wire armatures (skeletons) then adding form using newspaper, tape and paste this term. To understand the structure of the animals they also made studies using pastels and crayons.



Second Hand Uniform Sale
Wednesday 8 October at 8.00am
on the forecourt



Donations:

Good quality duffle coats, polos, sweatshirts, sports tracksuit bottoms, new style sports jackets, PE tops, skorts, gym shorts, trousers but please **NO** old school sports jackets.

Please bring your clean uniform donations and leave them in the office by **Tuesday morning 7 October**. Please do not bring donations on the day.



Little Village, one of the charities we currently support is in need of donations - please drop them into the office.

The items they are particularly in need of are:

- **Warm blankets**
- **Socks**
- **Coats & pram suits**
- **Boots & waterproof shoes**
- **Pyjamas**

If parents don't have access to these lovely items, then things like nappies, wipes, baby toiletries are always in high demand and would be greatly appreciated.

They hear every day from parents who are anxious about keeping their children warm. As one mum recently told them:

"Receiving a winter coat for my little one was more than just clothing – it was peace of mind."

Babysitter / after school help available Aldenis de Paula (Dana) one of Unicorn's chefs is available to babysit Fridays to Mondays and Wednesdays or offer after school help Monday to Friday. Has 3 years' babysitting experience with children aged 2 and above. Please call Aldenis on 07842 425430.

Kew House Open Days

We will be holding several onsite open events during our autumn term and hope that you can share these dates with your parents of pupils in years 5 & 6 so that they can visit us.

Open event dates

Friday 26th September 2025 @ 9.15am

Thursday 2nd October 2025 @ 9.15am

Open Evening - Wednesday 8th October 2025 @ 4.30pm-7.30pm - our new event with the whole school filled with action

Thursday 13th November 2025 @ 9.15am

Friday 21st November 2025 @ 9.15am

WINTER WARMERS COLLECTION

Give your child's clothes a new lease of love and help make sure babies and children across London have the things they need to keep warm this winter.

We particularly need the following items for 0-6 year olds:

- Warm blankets
- Pyjamas
- Socks
- Coats and pramsuits
- Boots & weatherproof shoes
- Warm clothing

Donations will be collected, sorted by our village of volunteers and carefully passed on to children who really need them.



"[She] was wearing the jacket that we came with from Ukraine, but it was not a winter jacket.

Now she's got the warm jacket for the winter and she wears it all the time when we go to nursery or when we go out."

-Family support by Little Village

littlevillagehq.org
Charity number: 1169735



Unicorn Sport week beginning 29 September

For Directions to Sporting Venues

[Directions to Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Drive, Chiswick, W4 2SH](#)

[Directions to Old Deer Park \(London Welsh\), TW9 2HN](#)

Date	Sports information	Parents information
Mon 29 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violet and UV Games lesson 13:30 – 15:00 <p>Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UV to WEAR KIT TO SCHOOL: trainers, long navy socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, FULL Unicorn tracksuit, SHIN PADS and water bottle. CHILDREN MUST HAVE SHIN PADS. <p>Parents to collect their child from school at 15:35 or from Barnes Hockey Pitch at 15:00.</p>
Tues 30 September	<p>Swim Squad @ Pools on the Park (selected pupils only) 15:45 – 16:30</p> <p>Swimming lessons for ORANGE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00</p>	Swim Squad to be collected from Pools on the Park at 16:30. NO RETURN SERVICE TO SCHOOL.
Wed 1 October	Swimming lessons for BLUE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	
Thurs 2 October	<p>SQUAD for Blue, Indigo and UV Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:15 – 16:15</p> <p>Swimming lessons for GREEN CLASS 14:00 – 15:00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SQUAD - Parents to collect their child at 16:15 from Old Deer Park or back at school at 16:30
Fri 3 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCHOOL IS CLOSED 	
Sat 4 October	Netball tournament – 08:30 to 12:00. Selected pupils only. Email with more info to follow.	

Lunch Menu

Week commencing 29 September

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break	Sausage rolls (G, D, E) Vegan sausage rolls (G)	Avocado & cucumber Sushi (G, E, M, S)	Crudités, sundried tomato Hummus and rice cake	Cheese & chive Mini scones (G, D)	
Mains	Bolognaise	Korean chicken burger On a mini Brioche bap (G, D, E)	WORLD FOOD WEDNESDAY PORTUGAL Peri Peri chicken thighs Roasted vegetables with Smoked paprika Padron peppers Beans Rice + Salad bar	Fisherman's pie (Haddock and salmon) (F, D, G)	S C H O O L I S
Vegetarian Option	Butter bean & gnocchi In a red pesto sauce (G)	Edamame & Quinoa Burger on a mini Brioche bap (G, D, E)		Roasted veg & feta Pasta bake (G, D)	
Sides	Spaghetti (G) Garden peas, beans Parmesan cheese (D) + Salad bar	Sweet potato wedges Korean crunch slaw Boston beans, corn on On the cob + Salad bar		Broccoli, curly kale Rosemary focaccia (G) Parmesan cheese (D) + Salad bar	C L O S
Dessert	Orange sponge cake (G, E) + fresh fruit	Mini fresh fruit salad + fresh fruit	Greek yoghurt with Strawberries (D) + fresh fruit	Grapes and berries Fruit pot + fresh fruit	E D

Contains:

G = Gluten

D = Dairy

E = Egg

F = Fish

SE = Sesame

M = Mustard

S = Soya

SF = Seafood

SP = Sulphite

C = Crustasean