



UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 1 DECEMBER

AUTUMN TERM 2025

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

TUESDAY 8.45am Yellow and Green Class' Christmas performance to school

WEDNESDAY 8.45am Yellow and Green Class' Christmas performance to parents

FRIDAY **NO** Swimming
9.30am **NO** Little Unicorns Playgroup
6.30pm Junior Carol Concert at St Anne's Church, Kew Green (please look out for an email from Miss Gresson with further information)

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:
Nicholas (UV)



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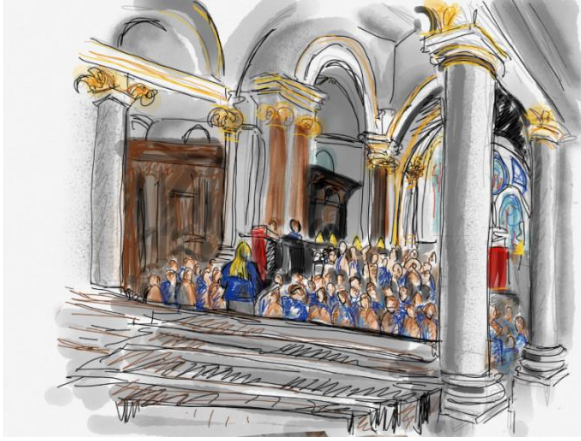


Thank you to everybody who turned out cupboards, brought, wrapped ... and bought! This year's Christmas Fair proved another huge success and raised an amazing £3,995 for charity. The weather didn't dampen any spirits; there were lots of stalls and children's activities along with some yummy food and drink! All monies raised will be split between our charities, Little Village, The Children's Trust and the school fund. It was also lovely to welcome back 4 Old Unicorns, Hen Otley, Zoe Teale, Catherine Drewett and Joanna Copland, 50 years on, who popped in to see the school and had a very happy walk down memory lane! Special thanks to Trudi, all the class reps, and also Darya and Alex (V reps), Serra, Emily and Alex (I) for helping with the decorating. Best dressed as 'Christmas' was joint first to Nicky (G) as the North Pole and Alice (G) as Mary (before and after baby Jesus arrived!)



Unicorn tea towels - there are still a few available to buy - pop into the school office - they make beautiful Christmas presents!





You are all welcome to attend the

Junior Carol Concert

Friday 5 December

6.30pm

St Anne's Church, Kew

SECRET SANTA GIFT DONATIONS



In keep with tradition at Unicorn, we encourage children to bring in a gift on Party Day, for a child less fortunate than themselves at Christmas time.

The gifts are donated to [West London Action for Children](#), a local charity that provides an invaluable service for families in need in the wide West London area.

The gift should be new and appropriate for any age child (0 - 18 years), ideally wrapped with a label to indicate age suitability; please drop them into the School Office. **The Charity say they are often short of gifts for teens and that vouchers are great for this age group (WH Smiths, Boots, Superdrug, etc) but any gift is much appreciated.**

If you would find it easier to make a donation, you will be able to do so via Zettle in the School office.

Old Unicorns Hen Otley, Zoe Teale, Catherine Drewett and Joanna Copland (from left to right) popped in during the Christmas Fair for a couple of hours and had a good tour of the school and thoroughly enjoyed a trip down memory lane 50 years on! They had a photo taken in the playground standing in the same order as a school photo 5 decades ago!



Blue Class has 3 afternoons this week learning how to stay safe walking along pavements and crossing roads. They learnt the 4 rules of the road - Stop, Think, Look, Listen.



The Big book swap was another huge success - thank you Mrs Gladstone!



Return of trophies Ahead of **Prize Giving Assembly** at 10.45am on Friday 12 December, could you please ensure that all cups and trophies that were awarded at the end of the Summer Term are returned to the school office (cleaned and polished) by **Friday 5 December**.

'Rorange' (Red and Orange!) had a fantastic morning celebrating Thanksgiving

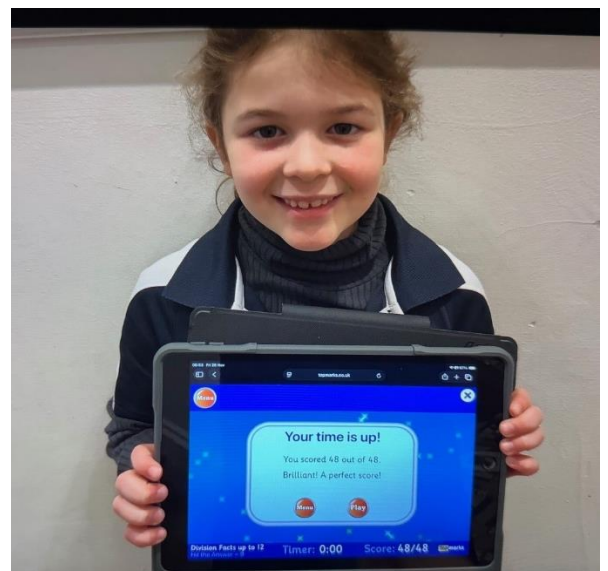
William and Poppy's mummies came in with lots of craft goodies to help us make hand print turkeys - just like they made when they were little in America! We had so much fun.

William's big sister Tess came to help too - thanks Tessie Bear, you were amazing!! Thank you to Albi's mummy and Finley for popping in and helping too.

We have so much to be thankful for in the coach house.



Congratulations Gemma (B) for scoring 48 out of 48 whilst doing Division Facts on her iPad this morning and beating Mr Gough who only managed to score 46!!



Blue Class Science - Muscles help us move because they are attached to our bones. They can shorten or lengthen, and when they contract (shorten), they pull on the bones to make them move. Muscles work in pairs - one pulls while the other relaxes - because muscles can only pull, not push. Sometimes many muscles work together for one action. For example, it takes 17 muscles to smile and 43 to frown, so smiling is easier!

Our bodies have over 650 muscles and different types of joints that let us move in many ways. Ligaments and tendons hold bones together at the joints, and cartilage stops bones from rubbing against each other.

Blue enjoyed making a model to show how the biceps and triceps work by contracting and relaxing.



Violet Class Science - An orrery is a model that illustrates the positions and movements of planets and moons within our solar system. Violet Class enjoyed building a simple version, featuring the Sun, Earth, and Moon. In their models, the Earth orbits the Sun, while the Moon circles the Earth - both moving in an anticlockwise direction.



This week's Cookery Club's very festive offering!





KEW SPARKLE

FRI 5TH DEC 4-8PM



COME AND MEET
AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR AT
GRACE EASTON
AT THE KEW BOOKSHOP
GET A DEDICATED SIGNED COPY AND
JOIN IN WITH A MOUSEY CRAFT!



Unicorn Sport week beginning 1 December

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 1 December	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 2 December	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 3 December	Swimming lessons for BLUE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	
Thurs 4 December	SQUAD for Blue, Indigo, Violet and UV Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:15 – 16:00 Swimming lessons for YELLOW CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	SQUAD - Parents to collect their child at 16:00 from Old Deer Park or back at school at 16:15
Fri 5 December	NO SWIMMING 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 1 December

	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 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	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)		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		Oven baked fries Mushy peas Garden peas Steamed carrots + Salad bar	Curly kale Broccoli Gravy + Salad bar
Dessert	Low sugar sweet potato brownie (G, E) + fresh fruit	Lemon mousse + fresh fruit	Fruit pots + fresh fruit	Natural yoghurt with Fruit compote (D) + fresh fruit	Rice pudding with Berry coulis + fresh fruit

Contains:

G = Gluten

D = Dairy

E = Egg

F = Fish

SE = Sesame

M = Mustard

S = Soya

SF = Seafood

SP = Sulphite

C = Crustasean