

UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: TUESDAY 5 MAY

SUMMER TERM 2026

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

MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 8.30am Whole School Assembly introducing School Council, etc

FRIDAY MUFTI DAY Celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday – wear what you like!

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:
Reed (B) and Elodie (UV)



Hannah Langdon - Celebration of Life Saturday was such a lovely and fitting tribute to Hannah. The sun shone, the hall was full to brimming, the playground awash with people, including many Old Unicorn parents and staff, Old Unicorns, 4 previous Heads and lots of current parents, children and staff. Chef Sergio and staff cooked, bought and brought a delicious array of cakes, scones and eats that everyone enjoyed.

The Remembering Hannah montage that James and Trudi Heath put together was very moving, the Unicorn Singers sang beautifully, Hannah's Garden was admired by all and [the release of the butterflies](#) (click on link) was very special.



Congratulations to the following children who have been elected as this term's School Council, Head Boy and Girl, Sports Captains, Swimming Captain, Music Captains, Smiley People, Junior Librarians and Eco Warriors.

School Council

Holly (Head Girl) and Luka K (Head Boy)
Teddy (UV)
Harper and Teo (V)
Rose (I) Reed (B)
Daisy (G) Vivian (Y)

Eco Warriors

Charlie, Ollie and Luka T (UV)
Sam and Jack C (V)
Skye and Bowen (I)
Mabel and Harry (B)
Sophie and David (G)
George and Taku (Y)

UV Sports Captains

Ember and Nicholas

Violet Class Junior Librarians

Sohm, Rex, Ava, Harriet and Matilda

Smiley People

Bo, Poppy and Rani (UV)
Bella and Scarlett (V)
Fordy and Audrey (I)
Celeste and Kit (B)
Candice and Deniz (G)
Aava and Flo (Y)

UV Music Captains

Julia and Andy

UV Swimming Captain

Teddy

Unicorn's Future Schools Evening - Tuesday 12 May, 6.00 - 7.30pm School Hall - Attendance is highly recommended

We have run many of these popular forums which parents over all year groups have found very informative. Each head will talk for approx. 5 mins with an open Q&A session at the end.

Everyone is welcome to come along and listen to this panel of senior school heads talk

Please rsvp lisa.jones@unicornschoo.org.uk so we have an idea of numbers

6.00pm drinks and canapés will be served and the following senior school Heads will start their talks at 6.30pm

Thomas's College (Co Ed)

Harrodian (Co Ed)

Kingston Grammar (Co Ed)

Godolphin & Latymer (Girls)

Bedales Prep (Co Ed Boarding)

Arts Ed (Co Ed)

Will le Fleming, Headmaster

James Hooke, Headmaster

Adam House, Director of Admissions

Michelle Holder, Deputy Head (Pastoral)

Clare Kirkham, Head

Peter Middleton, Headteacher

Unicorn Singers - National Music for Youth Choral Festival

Unicorn Singers entered the National Music for Youth Choral Festival and out of hundreds of entries, were one of the few choirs selected to perform at the finals in Birmingham.

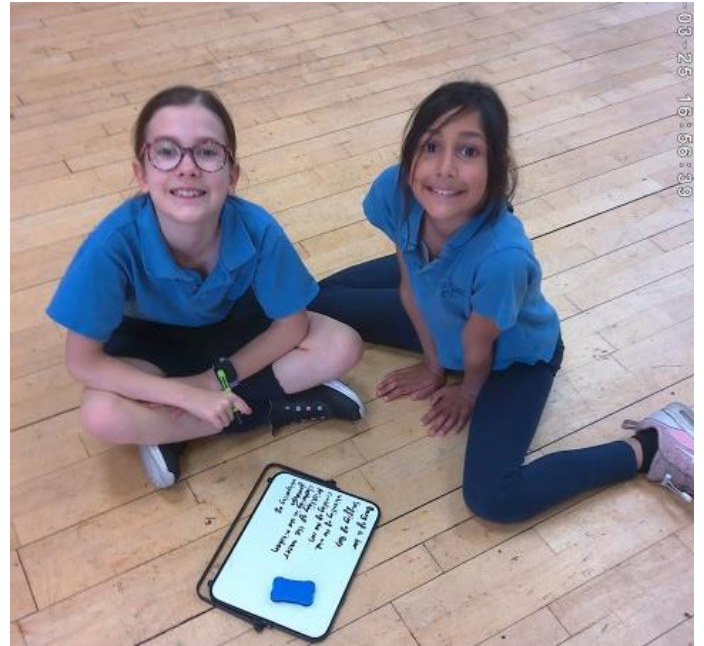
The adjudicator praised them for their rich, warm vocal tone and expressive singing throughout. Excellent harmony work, musicality, strong choral discipline and confident part singing. Special praise was given for Miss Gresson's visionary leadership and nurturing of young voices. Congratulations to all the singers. Their performance will be shared very soon...



UV Science UV have been learning about Charles Darwin and the theory of natural selection. They explored how Galápagos finches adapted their beaks to different food sources and took part in a practical activity using tweezers and chopsticks to model these adaptations.



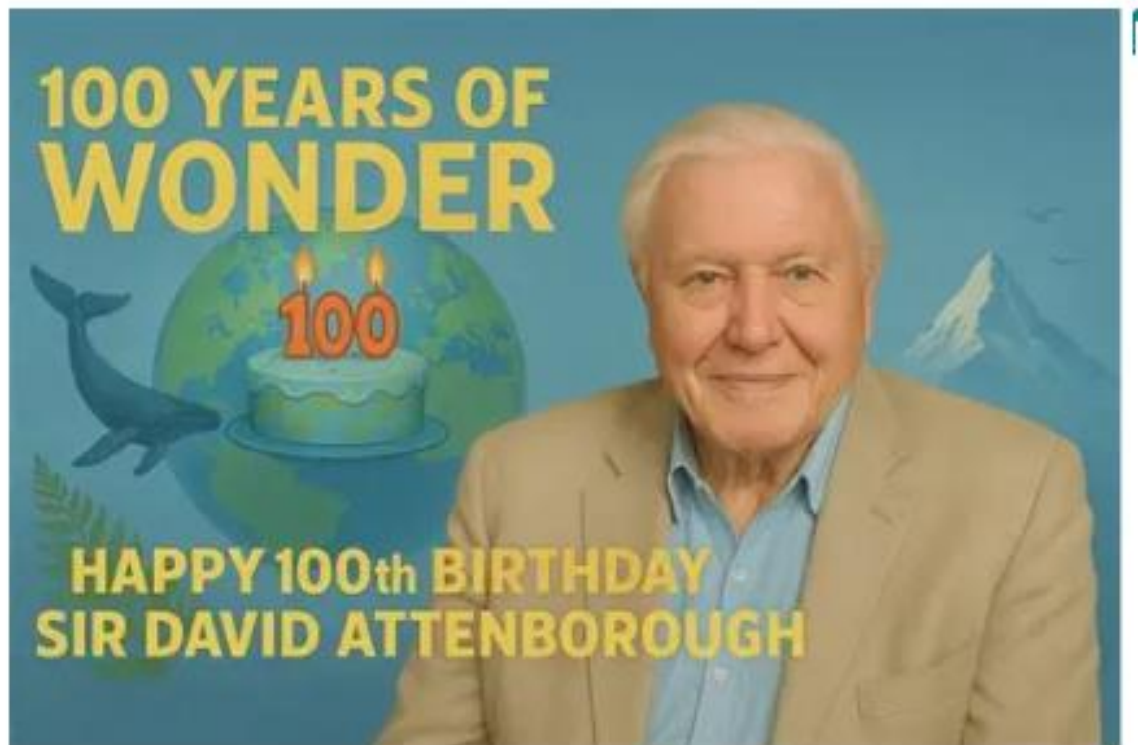
Indigo Class Science Indigo Class enjoyed going on a sound walk around the school to explore different sounds, inspired by Roger McGough's poem The Sound Collector.



Aava's mum told Yellow class all about the London Marathon - The children were very impressed with her medal and liked imagining themselves doing a marathon. It was wonderful to be reminded how kind words, support from others and mental strength are so important when taking on a challenge.



Please note some classes are doing these cards at school



Friday May 8th Unicorn school will be celebrating the 100th Birthday of David Attenborough

All children are invited to wear own clothes that day.

The classes will watch some snippets of the amazing natural history documentaries [that David Attenborough](#) has been involved with.

Each child has been asked to create a card (which they have been given at school and will be in their bags) about an Endangered Species of their choice.

On the card, please include;

- *The name of the animal/plant*
- *A drawing of the animal/plant or decoration eg. A border*
- *a minimum of 1 top fact about the chosen animal/plant*

Please ensure that these cards are brought back into school by Friday 8th May, so that they can be put up around the school and the children will get to share their knowledge with each other.

THE UNICORN

PARENT NOTICEBOARD

PRE-LOVED EXCHANGE

A noticeboard for our school community to give, get and help each other.

NEEDED



Write what you need



OFFERED



Write what you're offering

WHERE?

Outside in the **FORECOURT**

HOW IT WORKS



1. Post what you need



2. Post what you're offering



3. Connect, swap and re-use!

Let's keep good things

IN OUR COMMUNITY!

PRE-LOVED

TOY

SALE



TUESDAY
13TH
MAY

DONATIONS

NEEDED!

Please donate any pre-loved toys that are clean and in good condition.



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SENSORY PARENTING FOR SENSORY CHILDREN

Are you a parent of a sensory child? Join our in-person event to learn all about sensory parenting! Discover effective strategies and techniques that will help you understand and support your sensory child's unique needs. Emtia Bartlett, Occupational Therapist, will share her knowledge and encourage discussion with reference to the book 'Sensory Parenting for Sensory Children' by the author Tanya van Dalen. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with other parents facing similar challenges, and gain valuable insights into sensory processing issues and parenting styles and how they impact and are influenced by sensory children.

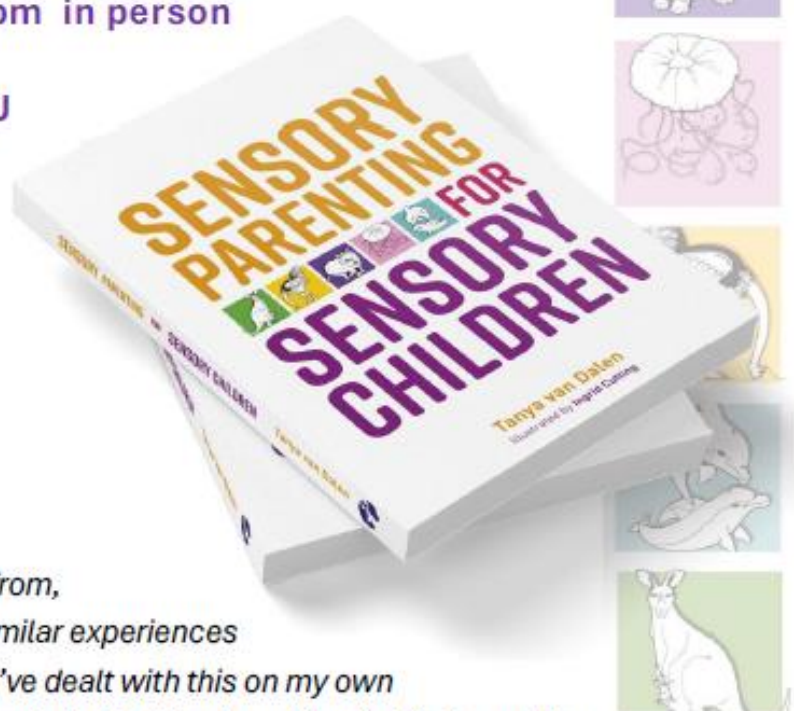
Friday 8th May 9:30-2pm in person

Wednesday 13th and 20th May 7:30-9pm online

Friday 12th June 9:30-2pm in person

110 Selkirk Rd TW2 6PU

Sign up [here](#)



'It was great to be able to hear from, and talk to, people who have similar experiences to my own with their children. I've dealt with this on my own (with my partner) without discussing with friends and family. To hear other peoples' methods and struggles helped me so much. We have incorporated several of the tactics discussed and become more accepting of some behaviours too after understanding more about sensory challenges'

Unicorn Sport week beginning 5 May

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 4 May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tues 5 May	<p>Running Club with Mrs Fraley (Blue – UV) 7:30 in the field behind Pools on the Park</p> <p>Swim Squad (selected pupils) 15:45 – 16:30</p> <p>Swimming lessons for RED and ORANGE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00</p>	Swim Squad parents to collect their child from Pools on the Park at 16:30 (in changing rooms)
Wed 6 May	Swimming lessons for BLUE and INDIGO CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	
Thurs 7 May	<p>UNICORN CROSS COUNTRY (selected pupils only – see Mrs Young’s email)</p> <p>NO SQUAD FOR BLUE – UV due to the Cross Country</p> <p>Swimming lessons for YELLOW CLASS 14:00 – 15:00</p>	
Fri 8 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming lesson for VIOLET & UV Survival swimming lesson – bring long sleeved PJs - 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, short white socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, Unicorn tracksuit, and water bottle. 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 5 May

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Morning Break				Double chocolate chip Cookies (G, E, D)	Fruit and seed flapjack (G)	
Mains		Crudités hummus (SE) and rice cakes	Cheese and crackers (G, D)	Salmon and dill fish Cake (F, G)	Homemade beef Burgers (SP)	
Vegetarian Option	B A N K H O L I D A Y	Slow cooked BBQ Pulled pork	World Food Day ENGLAND	Mushroom and pepper Pepper Spanish Omelette (E)	Spicy vegetable burger	
Sides		Quinoa & smoked paprika Mixed beans stuffed Sweet peppers	Pork sausages (G, SP) Vegan sausages Creamy mash potatoes Green beans Steamed carrots Onion gravy	Parsley & olive oil pots Savoy cabbage Baked beans Lemon mayonnaise (E)	Brioche bap (G, E, D) Roasted broccoli Corn on the Cob Garden peas	
		Baby roast potatoes Brioche bap (G, E, D) Curly kale, garden peas	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar	
			Mixed grape pot	Strawberry or pineapple Greek yoghurt (D) + fresh fruit	Mini fruit salad pots + fresh fruit	Bread & butter pudding (G, D) with custard (D) + fresh fruit
Dessert			+ 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