



UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 5 OCTOBER

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

MONDAY

8.00am Farmer's Market on the forecourt
8.45am Harvest Festival Assembly – everyone is welcome to attend
8.45am Orange Class trip to Garson's Farm

TUESDAY

4.30pm Parent Teacher meetings for Ultra Violet Class

WEDNESDAY

8.45am Infant Celebration Assembly – parents of those children being celebrated have been emailed and are welcome to attend

THURSDAY

5.00pm Parent Teacher meetings for Red to Ultra Violet Classes

FRIDAY

9.30am Open Morning – if you know any families looking for a school place, we'd love to welcome them to our Open Morning

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:
Matilda (I) and Esme (R)



Unicorn's Farmer's Market

Monday 5 October from 8.00am on the forecourt

Donations needed please!

Unicorn Farmer's Market is coming up and we'd love your help filling our stalls with lovely homemade and home-grown goodies

**Fresh produce veg / fruit / herbs / flowers / plants / bulbs
and anything else from the garden or allotment**

Homemade jams / chutneys / preserves

Bags of flour / lavender bags / dried herbs

Homemade crafts and other non-perishable garden or Farmer's market treats

Fresh produce and flowers: Please bring to school on Monday 5 October morning

Whether it's a jar of homemade chutney, a bunch of garden flowers or a handful of home-grown tomatoes, **every donation helps!**





Donations for Harvest Festival Monday 5 October



Alongside our Unicorn Farmers' Market, we will also be collecting food donations for our **Harvest Festival on Monday 5 October**, supporting **West London Action for Children and local families in need**.

We would be incredibly grateful for donations of:

-  **Tinned food** - vegetables (sweetcorn, tomatoes etc.), soup, baked beans, kidney beans, chickpeas, lentils, fish and tinned puddings
-  **Pasta & rice** - any type, including microwaveable rice pouches
-  **Dried pulses** - lentils, split peas and soup mixes
-  **Breakfast cereals** - wholegrain cereals, porridge oats, Weetabix etc.
-  **Drinks** - small packs or jars of tea, coffee or hot chocolate
-  **Long-life milk** - UHT milk or alternatives such as oat, soya or almond
-  **Long-life fruit juice** - cartons or bottles
-  **Biscuits** - sweet or savoury
-  **Cupboard staples** - jam, honey, Marmite and cooking oil

Please check that all donations have an expiry date of at least three months ahead.

As this is a collection of store-cupboard essentials, **please do not donate fresh or refrigerated food**.

Donations can be brought into school on the morning of **Harvest Festival on Monday 5 October**.

Violet Class's action-packed residential trip to the Isle of Wight

Last week, Violet Class embarked on an unforgettable four-night residential adventure to Little Canada on the Isle of Wight, marking Unicorn's second trip to the island in as many years.

Blessed with blue skies and sunshine throughout the week, the journey began with a direct train from Waterloo to Portsmouth Harbour, followed by a scenic ferry crossing to Ryde. Excitement was high as the children arrived, ready for a week of challenges, laughter and discovery.



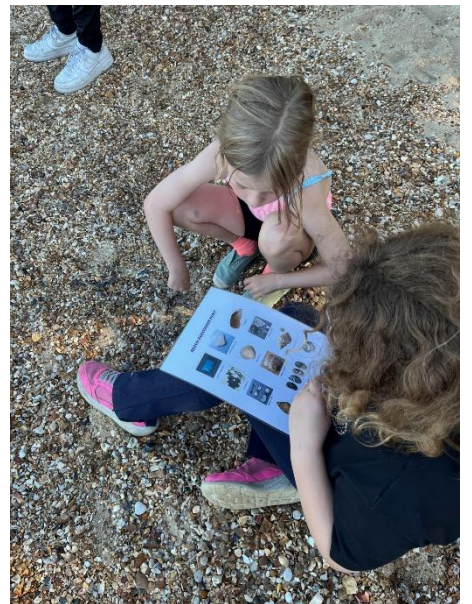
From morning until night, the days were packed with exciting activities led by our enthusiastic group leader, Ayda, and her team. Their energy, encouragement and endless chants and songs helped create a fun, supportive atmosphere in which every child could thrive.

The activities tested both courage and teamwork, from soaring skywards on the Giant Swing to solving escape-room challenges and exploring the Solent by kayak. Each experience encouraged the children to step outside their comfort zones, build resilience and support one another.

This year's programme also included our first off-site excursion to The Needles, the iconic rock formation shaped by coastal erosion. The highlight for many was the exhilarating chairlift ride down the cliffs to the beach below.

By the end of the week, the children were happily exhausted, with minds full of memories and achievements to be proud of. Throughout the trip, they demonstrated remarkable bravery and determination, overcoming personal challenges with confidence and enthusiasm. Most importantly, they represented Unicorn School superbly, showing kindness, maturity and respect at every turn. We could not be prouder of the way they embraced every opportunity and supported one another from start to finish. They were outstanding ambassadors for the school.





Christmas Cards (already!!!)

The classes have been busy making their Christmas Card designs this week.

Please can you:

- look out for the order forms (with the completed artwork) that will coming home with the children
- return your completed forms by Friday 10 October
- leave the completed forms in the labelled tray next to the axolotl tank in the entrance hall.



Yellow Class have been learning about the continents and oceans This week they each prepared a short presentation. It was such a treat to see them remember their facts and enjoy telling the class about them. We all enjoyed ourselves and learnt some very interesting facts along the way. Well done Yellow Class!



Yellow and Green Class' STEM workshop Yellow and Green took part in an exciting, hands-on workshop exploring the fascinating world of Artificial Intelligence.

The children discovered how AI works and had the opportunity to create their very own AI bot, designed to help with spelling.

A fun and creative introduction to AI, encouraging our children to think about how technology can be used as a tool to support their learning.

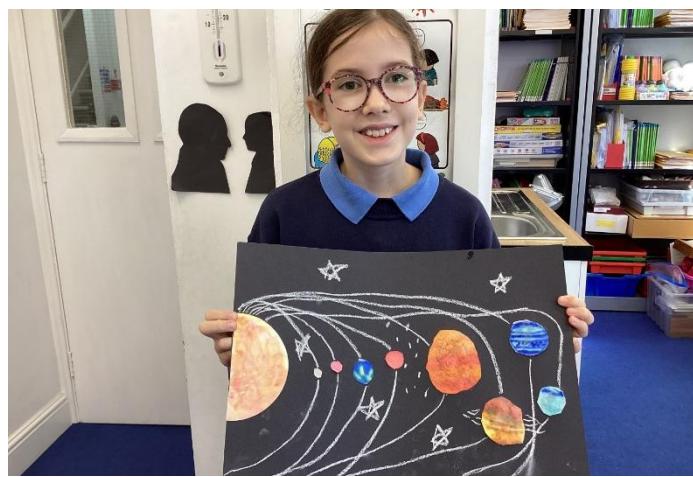
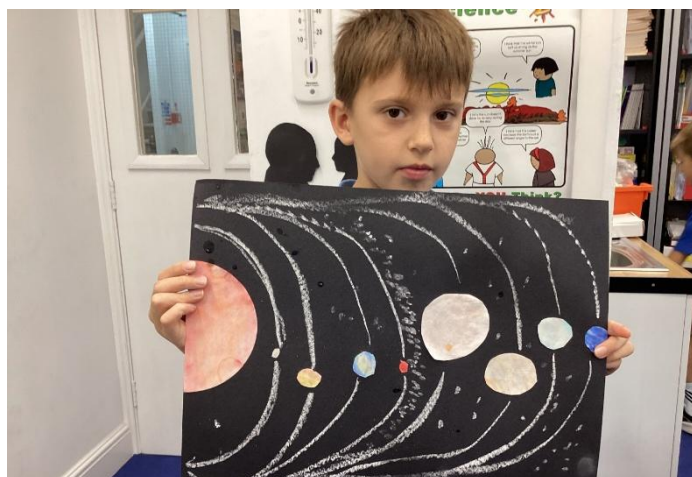


UV's Computing workshop





Violet Class Science - Violet enjoyed using fruit and spices to explore the relative sizes of the eight planets in our Solar System. They learned that the inner planets are rocky, while the outer planets are gas giants, separated by the asteroid belt. Violet then used filter paper, felt-tip pens, and water to create colourful planets and their own Solar System artwork. Well done, Violet!



Riding Club!



Donations for our Charity please

LITTLE VILLAGE DONATION DRIVE

Help to give more children the things they need.



We're hosting a collection of clothing and items for children under 6.

Little Village makes a big difference to families with babies and young children living in poverty across London. Via their network of baby banks they pass on pre-loved goods from one family to another – clothes, toys, and equipment – so that many more children have the essential things they need to thrive.

Please donate

For ages 0–6:

- Clothes & shoes
- Toys and books
- Baby equipment
- Feeding equipment

Please ensure all pre-loved items are in great condition for their new family.



Visit littlevillagehq.org to find out more about their work as a baby bank.



SLEEP TIGHT Appeal



Make a financial
donation here

Help give every child a safe place to sleep

At Little Village, we are seeing more families than ever who cannot afford the essential sleep items their children need.

Nearly **7 in 10 families** do not have a safe or adequate place for their children to sleep. Many are living in temporary or overcrowded accommodation, with children sleeping on sofas, floors or in shared beds.

Families are doing everything they can to give their children the best start in life, but when you're facing poverty and housing insecurity, even providing a safe place for a child to sleep can feel impossible.

That's why we're asking you to support our **Sleep Tight** appeal this September by collecting the sleep essentials that families urgently need. By getting involved, you can help ensure babies and young children have a safe, warm and secure place to sleep.

Together, we can help ensure no child goes without a safe place to sleep.

Get involved by hosting a collection of items

We are particularly in need of high-quality:

- Moses baskets
- Cots and cot bed sheets
- Large blankets
- Baby sleeping bags (0-6 months)
- Sleeping suits (3-6 months)
- Pyjamas up to age 6
- Baby comforters
- Baby books



Get involved by making a financial donation to help us provide safe sleep essentials:

£30

Could help provide a **mattress & bedding** for a child



£60

Could help fund a **newborn** with their first safe place to sleep



£100

Could help provide everything a **child** needs for a good night's sleep



**Baby things,
big impact.**

Scan the QR code above to donate or visit littlevillagehq.org/sleep-tight for more info.

Unicorn Sport week beginning 5 October

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 5 October		
Tues 6 October	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 and water bottles for all. Violet and UV parents to collect their child from school at 15:35.
Wed 7 October	Swimming lessons for BLUE AND INDIGO CLASSES 14:00 – 15:00	
Thurs 8 October	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 All children should have trainers, long navy socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, FULL Unicorn tracksuit, SHIN PADS and water bottle.
Fri 9 October	Swimming lessons for VIOLET (UV will be helping with Open Morning) 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, SHIN PADS and water bottle for all. 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 October

	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, E)	Cheese (D) and Crackers (G)
Mains	Beef Bolognese	Honey roast pork	WORLD FOOD WEDNESDAY Japan	Beef lasagne (D, G)	Salmon and dill Fishcake (G, F)
Vegetarian Option	Mac 'n' cheese with Sauté leeks (M, D, G)	Chickpea tagine with Fruit couscous (G)	Homemade chicken Nuggets (G, S, CE) Sweet chili coated crispy Tofu (S) Basmati rice Coconut sauce Broccoli Savoy cabbage + Salad bar	Roasted vegetable Lasagne (D, G)	Baked aubergine Parmigiana (G, D)
Sides	Spaghetti (G) Sweetcorn Green beans Parmesan cheese (D) + Salad bar	Garlic roast potatoes Curly kale Green beans Gravy + Salad bar		Rosemary and garlic focaccia (G) Cavolo Nero, carrots Parmesan cheese (D) + Salad bar	Parsley new potatoes Hispy cabbage Garden peas Baked beans + Salad bar
Dessert	Bread and butter pudding (G, S, D, E) Custard (D) + fresh fruit	Mixed berries pot + fresh fruit	Selection of jellies + fresh fruit	Fresh fruit pots + 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