

UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY

SPRING TERM 2026

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

HALF TERM MONDAY 16 - TUESDAY 24
 FEBRUARY (Inclusive)

MONDAY HALF TERM

TUESDAY HALF TERM

WEDNESDAY 8.20am Back to school

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:

Henry (I), Lyra (I), Zara (O), Tymofii (V),
 George (Y), Leon (UV), Fordy (I),
 Poyraz (G), Feliks (V) and Reyaan (B)



Antosha and Yura are the Yellow Class Eco Warriors

They are taking their roles very seriously and did an excellent presentation to the class about trees and got a spontaneous round of applause from their classmates.



Yellow Class are enjoying their violin lessons

It is wonderful to see their focus and enthusiasm in lessons. Perhaps we have 'violinists of the future' in the making.



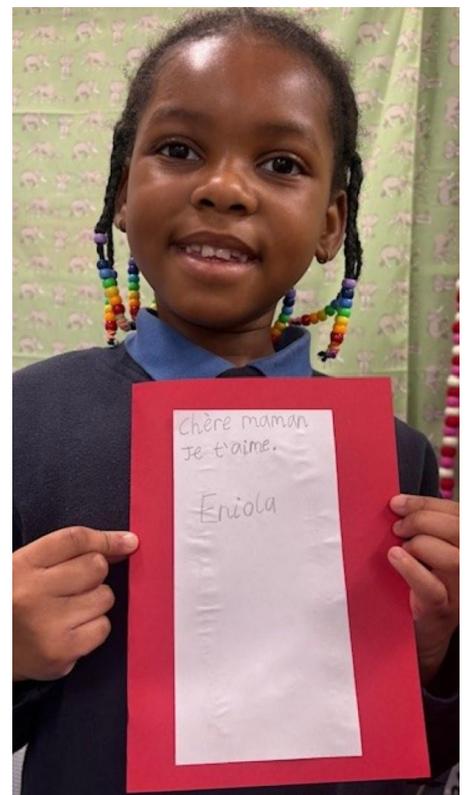
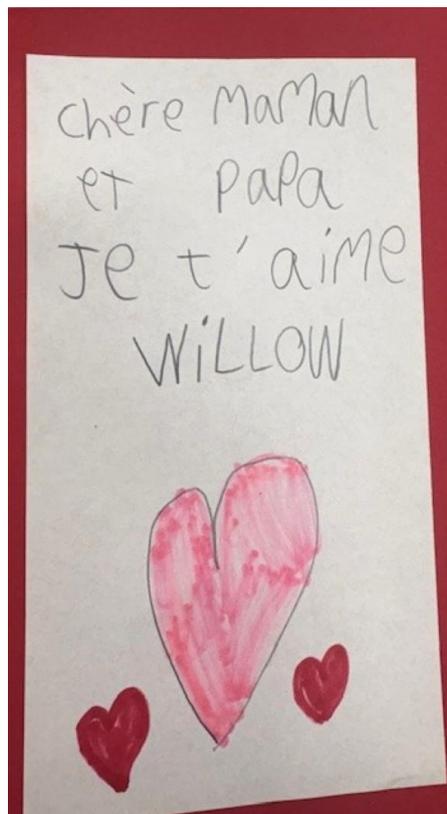
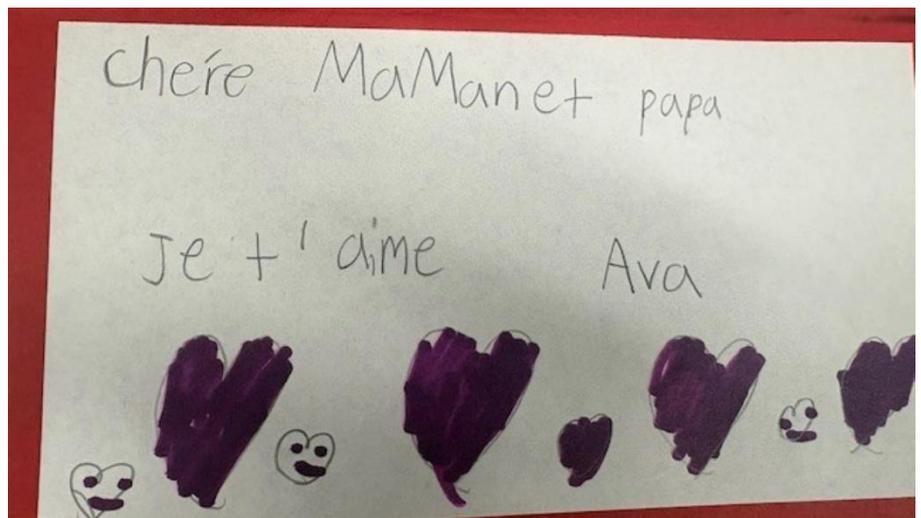
Children's Mental Health Week Assembly

The Smiley People led a great whole school assembly this week – introducing their survey and new suggestion boxes to help children share what helps them to feel included. With the help of Mrs Young, they also helped demonstrate the difference between equality and equity. The assembly was rounded off with a call and response chant on metacognition – or learning how we learn- fantastic!



Children's Mental Health Week assembly
9 February 2026
[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

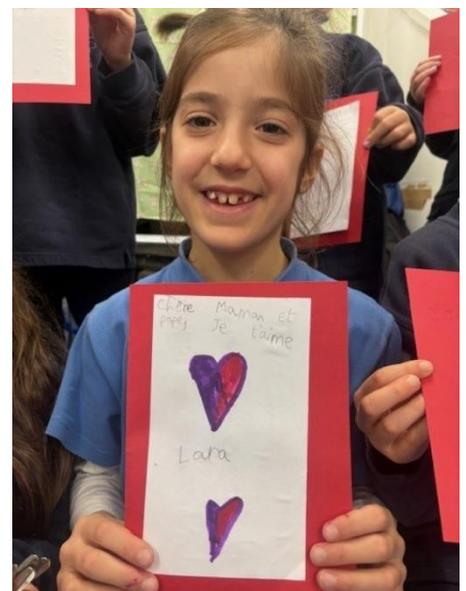
Green Class' French Valentine's cards



Blue Class Cake sale raised £209 for our charities

Second Hand Uniform Sale raised £213 for our charities

Thank you!



Orange and Red Classes enjoyed a wonderful Lunar New Year workshop led by Benji's mummy and Leo C's parents. The children listened to stories about how families celebrate, played instruments, danced the lion dance, made crafts, and collected red envelopes containing chocolate coins, golden creatures, and gold coins — what lucky children!



Red Class went for a Number Walk this week We took clipboards and pencils and set out, with our trusty UV monitors keeping us company. Every time we saw a number from 1-10, we gave it a tick on our sheet. We were amazed to find so many numbers in our neighbourhood!



Blue Class enjoyed exploring magnets through a range of hands-on investigations. The children observed how magnets attract and repel, experimented with floating ring magnets, and explored how compass and bar magnets behave in different positions. These activities encouraged careful observation, prediction, and the use of scientific language, helping to build confidence and curiosity in science.



Our Stars of the Week!



The girls popped into Orange Class after school for a chat and ended up playing in the role play area - never too old for a bit of dress up!



Orange Class had a terrific Show and Tell this week Ember, one of our lovely UV monitors, brought in her millipede called Lobster to show the children.

Lobster is an African Train millipede. She has between 200-400 legs. She's a herbivore and has lots of little bugs living on her which clean her - she was very shiny.

The children were so happy to see Lobster, some of them even had a hold!

Thank you to Ember's parents who kindly brought her to school. Huge thank you to Ember too.



Borough Gala Championships! A special well done to Ollie (UV), winning a bronze medal in the backstroke boys' event. We also had many ribbon winners (4th - 6th places) - well done Teddy (UV), Charlie (UV), Teo (V) and Rory (I). All competitors should be really proud of themselves for being selected, putting in the training and overcoming their nerves on the day. A fun event enjoyed by all. Go Unicorn!



URGENT REMINDER TO ALL!

Young Artists' Summer Show 2026

14 July - 30 August 2026

Calling all budding artists!



Would your son or daughter like to see their work displayed at the Royal Academy, London (or on their website) this year?

The Royal Academy has been running a Young Artists Open Submission Show (ie anyone can submit their work) alongside the RA Summer Exhibition for the last 8 years and it's time for work to be submitted for 2026! The school will be selecting some work from classes, but everyone is welcome to submit a piece of work.

What and how to submit?

How to submit work? Create a piece of work at home, take a photo and email the image (either in JPG or PNG format and no larger than 5MB) to Mrs Daw (emma.daw@unicornschoool.org.uk) at the Art Department at Unicorn School.

What do you need to do?

- Your child should produce their piece of work (There is no theme and artworks of any kind are accepted. A drawing, painting, print, photograph, sculpture, textile piece, video, performance piece, or surprise the selectors at the Royal Academy!)
- Take a photo / or make a video
- Email the photo or video to emma.daw@unicornschoool.org.uk (as a jpg or png no more than 5mb - if video)
- Fill in the 2 documents (**an email is being sent out with attachments to fill in**)

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a) giving information about your child and the artwork (see instructions on the document)

b) Permission slip

- **Deadline to submit to emma.daw@unicornschoo.org.uk :
Monday 2nd March 2026**

Judges are looking for imagination, originality and skill. Although many great artists 'copy' in creative ways, artworks that closely reproduce another artist's work or ideas won't be selected.



**Rose (I) and her gorgeous new puppy,
Dachshund, Daisy!**



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 23 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
Mon 23 February	NO SCHOOL SPORTS CAMP	
Tues 24 February	NO SCHOOL SPORTS CAMP	
Wed 25 February	Swimming lessons for INDIGO CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	
Thurs 26 February	SQUAD for Blue – UV Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:30 – 16:30 Swimming lessons for GREEN CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SQUAD - Parents to collect their child at 16:30 from Old Deer Park or back at school at 16:45
Fri 27 February	<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 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 23 February

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break			Cheese and crackers (G, D)	Crudités with hummus (SE) and rice cakes	Fruit and seed flapjack (G)
Mains			World Food Day RUSSIA	Salmon and dill fish cake (F, G)	Chicken Korma
Vegetarian Option	N O S C H O O L	N O S C H O O L	Chicken Stroganoff (D) Wholemeal rice Steamed carrots Green beans Vegetable spring	Mushroom and lentil stew	Chickpea and tofu curry
Sides			Wild mushroom Stroganoff + Salad bar	Steamed new potatoes Curly kale Savoy cabbage Baked beans + Salad bar	Basmati rice Roasted cauliflower Sweetcorn Mango chutney + Salad bar
Dessert			Apple sponge cake (G, E) Custard sauce (D) + fresh fruit	Mini fruit pots + fresh fruit	Strawberry cheesecake (G, 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