



UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

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

MONDAY

Swimming lessons begin this week
7.50am Rock Band begins
7.50am Wind and Brass Orchestra begins
8.45am Whole School Assembly
12.50pm Orchestra begins
3.45pm Virtual Reality Club begins (Yellow – Blue)
3.45pm Unicorn Singers begins (Blue – UV)

TUESDAY

Swimming lessons begin for Orange Class
7.50am Violin Club begins
10.45am String quartet begins
10.45am Cello ensemble begins
1.15 pm Games lessons for Violet and UV begin at Barnes Hockey Pitch
3.45pm Skates and Ladders (skateboarding club) begins (Blue – UV)
3.45pm Drama Club begins (Blue – UV)
3.45pm Touch Typing begins (Blue – UV)
3.45 – 5.15 Unicorn swim club begins (Blue – UV)
7.00pm School Committee Meeting in the school hall

WEDNESDAY

Swimming lessons begin for Blue and Indigo Classes
3.45pm Karate Club begins (Yellow – UV)
3.45pm AI adventure club begins (Blue – UV)

THURSDAY

Swimming lessons begin for Yellow and Green Classes
7.45am La Jolie Ronde begins (Orange – Blue)
12.45pm Music Theory club begins
12.45pm Tutti fluti begins
3.15pm Squad begins
3.45pm The Little Dance Academy – Ballet (Red – Green)

FRIDAY

9.00am Swimming lessons begin for Violet & UV Classes at Pools on the Park
9.00am Little Unicorns Playgroup begins
12.20pm Infant Chess club begins (Yellow and Green)
12.55pm Junior Chess club begins (Blue – UV)
3.45pm Musical Theatre Club begins (Blue – UV)

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@unicornschooll.org.uk



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Jack (UV), Maya (V), Teddy (G),
Daisy (B) and Margot (B)



Welcome back to old Unicorns and a warm welcome to new Unicorns and their families which include all children in Red Class; Lily and Saoirse in Orange Class; Bertie in Yellow; Lois in Green; Seun (big sister to Eniola and Abiola) and Taiyan (welcome back!) to Indigo Class.

We hope you've all had a lovely summer break.



Please note that Breakfast club is run separately to Wraparound club

Breakfast club (Red - UV Classes) - NO need to book Unicorn provides a term time breakfast club on-site for all children. This runs from 7.30am to 8.20am every school day.

There is no need to book in advance, with children simply registered as they arrive. The cost is £5 per session, with participating parents being invoiced at the end of each term.

Wraparound care (Red - UV Classes) - Need to book Richmond Rugby Club provides term-time wraparound care on site at Unicorn for children in Orange to UV Classes up until 6.00pm every school day. This provision includes organised games both inside and out, support with homework and a substantial snack.

Parents can book for a whole afternoon at a cost of £15.00 per session, or opt for a 'bolt on' session whereby the children can join either before or after another after school club, or children can go whilst they wait for a sibling doing another club at a cost of £10.00 per session.

Please book in advance through Richmond Rugby Club (WAC) using the following link:

[Richmond Rugby Club \(WAC\) Booking](#)

Provision of Information

Absences

Parents must report pupil absences by email to:
absences@unicornschoo.org.uk

Request for absence:

Family events	Headteacher
Medical or educational appointments	Class Teacher

Senior Leadership Team:

Headteacher	Mrs Fraley
Bursar	Mr Guy
Deputy Head	Mr Gladstone
Asst Head / Head of Teaching & Learning	Mr Jones

School Governance and Policies

Contact Details

Unicorn School, 238 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3JX

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Co-Chairs of Governors

Mr Paul Rathbone and Mrs Charlotte Lee

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Unicorn School has a general duty to safeguard children and will share any concerns with parents as necessary.

Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr David Gladstone (david.gladstone@unicornschoo.org.uk)

Anti-Bullying Officer Mr David Gladstone (david.gladstone@unicornschoo.org.uk)

School Policies and Documentation Our policies and documentation which are available to the parents of current and prospective parents can be found on the website on the following link:

<https://www.unicornschoo.org.uk/about-unicorn/school-policies/>

All documentation is available on request in hard copy from the School Office (tel 020 8948 3926).

Our Ethos and Aims

Our ethos:

We are a close-knit community full of happy, enthusiastic children where kindness is a key value and talked about every day. The intentions of the school's founders remain at the forefront of our rationale. This is to be a forward-thinking school that educates children without a hot-house approach, encouraging them to flourish creatively and to enjoy the process of learning. Children leave us interested in the world around them and excited to embrace new challenges.

Our aims:

- To have the child and family at the heart of everything we do
- To maintain a happy, welcoming environment for children, families and staff
- To prepare our children to be the best they can be and to establish a lifelong love of learning
- To have high expectations and to recognise that success comes in many forms
- To celebrate the kindness, individuality, diversity, talents and achievements of our pupils
- For learning to be enhanced by a broad curriculum which is embedded with creativity
- To make the most of our small size and generous staff to pupil ratio to be able to know all our children really well and foster them as individuals
- To promote emotional, physical, aesthetic, social and intellectual growth.

... and for a splash of lovely colour, here are last term's Indigo's beautiful acrylic paintings inspired by British landscapes from artists David Hockney and Fred Ingrams



Unicorn Sport week beginning 7 September

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 7 September		
Tues 8 September	Violet and UV Games lesson 13:30 – 14:30 Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH SWIM SQUAD (selected pupils) 15:45 – 16:30 Swimming lessons for ORANGE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	Violet and UV to WEAR KIT TO SCHOOL: trainers, long navy socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, FULL Unicorn tracksuit, SHIN PADS FOR BOYS and water bottles for all. BOYS MUST HAVE SHIN PADS. Violet and UV parents to collect their child from school at 15:35.
Wed 9 September	Swimming lessons for BLUE AND INDIGO CLASSES 14:00 – 15:00	
Thurs 10 September	SQUAD for Blue – UV Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:30 – 16:30 Swimming lessons for YELLOW AND GREEN CLASSES 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 11 September	Swimming lessons for VIOLET & UV - Parents to drop children to the pool for 08:45 Green, Blue and Indigo Games lesson 13:30 – 14:50 Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH	Green, Blue and Indigo to WEAR KIT TO SCHOOL: trainers, long navy socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, FULL Unicorn tracksuit, BOYS TO HAVE SHIN PADS and water bottle for all. BOYS MUST HAVE SHIN PADS. 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 7 September

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break	Mini cheese scones (G, D)	Crudités with hummus and rice cakes (S, E)	Selection of sushi (G, S, SE, E, M)	Sausage rolls (G, D)	Cheese sandwich (G, D, S)
Mains	Beef Bolognese	Honey roast pork OR Garlic infused chicken	WORLD FOOD WEDNESDAY Japan Homemade chicken Nuggets (G, S, CE) Sweet chili coated crispy Tofu (S) Basmati rice Coconut sauce Broccoli Savoy cabbage + Salad bar	Beef lasagne (D, G)	Salmon and dill Fishcake (G, F)
Vegetarian Option	Mac 'n' cheese with Sauté leeks (M, D, G)	Chickpea tagine with Couscous salad (G)		Roasted vegetable and Lentil lasagne (D, G)	Baked aubergine Parmigiana (G, D)
Sides	Spaghetti (G) Sweetcorn Green beans Parmesan cheese (D) + Salad bar	Roast potatoes Curly kale Green beans Gravy + Salad bar		Rosemary and garlic focaccia (G) Cavolo Nero, carrots Parmesan cheese (D) + Salad bar	Hispy Cabbage Garden peas Baked beans Tartare sauce + Salad bar
Dessert	Pineapple upside down Cake (G, E) custard (D) + fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Selection of jellies + fresh fruit	Mixed berries pot + fresh fruit	Apple crumble (G) Vanilla 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