



UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 29 JUNE

SUMMER TERM 2026

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

**TUESDAY**

Mrs Fraley is out on an inspection  
10.00am Big Book Swap in the school hall  
**2.00pm Red and Orange Class' Sports Day** in the playground – parents welcome

**WEDNESDAY**

Mrs Fraley is out on an inspection  
8.45am Junior Celebration Assembly – parents of children being celebrated have been emailed and are welcome to attend  
1.30pm Yellow – Violet Classes – Try and Instrument session

**THURSDAY**

Mrs Fraley is out on an inspection

**FRIDAY**

8.45am Infant Celebration Assembly – parents of children being celebrated have been emailed and are welcome to attend  
**1.30pm Yellow – Ultra Violet Class' Sports Day** at London Welsh Sports Field – parents welcome (please see email from Mrs Young)

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:**  
**Arjun (O), Holly (UV) and Henry (UV)**



**This year's Summer Fair** was another huge success, bathed in lovely weather. Thanks to all who turned out cupboards, donated, brought and bought! In particular we'd like to thank Trudi Heath, and Claire Matthiae for the beautiful butterflies that adorned the ceilings, James Heath for helping throughout and the Class Reps for all their hard work in the build-up, during and after. The playground was awash with children's activities, food stalls and the very popular water bombing stall! Almost **£2,000** was raised and will be split between Little Village, Children's Trust and the Bursary Fund.





## Violet Class' Speak Out Assembly

I am incredibly proud of the children for the hard work they put into drafting, editing, and finally delivering such thoughtful, passionate speeches on topics that truly matter to them. Watching their ideas grow and take shape throughout the process was wonderful, but seeing them stand up so confidently in front of an audience was something else entirely. I always knew they were capable, but in that moment, they absolutely surpassed every expectation. Their courage, self-belief and determination shone through so clearly and blew all the teachers away!

I've loved every step of this journey with them and I couldn't be prouder. Thank you so much for all the support you've given at home, it makes such a difference. We hope the assembly lifted your spirits and put a little bounce in your step on Wednesday! Mrs Bird



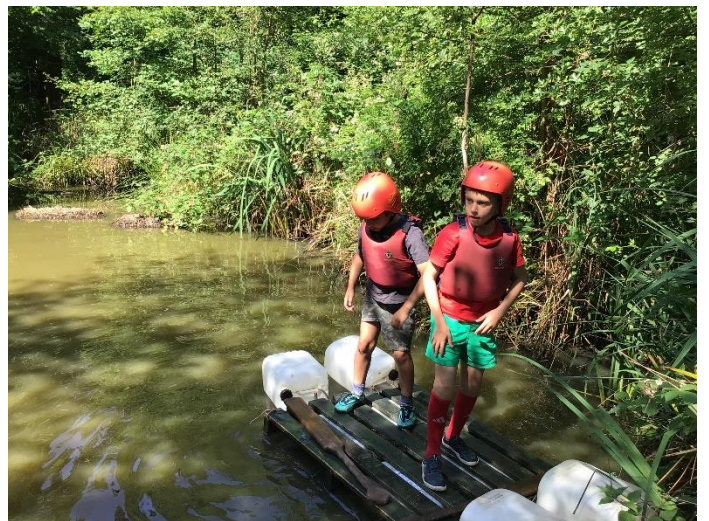
## Try an Instrument Afternoon - All children from Yellow to Violet welcome

Come and meet our Visiting Music Teachers and have a go on the instruments taught at Unicorn: Violin, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Guitar, Trumpet, French horn, Trombone, Drums and Piano. We also have ensemble groups for all orchestra instruments. Children to be supervised by a parent please.

## Indigo Class's residential trip to Sayers Croft

Indigo Class had lots of fun at Sayers Croft building dens, climbing, abseiling, raft building, sailing them and lots of songs and marshmallows around the camp fire. Blessed with beautiful weather – a good time was had by all. Thanks to Miss O'Gorman, Mrs Chalong and Miss Oulton for accompanying them.





**Violet Class Geography** with Mrs Bird made Topographical maps. The children learned a lot about mountain ranges across the United Kingdom following on from our lesson on how Fold Mountains are formed.

We had so much fun as we thought about the different heights, names and locations of the mountain ranges whilst building them with clay. Of course, Ben Nevis, was included as the tallest mountain in the UK. Have a look at our photographs!



# GEOGRAPHY





**Return of trophies** Ahead of **Prize Giving Assembly** at 10.45am on Friday 10 July, could you please ensure that all cups and trophies that were awarded at the end of the Spring Term are returned to the school office (cleaned and polished) **no later than Friday 3 July.**

## Librarian trip to the Kew Bookshop

Last week, our amazing Junior Librarians walked round to the Kew Bookshop with Mrs Gladstone to choose some new books for the library. They were given a budget of £80 and they had to choose one book for each class and then work out how much money they had left, including the 12.5% discount!

They then chose one extra book each for the library with the remaining money. I'm pleased to report that they were wonderfully polite in the bookshop and it was lovely to see them choosing books thoughtfully for each class. There was also some amazing maths going on (and in answer to their request, no, I wouldn't let them use the calculator on my phone!)

The librarians were all given a free bookmark and an activity booklet, and when we came back to school, they wrote a message in the front of each book they had chosen.

Each class has enjoyed looking at their new books, and we are very grateful to the librarians! Well done to Sohm, Rex, Matilda, Harriet and Ava, and to our two reserves Nathan and Alice.

Mrs Gladstone



## Unicorn School - Whole School Photo - Ordering details

Tempest Photography are pleased to report your whole school group photograph is available to view and order via the following weblink:

[Unicorn School whole school photo](#)

Please include your **child's full name** to assist with distribution at the school.

**Order by Tuesday 30 June to avoid P&P charges.**

*For assistance, please call 01736 752411*

*Option 3 - Place an order (P&P applies)*

*Option 5 - Customer services*

If I can be any further help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Jon Worrall, Head of Premier Groups, H Tempest Ltd

01736 751518



## Keep cool Orange style!



**Ultra Violet** have absolutely loved coming over to **Orange Class** to spend time with our ducklings. Mr Gladstone was wondering why they had been so keen this year, until Teddy reminded us all that their Orange year was during lockdown, so they sadly missed out on the duckling experience themselves.

They have been such lovely visitors all week, and it has been so special to see them enjoying a little bit of what they missed when they were in Orange. I think their visits have helped make up for that missed experience just a little.



## Please return library books to the library

As we are nearing the end of term, children will not be bringing home any more books from the library. Please return all books as soon as possible. We will still be having library sessions, so children can bring their books in on their library day, or if they want to bring them in earlier, they can leave them on my desk.



If you would like a reminder as to which books your child has at home, please drop me an email on [jackie.gladstone@unicornschoool.org.uk](mailto:jackie.gladstone@unicornschoool.org.uk)

If your child chooses their reading book from the library, they will need to bring in a book from home or from a local library to have as their reading book in school until the end of term.

## 100 Book Challenge (Blue - Violet Classes)

Congratulations to all the children who have earned certificates and prizes for the 100-book challenge! We will be keeping going until the end of term, so please encourage your child to keep reading, especially if they are close to the next milestone.

Please also remind children to keep reading during the holidays and to do their book reviews, and we will give out their stars in September.



## It's official, we have a name for our Axolotl

Thank you to all who entered the competition, we had lots of great suggestions. Mrs Fraley picked the winning name out of a hat and he or she is now officially called **Blobby**.

Well done to Rose (I) and Dylan (O) for both suggesting the name!

## We have various Clubs running over the Summer holidays

**Camp Beaumont**, from 08:30 until 17:30, Monday 20 July until Friday 21 August. To book or for more details, please click [here](#).

**Free Flow Club**, run by Mrs Maher and Mrs Chalong, will run from 09:00 until 14:00, Monday 13 to Thursday 16 July. For more details, please contact [sally.maher@unicornschoool.org.uk](mailto:sally.maher@unicornschoool.org.uk).

I believe there will also be a **Sports Camp when Camp Beaumont finish**, no details as yet, but please contact either [mark.gough@unicornschoool.org](mailto:mark.gough@unicornschoool.org) or [barbara.young@unicornschoool.org.uk](mailto:barbara.young@unicornschoool.org.uk)

## Special Visitor: Little Robot Stories Coming to School

We are excited to welcome author and illustrator (and Old Unicorn) Vicky Steane and her character, Little Robot, for a special interactive storytelling session.

Little robot stories are short, rhyming, illustrated stories about a little robot who wears his heart on his sleeve and his journey into human world with his friends.

This creative series inspires imagination while exploring friendship, feelings, creativity, and uniqueness.

During the visit, children will:

- **Hear Little Robot Stories - book 1 - There was a little robot- live read by the author**
- **Learn how books and drawings are made.**
- **Ask questions about writing and character design.**
- **Explore ideas for their own creative storytelling.**
- **Get a Signed Copy!**

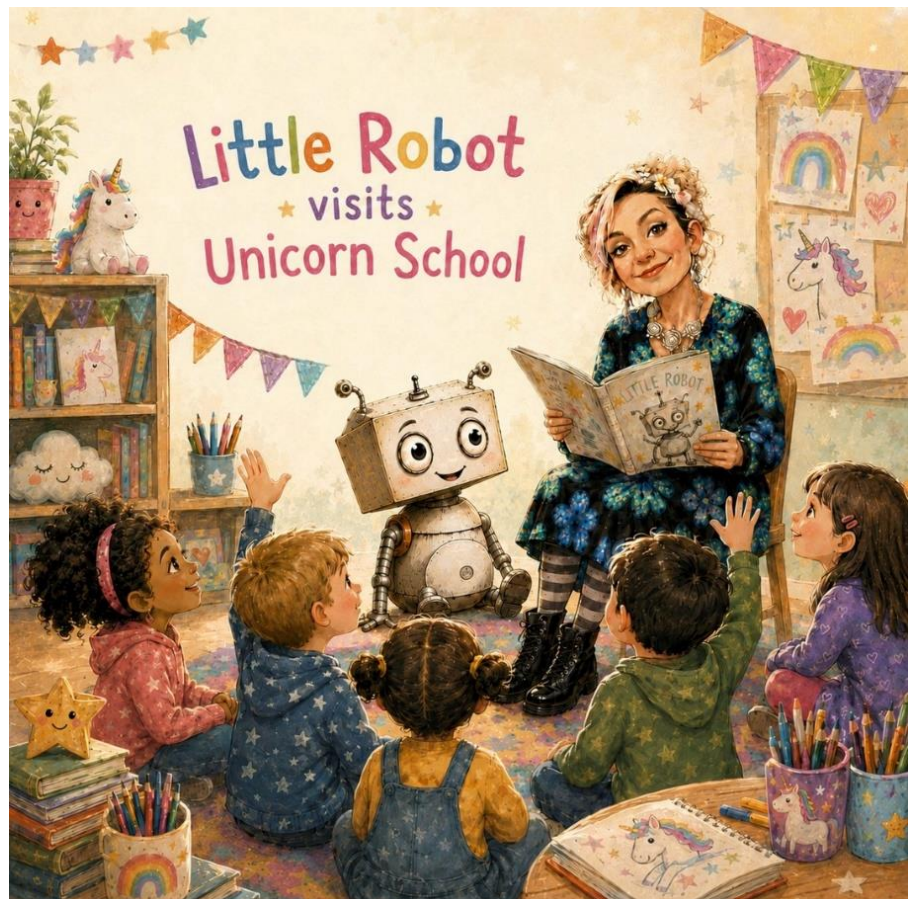
If you would like your child to have a book personally signed by Vicky Steane on the day, you can purchase the hardback edition of There Was a Little Robot directly from our Little Robot Stories website: - <https://www.littlerobotstories.co.uk/about-little-robot>

***Please ensure your child brings their copy to school on the morning of the visit ☺***

We look forward to sharing photos and feedback after this inspiring event!

Lots of Love Vicky Steane and the Little Robot crew!

Vicky Steane will visit  
school on  
Thursday 9 July  
and will read to  
Orange Class (those who  
aren't at Forest School),  
Yellow and Green



**Welcome Callaghan, brand new brother to Poppy (Red Class) and Piers.** We can see Poppy is going to be a wonderful big sister!



### **Old Unicorns Available to help**

Two former Unicorn pupils (sisters) offering different types of local help for the summer holidays and beyond:

- Gigi (12) – confident and experienced with cat and small pet sitting. References available.
- Miel (16) – available for dog walking and babysitting, with experience caring for children aged 3+.

Both are friendly, reliable and local, and are available across the summer break.

Please get in touch for more information or to discuss availability.

WhatsApp Anouk on 07973 845378

Camp Beaumont - Holiday Club at Unicorn during the holidays

# Summer FLASH SALE NOW ON!

**SAVE  
20%!**

with code:  
**CBWC26**

**LIMITED  
TIME!**



Terms & Conditions apply.

**Camp  
Beaumont**

# Unicorn Sport week beginning 29 June

## 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Mon 29 June  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Violet and UV Games lesson (CRICKET)</b><br/>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, short white socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, Unicorn tracksuit, water bottle.</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 30 June | <p><b>Running Club with Mrs Fraley (Blue – UV) 7:30 in the field behind Pools on the Park</b></p> <p><b>Swim Squad (selected pupils) 15:45 – 16:30</b></p> <p><b>NO Swimming lessons for RED and ORANGE CLASS due to their Sports Day</b><br/>14:00 – 15:00 <b>RED AND ORANGE CLASS' SPORTS DAY</b> (Please see email from Mrs Young)</p> | Swim Squad parents to collect their child from Pools on the Park at 16:30 (in changing rooms)                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Wed 1 July   | <b>SWIMMING lessons for BLUE AND INDIGO CLASS 14:00 – 15:00</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Thurs 2 July | <p><b>SQUAD for Blue, Indigo and- Violet Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:30 – 16:30</b></p> <p><b>Swimming lessons for GREEN SWIMMING 14:00 – 15:00</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SQUAD - Parents to collect their child at <b>16:30</b> from Old Deer Park or back at school at <b>16:45</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                        |
| Fri 3 July   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Swimming lesson for VIOLET &amp; UV</b></li> <li><b>YELLOW – UV SPORTS DAY (See email from Mrs Young 13:30 – 15:50)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Sports Day:</b> London Welsh Sports Field</p>                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>See email from Mrs Young</b></li> <li>Parents to collect children from London Welsh at 3.30pm.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                  |

# Lunch Menu

Week commencing 29 June

|                   | MONDAY                                                                               | TUESDAY                                                                         | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                               | THURSDAY                                                         | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Morning Break     | Cheese twist<br>(G, D)                                                               | Crudités with hummus (SE)<br>and rice cakes                                     | Courgette & Cheese<br>Savoury muffins (G, E)                                                                                                            | Apple & cinnamon<br>Oat bar (G)                                  | Cheese sandwich<br>(G, D, S)                                                                                                                                                           |
| Mains             | Beef spaghetti<br>Bolognese                                                          | Home-made chicken<br>Nuggets (G, S, CE)                                         | World Food Day<br>ITALY                                                                                                                                 | Oven baked fish fingers<br>(F, G)                                | Pasta Salad Bar                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Vegetarian Option | Mac 'n' cheese with<br>Sauté leeks<br>(M, D, G)                                      | Sweet chilli coated<br>Crispy tofu bites<br>(S)                                 | Beef lasagne (D, G)<br>Roasted veg & lentil<br>Lasagne (G, D)<br>Rosemary & Garlic<br>Focaccia<br>Cavolo Nero<br>Parmesan cheese (D)<br>Steamed carrots | Baked aubergine<br>Parmigiana (G, D)                             | Penne pasta (G)<br>Fusilli pasta (G)<br>GF Penne<br>Tomato & basil<br>Green pesto (D)<br>Pulled chicken<br>Sauté mushroom<br>Black olives<br>Sweetcorn, spinach<br>Parmesan cheese (D) |
| Sides             | Spaghetti (G)<br>Sweetcorn<br>Green beans                                            | Basmati & wild rice<br>Katsu sauce<br>Chilli roasted aubergine<br>Savoy cabbage | + Salad bar                                                                                                                                             | Hispy cabbage<br>Garden peas<br>Baked beans<br>Tartare sauce (E) | + Salad bar                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Dessert           | + Salad bar<br><br>Pineapple upside down<br>Cake (G, E) custard (D)<br>+ fresh fruit | Mixed berry pots<br><br>+ fresh fruit                                           | Selection of jellies<br><br>+ fresh fruit                                                                                                               | Natural yoghurt (D) with<br>Berry compote<br>+ fresh fruit       | Apple crumble (G)<br>Vanilla custard (D)<br>+ 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