

UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 2 MARCH

SPRING TERM 2026

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



Arts Week 2 - 6 March  
 REFLECTIONS



**MONDAY** 8.45am Arts Week Introduction Assembly  
 9.00am Green, Blue and UV trip to the National Portrait Gallery  
 3.45pm Unicorn Singers filming for the National Choral Competition

**TUESDAY** **CLASS PHOTOS** – Please can all children come into school in full clean uniform

**WEDNESDAY** 9.00am Orange Class trip to the Science Museum  
 9.00am Indigo and Violet trip to the National Portrait Gallery  
 10.00am Yellow Class trip to Gunnersbury Museum for a Florence Nightingale Workshop  
 7.00pm Full Governors' Meeting

**THURSDAY** **WORLD BOOK DAY** All children are welcome to come into school dressed as their favourite book character

**FRIDAY** 5.30pm Cinema Night for Blue to UV Classes

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](mailto:absences@unicornschoo.org.uk)



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**  
 Tess (G), Penelope (O) and Julia (UV)



**In this week's Art Club** we were talking about Jackson Pollock and had a look at a few paintings with splashes, had a chat about the intentional splashing and embracing "accidents", then we went outside and battled with the wind to create our splashy pictures that we will complete on one of the next few sessions with a figure in movement!

Each child created their own painting as well as took part in one bigger one which we will all do together. More than anything, the children enjoyed getting splashes of paint on their clothes/hands/hair! Many thanks to Barbara (Luka T's mum) for running this club.



Come and look at Orange Class's brilliant Space installation in the coach house - it's out of this world 🌍

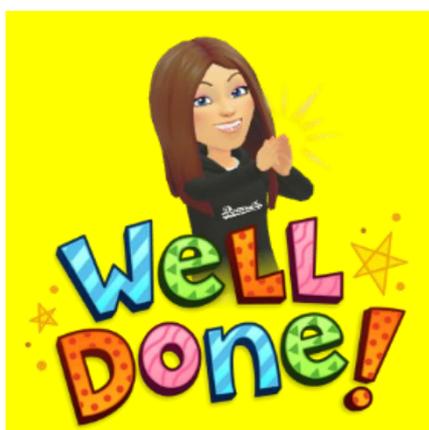


## Our new sunbathing deck!

This week, the children were loving our further investment in the school over the half term in transforming the area around the playground train. On Wednesday, school council thanked Mrs Fraley and Mr Guy for "Our new sunbathing deck!"



## This week's fun at Forest School



**Congratulations to our first junior children to receive their certificate for reading**

**10 books** from the **100 book challenge!**

Well done to:

Harry (B), Leia (B), Frances (I), Bea (I) and Esme (V).

We are very proud of you!

**A big thank you to William's mummy** who came and told Yellow Class all about how Lunar New Year is celebrated in Vietnam. The children enjoyed hearing about it and making Wind Chimes to celebrate.



## World Book Day 2026

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5 March. Children can come to school **dressed as their favourite book character**, or if they don't want to dress up, they could draw a picture or make something to do with their favourite book and bring it in.

A promotional banner for World Book Day 2026. It features a yellow background with a purple robot character (Yoto) in a white helmet. The text includes "WORLD BOOK DAY 5 March 2026", "£1 Book Token", "Sponsored by NATIONAL BOOK tokens", and "Choose your £1 book for free!". On the right, there is a red box with white text: "Win Yoto's ultimate reading bundle! Discover the incredible world of audio books with Yoto. Win a Yoto Player and up to £200 worth of Yoto cards with over 1200 cards to choose from. 20 bundles up for grabs! See overleaf to enter."

We are also going to try to have the whole school reading together at various points throughout the day. Your child is welcome to **bring in a cushion** to make themselves comfy! At set points throughout the day, everyone (including the teachers!) will get a book, get their cushion and settle down to read.

Your child should have brought home their **£1 book voucher**. Please encourage them to take their voucher to a bookshop to choose one of the free books. It's been great chatting to some of the children who have already bought their book. If your child didn't receive a voucher at the end of last term, please speak to their class teacher, or if they have lost it, they can download a voucher from the World Book Day website:

[World Book Day Digital Voucher](#)

**Violet Class Science : Amazing Oobleck!** This week, Violet Class enjoyed making Oobleck, a special liquid made from cornflour and water. It behaves like a liquid when you touch it gently but turns solid when you squeeze or tap it, because the starch particles either slide past each other or stick together when force is applied.

**Did You Know?** The name Oobleck comes from a Dr Seuss story called Bartholomew and the Oobleck.

**Science in Your World** Materials that work like Oobleck are used in protective body armour. They stay soft when you move but become hard when something hits them, helping to keep people safe.



**Millie (UV)** and her new Campbell's dwarf hamster, now about 5 weeks old who is called Professor Barnabia Squeakington!

Squeaky or The Professor for short.





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# Upcoming Open Events

## Working Open Morning

Tuesday, 10 March 2026

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Tuesday, 21 April 2026

Top 2% of IB Schools Globally



## **SIR WILLIAM PERKIN'S (SWPS) Open Events**

Open to the whole family

Thurs 12 March 2026, 9.00am – 11.30am

Fri 20 March 2026, 9.00am – 11.30am



**Year 5 Discovery Workshops** Saturday 14 March 2026

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These exciting, hands-on workshops are designed specifically for Year 5 pupils, offering them the chance to explore new subjects like Robotics, try creative and challenging activities like our Maths and Science or Art workshops, and experience the vibrant learning environment at SWPS.

Families can find full details and register for any of the events here:

<https://www.swps.org.uk/admissions/visit-us/>

# Unicorn Sport week beginning 2 March

## 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 2 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Violet and UV Games lesson (HOCKEY)</b> 13:30 – 15:00</li> </ul> <p><b>Games address:</b> Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Violet and UV to WEAR KIT TO SCHOOL:</b> trainers, long navy socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, <b>FULL</b> Unicorn tracksuit, <b>SHIN PADS</b>, water bottle.</li> <li><b>CHILDREN MUST HAVE SHIN PADS and MOUTH GUARD.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Violet and UV</b> parents to collect their child from school at 15:35 or from Barnes Hockey Pitch at 15:00.</p>
Tues 3 March	<p><b>Swim Squad (selected pupils)</b> 15:45 – 16:30</p> <p><b>Swimming lessons for RED and ORANGE CLASS</b> 14:00 – 15:00</p>	Swim Squad parents to collect their child from Pools on the Park at 16:30 (in changing rooms)
Wed 4 March	<b>Swimming lessons for BLUE CLASS</b> 14:00 – 15:00	
Thurs 5 March	<p><b>SQUAD for Blue – UV</b> Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:30 – 16:30</p> <p><b>Swimming lessons for YELLOW CLASS</b> 14:00 – 15:00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SQUAD - Parents to collect their child at <b>16:15</b> from Old Deer Park or back at school at <b>16:30</b></li> </ul>
Fri 6 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Swimming lesson for VIOLET &amp; UV</b> - Parents to drop children to the pool for <b>08:45</b></li> <li><b>Green, Blue and Indigo Games lesson</b> 13:30 – 14:50</li> </ul> <p><b>Games address:</b> Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Green, Blue and Indigo to WEAR KIT TO SCHOOL:</b> trainers, long navy socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, <b>FULL</b> Unicorn tracksuit, <b>SHIN PADS</b>, and water bottle.</li> <li><b>CHILDREN MUST HAVE SHIN PADS and MOUTH GUARDS.</b></li> <li><b>Green, Blue and Indigo</b> parents to collect children from school as normal at 15:35 or from Barnes Hockey Pitch at 14:50.</li> </ul>

# Lunch Menu

Week commencing 2 March

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break	Cheese sandwich on Wholemeal bread (G, S, D)	Crudités with hummus (SE) and rice cakes	Cheese and crackers (G, D)	Oat, lemon and raisin Cookies (G, E)	Fruit and seed flapjack (G)
Mains	Homemade beef meatballs In a rich tomato sauce	Slow cooked BBQ Pulled pork	World Food Day ENGLAND	Salmon and dill fish cake (F, G)	Homemade beef burgers (SP)
Vegetarian Option	Roasted vegetable and And cheddar cheese Frittata (D, E)	Quinoa & smoked paprika Mixed beans stuffed Sweet peppers	Pork sausages (G, SP) Vegan sausages Creamy mash potatoes Green beans Steamed carrots Onion gravy	Mushroom and red Pepper Spanish Omelette (E)	Mixed bean and vegetable Vegan burger (G)
Sides	Penne pasta Broccoli, sweetcorn Parmesan cheese (D)	Baby roast potatoes Brioche bap (G, E, D) Curly kale, garden peas		Parsley & olive oil pots Savoy cabbage Baked beans Lemon mayonnaise (E)	Brioche bap (G, E, D) Roasted broccoli Corn on the Cob
	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar
Dessert	Mixed berries sponge Cake (G, E, D) + fresh fruit	Rainbow jelly + fresh fruit	Strawberry or mango Greek yoghurt (D) + fresh fruit	Mini fruit pots + fresh fruit	Bread and butter pudding (G, D) with 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