



UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 13 OCTOBER

AUTUMN TERM 2025

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

SATURDAY 9.00am – 12.00pm U11 Football Tournament at Orley Farm School. Selected pupils only. Mrs Young has emailed parents of those children taking part



Cycling to School week



MONDAY 8.00am Unicorn's annual Farmers' Market on the forecourt
8.45am Harvest Festival Assembly – parents are welcome to attend
2.15pm Violet and UV matches v Prospect House (a)

TUESDAY 5.00pm – 7.30pm Parent meetings for Red – Violet Classes (10 mins)

WEDNESDAY Mrs Fraley out of school
2.00pm Blue and Indigo matches v Prospect House (a)

THURSDAY Mrs Fraley out of school

FRIDAY Mrs Fraley out of school
Just One Tree Day – wear GREEN mufti day
9.00am Green Class Scooter training morning

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:
Nia (B), Lockie (R), Viaan (I) & Emilia (B)



Farmer's Market
Monday 13 October from 8.00am on the forecourt
Donations needed please!

Home grown fruit / vegs Bulbs or seeds for the garden
Homemade jams / chutneys / sauces / honey etc
Any Autumn crafts ie lavender bags / candles etc

**Please can we have any fresh produce by 8.00am
on Monday 13 October**





Donations for Harvest Festival Monday 13 October



As per tradition, Unicorn are supporting West London Action for Children (WLAC) with Harvest Festival donations.

WLAC support families in real need in the West London area. They primarily provide counselling and therapy services, but the Harvest Festival donations that Unicorn make go directly to families who are struggling to afford basic food and every-day items.

The children will celebrate Harvest Festival in a school assembly (parents welcome to attend) on Monday 13 October when they will also discuss the work the charity does and supporting children and families in need.

Your children are also welcome to write poems and/or make a Harvest Festival pictures if they have time to do these at home.

This year we are doing physical donations and they have requested the following items. Please could each family bring 5 or so items from the list:

Tinned vegetables	Tinned soup	Tinned beans
Tinned puddings	Tinned fish	Pasta
Rice	Dried pulses	Breakfast cereals
Tea, coffee, hot chocolate	UHT milk or milk alternatives	Long-life fruit juice
Biscuits	Jam, honey, marmite	Cooking oil

*Please **check expiry dates** (at least 3 months ahead) and
also avoid **fresh or refrigerated foods***

The School Committee are once again organising charity Christmas Cards; a chance to order your child's wonderful artwork as a Christmas card, wrapping paper, notebook or mug!



The children have designed their artwork in class with their teacher / art teacher over the past few weeks. The artwork, together with order forms will come home today (Monday for Green Class). If you want to order cards, gift tags etc please complete the order form online as per the form instructions, and then return the completed form and artwork to the box provided (entrance hall/forecourt). *Please remember to pay online using the unique code on your child's form, before you return it to school*. Cauliflower Cards will not process forms/ orders that have not been submitted and paid for online.

DEADLINE FOR FORMS TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL IS TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER

All orders generate a % to our Unicorn charities' collection.

Red Class's walk in Kew Gardens What a lovely walk we had in Kew Gardens this week! We used our leaf magnifying glasses to identify different autumn leaves and spotted lots of signs of autumn. We found spider webs, acorns, conkers and mushrooms. Some Kew Gardens' experts told us all about the compost they were using to help the plants grow - it was making its own steam! We have collected lots of interesting leaves and sticks and had a good look through them in the classroom. Thank you to our lovely parent /carer helpers for joining us and making the morning so special.



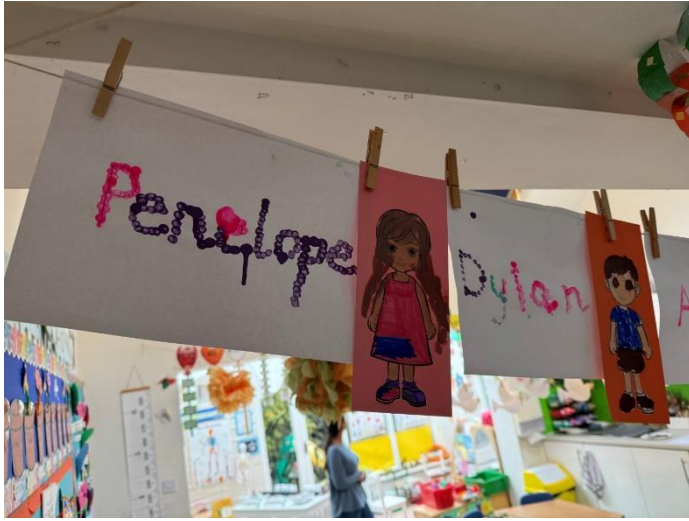
Red Class' Full Moon Festival Huge thanks to Benji's mummy for coming in to tell Red Class all about the Full Moon Festival which was celebrated in Vietnam this week with parades, dancing and light displays. We made fantastic dragon puppets, listened to dragon dance music and then tried a dragon dance ourselves. Benji's mummy had made us special full moon cakes, so we finished the morning with a delicious treat!



Orange Class' Uniqueness!

Over the last few days we've had some great discussions all about uniqueness. The children looked closely at their skin tone, eye colour and hair colour in the mirror, then carefully chose colours that matched their features.

It was a wonderful way to celebrate what makes each of us special!



Green Class Science - Green Class are learning about healthy bodies in Science this half term. We spoke about germs and how they travel from person to person. We did an experiment with green glitter showing the germs and how they travel around the class. Not a single person was glitter free within a few minutes and we had fun showing how effective soap is for cleaning your hands and faces!



Blue Class Science - Blue Class had fun learning how fossils are made. They created their own using a shell, clay, and Plaster of Paris. They found out that fossilisation starts when a living thing dies near water or ash. The soft parts rot away, leaving hard parts like bones or shells. These get buried under layers of sediment, which turn into rock over time. Minerals replace the bones, forming a fossil. Eventually, wind and rain can uncover the fossil so it can be found.



Cookery Club



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."

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





October half term 2025

Monday 27th — 10-2

Tuesday 28th — 10-2

Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th — 10-2

Thursday Oct 30th — 10-2

All sessions are mixed age and with be in our Ham Common Woods site



Tree House Learning October Half Term



Tree House Learning, your local, not-for-profit, Forest School provider.

Forest School is an innovative educational approach that allows the child to lead the learning in a natural woodland setting. We take the walls and roof off of the 'classroom' and get down to the serious business of play. We cater for ages 3 and up who are fully potty trained. If you have any questions please contact April (mobile) +44 7985 969 416 (email) contact@treehouselearning.co.uk.

Please visit our website to register for our school holiday sessions.

www.treehouselearning.co.uk

Unicorn Sport week beginning 13 October

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 13 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violet and UV Matches v Prospect House 14:00 – 15:00 <p>Match address: Roehampton Playing Fields, Dover House Road, London SW15 5BP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violet and 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 match address at 15:00.</p>
Tues 14 October	<p>Swim Squad at 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 15 October	<p>Blue and Indigo Matches v Prospect House 14:00 – 15:00</p> <p>Match address: Roehampton Playing Fields, Dover House Rd, London SW15 5BP</p>	Collect Blue and Indigo from the match address at 15:00 or back at school at 15:35
Thurs 16 October	<p>SQUAD for Blue – UV Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:30 – 16:30</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 17 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming lesson for UV - Parents to drop children to the pool for 08:45 Green, Blue and Indigo Games lesson 13:30 – 14:50 <p>Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green, Blue and Indigo 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. Green, Blue and Indigo parents to collect children from school as normal at 15:35 or from Barnes Hockey Pitch at 14:50.

Lunch Menu

Week commencing 13 October

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break	Banana tray bake (G)	Tuna and cucumber Sandwich (G, F)	Berry and oat slices	Coconut energy balls	Carrot and orange Mini muffins (G, E)
Mains	Chicken Thai Green Curry	BBQ pulled chicken in a Mini brioche bun (G, E, D)	WORLD FOOD WEDNESDAY Italy	Battered fish fingers (F, G)	Shepherd's pie topped With cheddar cheese (D)
Vegetarian Option	Spinach, potato and Chickpea curry	Cheddar and leek Mac 'n' Cheese (G, D)	Roasted veg and lentil Lasagne (G, D) Beef Lasagne (G, D) Antipasti Rosemary and sea salt Focaccia (G) Rocket & Parmesan salad (D) Cavolo Nero Roasted zucchini	Mushroom and roasted Peppers Spanish Omelette (E)	Root vegetable and Mixed bean pie (G)
Sides	Bombay potatoes Jasmine rice Roasted chilli aubergine Garlic broccoli + Salad bar	Corn on the Cob Boston beans Vegan coleslaw Savoy cabbage + Salad bar	+ Salad bar	Oven baked fries Mushy peas Garden peas Steamed carrots + Salad bar	Curly kale Broccoli Gravy + Salad bar
Dessert	Saffron & rose cheesecake (G, D) + fresh fruit	Lemon mousse + fresh fruit	Fruit pots + fresh fruit	Natural yoghurt with Fruit compote (D) + fresh fruit	Apple crumble with Vanilla custard (G, D) + fresh fruit

Contains:

G = Gluten

D = Dairy

E = Egg

F = Fish

SE = Sesame

M = Mustard

S = Soya

SF = Seafood

SP = Sulphite

C = Crustasean