

UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY

SPRING TERM 2026

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

MONDAY Children's Mental Health Week
 1.30pm UV Cycle training all week in the afternoons

TUESDAY Safer Internet Day – Childnet workshops will be held for the children and parents next term

WEDNESDAY 8.45am Junior Celebration Assembly – parents of those children being celebrated have been emailed and are welcome to attend
 3.00pm Indigo Cake Sale on the forecourt

THURSDAY 1.30pm Borough Swimming Gala at Pools on the Park for selected pupils (parents of those children taking part have been emailed)

FRIDAY 8.45am Infant Celebration Assembly – parents of those children being celebrated have been emailed and are welcome to attend

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@unicornschoo.org.uk



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Esme (UV), Harry (B), Alice (B) and Ophelia (B)



We competed in a cross-country event on Monday and our Violet girls came third out of nine schools. Those bronze medals do look good!



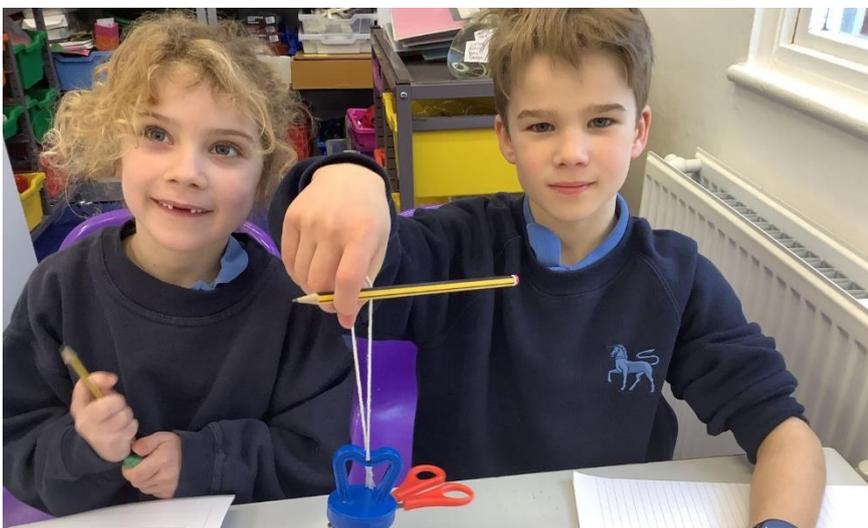
Workshop by the Sustainability Project Leader of Thomas Franks

Franks In Eco Warriors Club this week we were so lucky to welcome Lizzie Archer, the Sustainability Project Leader from Thomas Franks (our caterers) to the school. Ms Archer led a workshop about Permaculture, which is the concept behind living as sustainably as possible. The children also learnt about how food webs work and the natural world is interconnected. The children loved the session!



Blue Class had great fun exploring which materials are magnetic and which ones are not. They found out that iron and steel are magnetic, but not all metals stick to magnets. They also learned that plastic, wood, rubber and glass don't stick to magnets at all.

The children loved trying out magnets in different ways and were amazed to discover that magnetic force can travel through air, water, and even solid things like glass, cardboard, wood and plastic. Fantastic work, Blue Class - you are super scientists!



Violet and UV have been exploring poetry! This week in English, Violet and UV have thrown themselves into the wonderful world of poetry. We explored the language of poetry, looking closely at how poets use rhythm, imagery, and powerful words to bring ideas to life. Inspired by the poems we studied, the children then crafted their very own original pieces — and what a brilliant job they did!

To celebrate their hard work, each child had the chance to perform their newly written poem to the class. The room was filled with creativity, confidence, and lots of smiles. It was an exciting and rewarding experience for everyone, and the children approached every step with enthusiasm and pride. Well done Violet and UV - what fantastic poets you are becoming.





Both older and younger children really enjoy paired reading



Sheen Sports Shop offer a 10% discount to all Unicorn families (4.9 Google review score!)



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Congratulations to Leia (B) on being awarded a Blue Peter Badge



All the children love Miss Gresson!



This week's Riding Club



From an Old Unicorn - Survey request re improving mental health research for parents and families (scroll down for QR code)

Family Footsteps project being run at King's College London – designed to **improve mental health research for parents and families**. Please complete [our survey](#) to help us prioritise topics for new research?

Understanding how to support parents and children to stay mentally healthy is a challenge. Researchers need to hear from parents to better understand how to tackle this challenge. It takes 15-20 mins to take part! Complete **by April 1st 2026** to be entered into our prize draw.

Step 1: Click [HERE](#) to access the survey.

Step 2: Choose themes that interest you most

Step 3: Rate how important each topic is to you, within each theme.

Step 4: Enter our cash prize draw.

We will randomly select 8 winners for 2 x £100 and 6 x £50 Love2Shop vouchers.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON
FAMILY MENTAL HEALTH



RESEARCH!

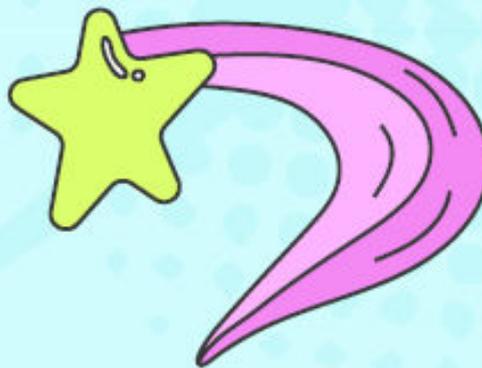


FAMILY FOOTSTEPS SURVEY



RESEARCHERS AT KINGS
COLLEGE LONDON WANT TO
KNOW WHAT AREAS OF
RESEARCH MATTER TO YOU!

COMPLETE THE SURVEY
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN:
2 x £100 & 6 x £50
LOVE2SHOP
VOUCHERS



SCAN THE QR CODE TO
TAKE PART

QUESTIONS?

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SURVEY CLOSES: 1 APRIL 2026





February Half Term Forest School

- ~Monday 16th — 10-2
- ~Tuesday 17th — 10-2
- ~Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th
(2 day workshop) — 10-2
- ~Friday 20th — 10-2

All sessions are mixed age and held at our site in the Ham Common Woods.

Tree House Learning February 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. 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 9 February

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
<p>Mon 9 February</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violet and UV Games lesson (HOCKEY) 13:30 – 15:00 <p>Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH</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, water bottle. CHILDREN MUST HAVE SHIN PADS and MOUTH GUARD. <p>Violet and UV parents to collect their child from school at 15:35 or from Barnes Hockey Pitch at 15:00.</p>
<p>Tues 10 February</p>	<p>NO Swim Squad</p> <p>Swimming lessons for ORANGE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00</p>	<p>NO Swim Squad</p>
<p>Wed 11 February</p>	<p>Swimming lessons for BLUE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00</p>	
<p>Thurs 12 February</p>	<p>13.:30 – 15:30 Richmond Borough Swimming Gala for selected children (Email will be sent to parents concerned)</p> <p>SQUAD for Blue – UV Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:30 – 16:30</p> <p>Swimming lessons for YELLOW 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
<p>Fri 13 February</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming lesson for VIOLET - 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 and MOUTH GUARDS. 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 9 February

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break	Cream cheese & cucumber Sandwich (D, G)	Avocado & cucumber Sushi (G, E, M, SE)	Crudité's with hummus (SE) and rice cakes	Cheese and chive mini Scones (G)	Sugarless seeded Flapjack (G)
Mains	Beef Bolognese	Homemade chicken Nuggets (G, S, CE)	WORLD FOOD DAY Chinese New Year	Homemade beef burgers In a brioche bun (G, E, D)	Oven baked fish fingers (G, F)
Vegetarian Option	Pasta bake with roasted Vegetables, sweetcorn and mozzarella (G, D)	Mozzarella and Cheddar frittata (E, D)	Sweet & sour chicken Chop suey noodles (G) Honey and ginger Tofu bits (G, S) Vegetable spring Rolls (G, S, SP) Vegetable stir-fry (S)	Mushroom and kidney Bean burger in a brioche Bun (G, E, D)	Pasta in a rich tomato And basil sauce (G)
Sides	Spaghetti (G) Parmesan cheese (D) Peas, green beans	Basmati rice Curly kale Soy & garlic aubergine		Sweet potato wedges Sweetcorn Curly kale	Garden peas Baked beans Steamed carrots
	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar
Dessert	Coconut & strawberry Sponge (G, E) + fresh fruit	Fresh fruit salad pot + fresh fruit	Pancakes with chocolate Sauce (G) + fresh fruit	Grapes and berries Fruit pot + fresh fruit	Pineapple Upside Down cake (G, E) & custard (D) + fresh fruit

Contains: G = Gluten D = Dairy E = Egg F = Fish SE = Sesame CE = Celery
M = Mustard S = Soya SF = Seafood SP = Sulphite C = Crustasean