



UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER

AUTUMN TERM 2025

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



HALF TERM – Monday 20 – Friday 31 October

MONDAY 8.45am No whole school assembly – paired reading

TUESDAY 3.45pm Tea Time Concert

WEDNESDAY 3.15pm Violet Class Cake Sale on the forecourt

FRIDAY 9.30am Green Class' trip to Kew Gardens

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:
Daniel (O), Taku (Y), Indigo (UV),
Candice (G), Savannah (G) and Lorelei (Y)



Farmer's Market Our Farmer's Market on Monday was another huge success. Special thanks to Trudi Heath and the Yellow and Green Class reps for organising and also to all those who made, baked, brought and bought - £949 was raised, which will be split between our charities and the school bursary fund.

There were 2 traditional games at the market, guess the weight of the pumpkin and name the scarecrow with this year's winners: Guess the weight of the pumpkin **Max (I)** guessed it exactly (9.5kg) and name the scarecrow – **Matilida (B)** who named him Mr Bojangles.





Harvest Festival Collection Thank you to all who brought in food donations, which were delivered to the West London Action for Children Charity for them to distribute to local families in need.



There will be a tea time music concert on Tuesday 4 Nov at 3.45-4.30pm
This is for invited children who will perform solos on their instruments. All welcome to watch!

Blue Class Science - Blue Class had fun exploring fossils and soil!

They took fossils out of the moulds they made last week and looked closely at real ones like Trilobites, Ammonites, and Coral. Blue also used magnifying glasses to study different types of soil — Clay, Silt, Loam, Organic, Calcareous, and Sandy — and spotted things like sand, stones, leaves, an insect, a root, and an ant.

They made a soil profile by shaking soil with water and watching it settle — great work!

Did you know?

It takes 500 years to make just 2 cm of soil, and a handful of soil has more tiny living things than there are people on Earth. Soil is super important — without it, life couldn't exist!



Just One Tree Day!

Our school really cares about the environment. So, for the 2nd year running we have united with schools around the world on JUST ONE Tree Day to combat climate change and protect the future for our pupils. Every child has been encouraged to wear something green and £1 per pupil has been donated to fund the planting of their tree. All week every class has learnt about trees, and on Wednesday our brilliant Eco Warriors presented an assembly all about trees.



JUST ONE Tree, a proud partner of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, is an award-winning non-profit removing CO2 from the atmosphere and reversing biodiversity loss through global reforestation. So far the charity has planted almost 5 million trees! More information can be found at: <https://www.justonetree.life/>

Violet Class become Tree Detectives!

This week, Violet had a brilliant time taking part in a hands-on science and maths activity all about trees and carbon absorption. As part of our work for Just One Tree Day, pupils headed outside with tape measures in hand to measure the circumference of trees in our school grounds.

Using their measurements, they calculated the average size of each tree and worked out how much carbon each one stores. They even discovered how much carbon dioxide the trees have helped remove from the atmosphere. It was a fantastic way to link their learning about climate change, photosynthesis and the importance of reforestation.

The children loved being outdoors and working together to complete the task. There were lots of smiles and teamwork on display.



What an incredible week of sport we've had



Last Saturday, the **U11 boys** competed in a tough tournament at Orley Farm School.

They worked hard as a team, put in a shift, held their shape and eventually scored a well-earned goal in the last match.



Violet and UV played in netball and football matches against Prospect House on Monday. These were really close matches and it was exciting to see the children apply their skills in friendly competition.

We then had **Blue and Indigo** play in netball and football matches against Prospect House on Wednesday and for some, this was their first ever. The children played amazingly well, smiling their way through it all. We walked away with 4 wins, which was extremely exciting for the children but Mr Gough and Mrs Young were most impressed with their attitude, effort and the skills they portrayed.

The juniors have represented Unicorn very well in sport this week and we are very proud of them all.



Thursday Clubs - Padel Tennis



Red Class have been learning about Diwali this week To help us celebrate we made Diwali lamps. These symbolise light winning over darkness. First, we made shapes out of clay, then painted and decorated them. Today we lit the lamps and enjoyed the sparkle they made while we had our snack.



Green Class took part in their Safe Scooting course today They learned to: scoot slowly and sensibly, look where you are going, be polite and share the pavement, stop well before the kerb and walk (don't scoot) across the road. They remembered the 4 Cs: Careful, Concentrate, Control and Considerate. Well done Green!



Orange Class had such a lot of fun carving our pumpkin We made pumpkin soup with Red Class - it was delicious.

Lockie, William, Leo C, Albi, Dylan, Ally, Poppy, Benji, Daniel and Matilde all had seconds 😊



Ingredients

Onion
Garlic
Potatoes
Pumpkin
Olive oil
Butter
Vegetable stock
Cream



The Smiley people have been working on a short video to welcome children who are learning English to Unicorn School. First the Smiley people thought about which words they would want to know themselves if they were moving to a school in a different country. Then they filmed a tour of the school, saying each word as they showed the meaning. Great work Smiley People!



Babysitter available Alice Hinton, ex-Unicorn student, and am now in sixth form at LEH. I'm based in Kew and available for babysitting. I'm reliable and fun-loving. Please email me at: ahinton@lehs.org.uk or WhatsApp on 07842678438.



Collection date from the charity is Tuesday 4 November, so if you have a clear out over the half term, you can bring in any donations on the Monday we are back.

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
- Coats & pram suits
- Pyjamas
- Socks
- Boots & waterproof shoes

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 3 November

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 3 November	Violet and UV Games lesson 13:30 – 15:00 Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH	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. Violet and UV parents to collect their child from school at 15:35 or from Barnes Hockey Pitch at 15:00.
Tues 4 November	Swim Squad @ Pools on the Park (selected pupils only) 15:45 – 16:30 Swimming lessons for ORANGE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	Swim Squad to be collected from Pools on the Park at 16:30. NO RETURN SERVICE TO SCHOOL.
Wed 5 November	Swimming lessons for BLUE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	
Thurs 6 November	SQUAD for Blue, Indigo, Violet and UV Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:15 – 16:15 Swimming lessons for YELLOW CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	SQUAD - Parents to collect their child at 16:15 from Old Deer Park or back at school at 16:30
Fri 7 November	Swimming lesson for VIOLET CLASS - Parents to drop children to the pool for 08:45 Green, Blue and Indigo Games lesson 13:30 – 14:50 Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH	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 3 November

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break	Cheese & cucumber Sandwich (G, S, D)	Falafel with hummus And crackers (SE, G)	Cucumber and avocado Sushi (G, SE, E, M)	Apple and cinnamon Cake (S, E)	Pork sausage rolls (G, D) Vegan sausage rolls (G, SP)
Mains	Vegan “meatballs” in a Rich tomato sauce	Chilli con Carne	WORLD FOOD WEDNESDAY Japan	Lemon and garlic Roast chicken	Oven baked salmon Fishcake (G, F)
Vegetarian Option	Pan fried Gnocchi in Green pesto sauce and Butter beans (G)	3 bean chilli with Roasted vegetables	Chicken Katsu nuggets (G) Sticky rice Broad beans Teriyaki jack fruit Chilli broccoli Katsu sauce	Sweet pepper stuffed With couscous, kidney Beans & dried fruit	Mozzarella and tomato Frittata (E, D)
Sides	Penne pasta Roasted aubergine and Courgette, sweetcorn Rocket & Sundried tomato salad + Salad bar	Wholegrain and White rice Curly kale, guacamole Tortilla chips + Salad bar	+ Salad bar	Yorkshire puds (E, M, G) Honey carrots Hispy cabbage + Salad bar	Roasted new potatoes Garden peas Green beans Baked beans + Salad bar
Dessert	Banana sponge cake With custard (G, E, D) + fresh fruit	Rainbow jelly + fresh fruit	Greek yoghurt with mango or Strawberry coulis (D) + fresh fruit	Grape fruit pots + fresh fruit	Vegan pancakes with Mixed berry compote (G) + fresh fruit

Contains:

G = Gluten

D = Dairy

E = Egg

F = Fish

SE = Sesame

M = Mustard

S = Soya

SF = Seafood

SP = Sulphite

C = Crustasean