



UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 6 JULY

SUMMER TERM 2026

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

MONDAY 3.45pm **NO** Little Voices
3.45pm **NO** Virtual Reality Club

TUESDAY 3.45pm **NO** Drama Club
3.45pm Infant Music Concert in the hall – everyone is welcome to attend
6.30pm Junior Music Concert in the playground – everyone is welcome to attend

WEDNESDAY 8.45am Blue Class Assembly – Blue Class parents are welcome to attend
10.00am Green Class trip to Kew Gardens
3.15pm Second Hand Uniform Sale on the forecourt
3.45pm **NO** Karate

THURSDAY 7.45am **NO** La Jolie Ronde
9.30am **NO** Forest School
6.00pm UV Leavers' evening

FRIDAY 10.45am Prize Giving Assembly – you will be emailed next week if your child is being celebrated and are welcome to attend
11.50am Red and Orange pick up
12.00pm Yellow and Green pick up
12.10pm Blue – UV pick up
Schools out for Summer!

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:
Celeste (B), Nicky (G) and Quinn (G)



UV's Grimm – Once Upon a Musical Our talented UV Class delighted audiences with their fantastic production of *Grimm – Once Upon a Musical*. Filled with catchy songs, humour, and creative storytelling, the performance brought a fresh twist to familiar fairy tales. Every pupil performed with confidence, enthusiasm, and teamwork, showcasing the hard work and dedication they had put into rehearsals. They were superbly supported by Violet Class, who performed brilliantly as the chorus, adding energy, enthusiasm, and wonderful singing throughout the show.

We are incredibly proud of all the children for their outstanding performances and would like to thank our staff, families, and everyone who supported this memorable production. Bravo to UV and Violet Class for a truly magical performance!



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 Monday 6 July.**

Red and Orange Class' Sports Day





What an unforgettable experience for our Musical Theatre Club!

Our talented performers had the incredible opportunity to take part in a special Matilda the Musical West End workshop led by Georgia Pemberton, whose impressive West End credits include Matilda the Musical, Starlight Express, Les Misérables, Gypsy, The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole and Bugsy Malone.

They threw themselves into every challenge, learned choreography and performance techniques from a true West End performer, and left feeling inspired, motivated and full of confidence. A huge thank you to Georgia for sharing her experience, expertise and passion with us – it was a truly fantastic workshop!



UV love guided reading in our beautiful garden. The fresh air, soft breeze and cheerful birdsong help us relax and learn together. As we read, we can settle into our books, share ideas and enjoy the calm, peaceful setting. It feels special every time, because our garden turns reading into a joyful treat.

Guided Reading



Lola (V) Earlier this year, I joined the cast of Les Misérables. Since then, I've been travelling into London more with my mummy and daddy, and I've noticed more and more people begging and sleeping on the streets. It really upset me to see that while some of us are lucky enough to have a safe place to call home, others do not. It just doesn't seem fair.

This month at school, we are presenting our "Speak Up" speeches, and I chose to talk about helping people who are homeless. **The more I have learned about homelessness, the more I have wanted to do something to help.**



Lola as Little Cosette

I would like you to do something for me. Really imagine it's night time, you're cold, you're starving, you're lonely and you're trying to find shelter. Don't you think that you would like somebody to help you in that situation? I definitely would. That's why I have organised a Danceathon at school to raise money for Centrepont, the UK's leading youth homelessness charity. I will be dancing non-stop for two hours (which I have done – see photo above) with the help of my friends and I would love it if you could sponsor me.

Centrepont supports thousands of young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness each year. They provide safe accommodation, practical support, advice, education and employment opportunities, helping young people build the skills and confidence they need to create a brighter future and live independently.

Every donation, no matter how small, will help Centrepont continue its incredible work supporting vulnerable young people. Thank you so much for your support to **help the homeless.**

GIVE NOW

Big Book Swap - Our junior children had a fantastic time at the Big Book Swap this week. Over 400 books were either swapped for free or bought at the sale afterwards, which is an incredible way for books to find a new home whilst also supporting our commitment to sustainability. It was so lovely to hear the children saying things like "I've been looking for this book for ages" and also recommending books for their friends to take.

Thank you to our junior librarians who did a fantastic job helping throughout the morning. I hope the children really enjoy the books they chose. Mrs Gladstone



Please return library books to the library

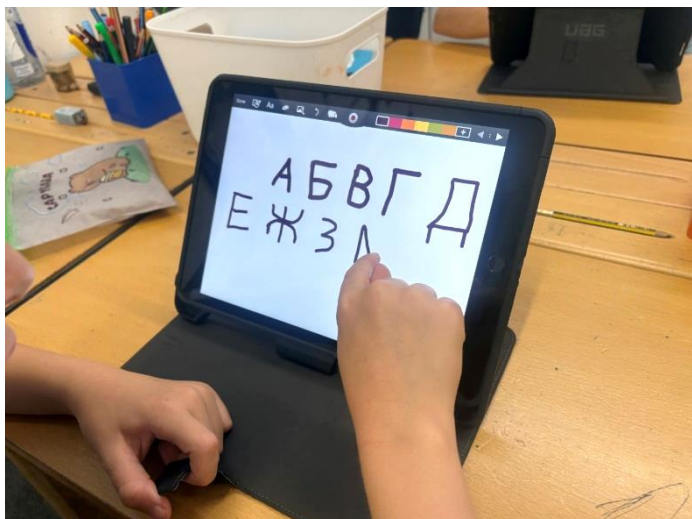
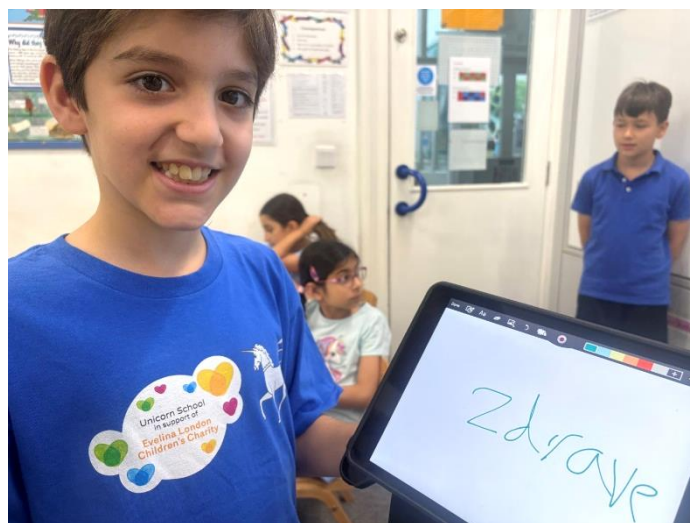
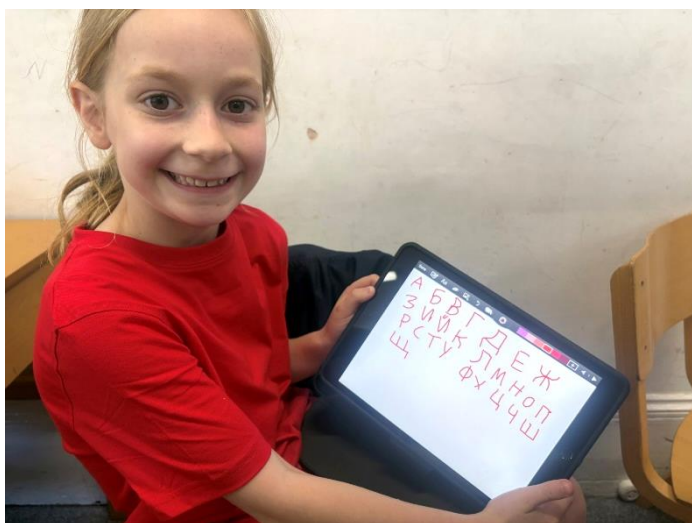
As we are nearing the end of term, children will not be bringing home any more books from the library. Please return all books as soon as possible. We will still be having library sessions, so children can bring their books in on their library day, or if they want to bring them in earlier, they can leave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



Each term, we celebrate a language spoken by one of the children in our school community. This term, we explored Bulgarian, and Sam from Violet Class kindly taught us some Bulgarian words and phrases. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session, and many were excited to discover similarities between Bulgarian and the languages spoken in their own homes. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich linguistic diversity within our school.



Huge congratulations to Polina's (Y) family on the safe arrival of little brother, Misha – he's absolutely gorgeous and Polina looks like she is going to be an amazing big sister.



Indigo Class

Landscape paintings inspired by
David Hockney and Fred Ingrams



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!

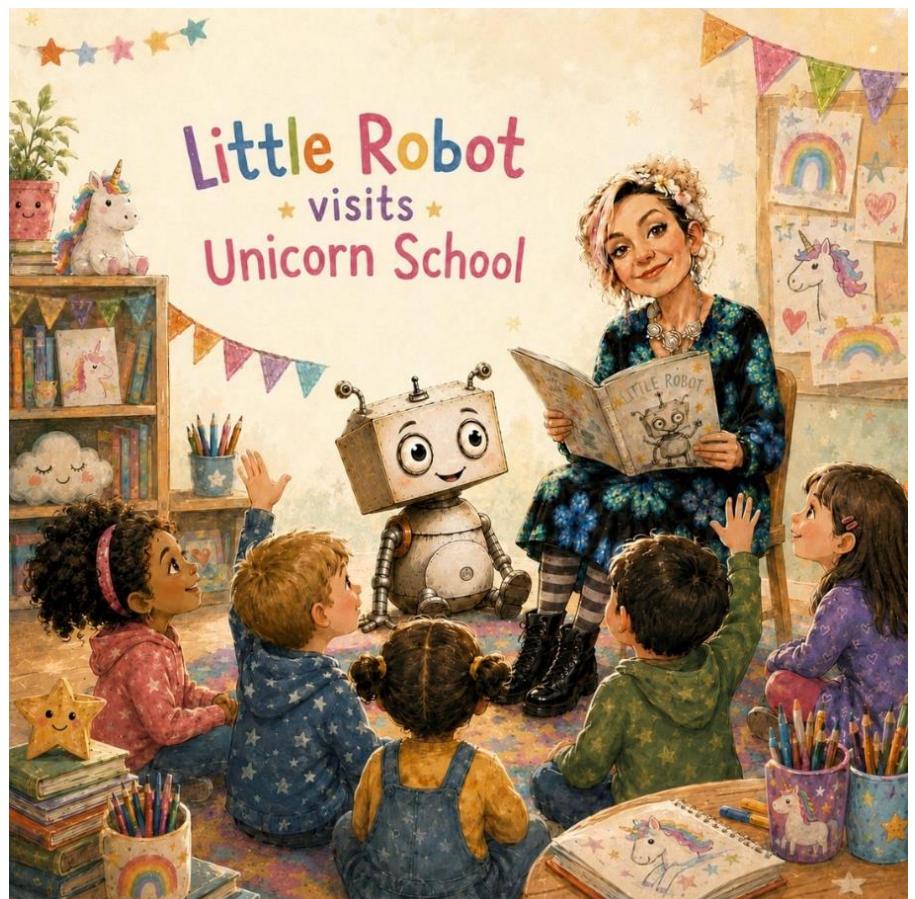
If you would like your child to have a book personally signed by Vicky Steane on the day, you can purchase the hardback edition of There Was a Little Robot directly from our Little Robot Stories website: - <https://www.littlerobotstories.co.uk/about-little-robot>

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



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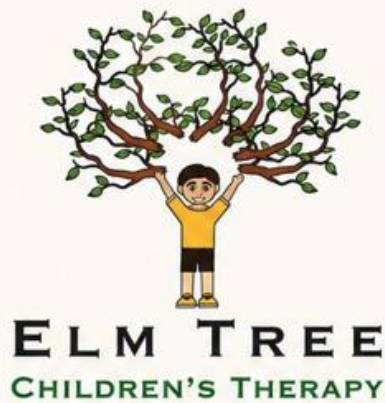
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10TH – 14TH AUGUST (INCLUSIVE)



09:30 – 11:30

Fun,
Engaging &
Confidence
Building!



Please contact Emer: emer@elmtreechildrenstherapy.co.uk



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Unicorn Sport week beginning 6 July

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 6 July	Violet and UV Games lesson (CRICKET) 13:30 – 15:00 Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH	Violet and UV to WEAR KIT TO SCHOOL: trainers, short white socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, Unicorn tracksuit, water bottle. Violet and UV parents to collect their child from school at 15:35 or from Barnes Hockey Pitch at 15:00.
Tues 7 July	Running Club with Mrs Fraley (Blue – UV) 7:30 in the field behind Pools on the Park NO Swim Squad (selected pupils) 15:45 – 16:30 Swimming lessons for RED and ORANGE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	
Wed 8 July	SWIMMING lessons for BLUE & INDIGO CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	
Thurs 9 July	SQUAD for Blue, Indigo and- Violet Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:30 – 16:30 Swimming lessons for YELLOW SWIMMING 14:00 – 15:00	SQUAD - Parents to collect their child at 16:30 from Old Deer Park or back at school at 16:45
Fri 10 July	Swimming lesson for VIOLET & UV	

Lunch Menu

Week commencing 6 July

	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)	Double chocolate chip Cookies (G, E, D)	Surprise snack!
Mains	Homemade beef meatballs In a rich tomato sauce (SP)	Chicken nuggets	World Food Day ENGLAND	Pepperoni pizza (G, D)	S U M M E R H O L I D A Y
Vegetarian Option	Mozzarella and Cheddar Cheese frittata (D, E)	Quinoa, smoked paprika And mixed bean stuffed Sweet peppers	Pork sausages (G, SP) Vegan sausages Creamy mash potatoes Green beans Steamed carrots Onion gravy	Margherita pizza (G, D)	
Sides	Penne pasta Broccoli, sweetcorn Parmesan cheese (D) + Salad bar	Coconut rice Coconut sauce (S) Carrots, garden peas + Salad bar	+ Salad bar	Sweetcorn Broccoli Baked beans Coleslaw + Salad bar	
Dessert	Strawberry and Coconut Sponge cake (G, E, D) + fresh fruit	Red and green grapes + fresh fruit	Strawberry Greek yoghurt (D) + fresh fruit	Sponge cake (G, E) + 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