

Newsletter



Spring 2, 2025

Welcome to Spring 2's Newsletter!

We've finished the term in style with 'break the rules day' which I know the children thoroughly enjoyed. My thanks to all the staff who embraced our 'role reversal dress-up' and came in school uniform!

As always, I hope you enjoy looking through the content of this half term's newsletter and seeing all the other exciting things that have been happening this term.

From everyone at Unicorn, we hope you have a very good Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 22nd April**. We will be especially excited to see our Y6s in their Leavers' Hoodies which can be worn from the beginning of the new term.

Miss Elvines

Attendance Update

Attendance for the whole school, for this half term up until Thursday 3rd April was 94.69%, which is equal to last half term.

Congratulations to **Year 4** for the highest attendance figure, of 96.17%: **4 Blue** just claimed first place (95.53%) for the school's best attendees above 2 Yellow (with 95.52%).

We have 6 classes who have under 1% **late-ness**. Well done 4Y, RB, 3B, 2Y, 1B and 6Y.

Year 4 are our most **punctual**.

The latest attendance certificates will be sent to certain families at the start of term.

Dates for your Diary

All dates are subject to change

Friday 2 May	1B assembly
Thursday 8 May	Class Photos
Saturday 10 May	FUN Spring Fair
w/c 12 May	Y6 SATS
Thursday 15 May	R Trip to Godstone Farm
Friday 16 May	Y3 Sleepover
Monday 19 May	Y2 Trip
21 & 22 May	R & Y6 Height and Weight Screening
* Friday 23 May	Sports Day *
Thursday 12 June	Music Summer Concert
16 –17 June	Y4 Camp
Friday 27 June	FUN Happy Circus Event
4 –7 July	Y6 Residential
14 (6B) & 15 (6Y) July	Y6 Leavers' Show
Monday 21 July	Exhibition Afternoon

Term Dates

Summer 2025

Tuesday 22nd April—Friday 23rd May

Half term 26th May—2nd June

Tuesday 3rd June—Wednesday 23rd July

Autumn 2025

Monday 1st September—Friday 17th October

Half term 20th—31st October

Monday 3rd November—Friday 19th December

Spring 2026

Tuesday 6th January —Friday 13th February

Half term 16th—20th February

Monday 23rd February—Fri 27th March

Please take any holidays during the school holidays and not during term time.

Staff inset days fall outside of these dates.

School Trip Packed Lunches

As of next term all pupils will be provided with a Harrisons packed lunch when they attend a school trip. A Microsoft Form will be sent with the trip information for you to make your sandwich choice and you are welcome to supplement the packed lunch from home and pack a drink. We hope this alleviates any stress with remembering a lunch.

Staff news

Mrs McNeill went on maternity leave at the end of March and we can are still waiting for baby 3 to arrive! We wish her all the best and look forward to meeting baby soon!

Ms Baron, our new Deputy Head, has settled into life at Unicorn well. She has been getting to know the children and the staff and working on various projects across the school and has even been in class teaching some pupils.

Music lessons

Our **BYMT** music tutors for Drums and Guitar will have space for new students coming up, so do fill in a music form to get your child signed up. Most year groups were treated to a drum session last week, which they enjoyed.

Music talents will be show cased next term in our **Music Summer Concert**, so get practising your favourite pieces to perform. More details next term.

Lost Property

Lost property can be found just inside the first door from the playground. You are welcome to check for any missing items after school, any day.

To help you name items and raise money for FUN you can use the following codes to purchase name tags: MyNameTags - use our school ID number, **59597**—MyNameTags.com, Stikins - use school code **35761**—stikins.co.uk

This term **Year 4** had an intensive week of **swimming** lessons at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre in an attempt to ensure that all primary school leavers are able to swim 25m as part of the DfE requirements. We really missed local West Wickham Pools but both classes enjoyed the lessons and the bus trip. A **BIG thank you** to all the parents who gave up their time to help escort the classes. We really cannot do these essential extras without your support.

Paperless Office

We continue to try to be more environmentally friendly and efficient. You may have noticed an increase in the use of MicroSoft Forms instead of paper forms. We hope this will be easier and quicker for parents to share required information with the school. Please click on the link in emails to answer essential questions about your child for trips, sporting events or other.

When payment is needed, this is still to be made via Arbor.

Thank you for sticking to deadlines and responding in a timely manner to our requests.

Don't forget Miss Elvines' **Spring Garden Competition**: we look forward to seeing all entrants at the Spring Fair.





Unicorn entered two squads into the **Bromley Schools' Gymnastics Competition** in March. Prior to the event, the team had to attend several training sessions with Miss Letchford to prepare for the competition, as there was a lot to learn!

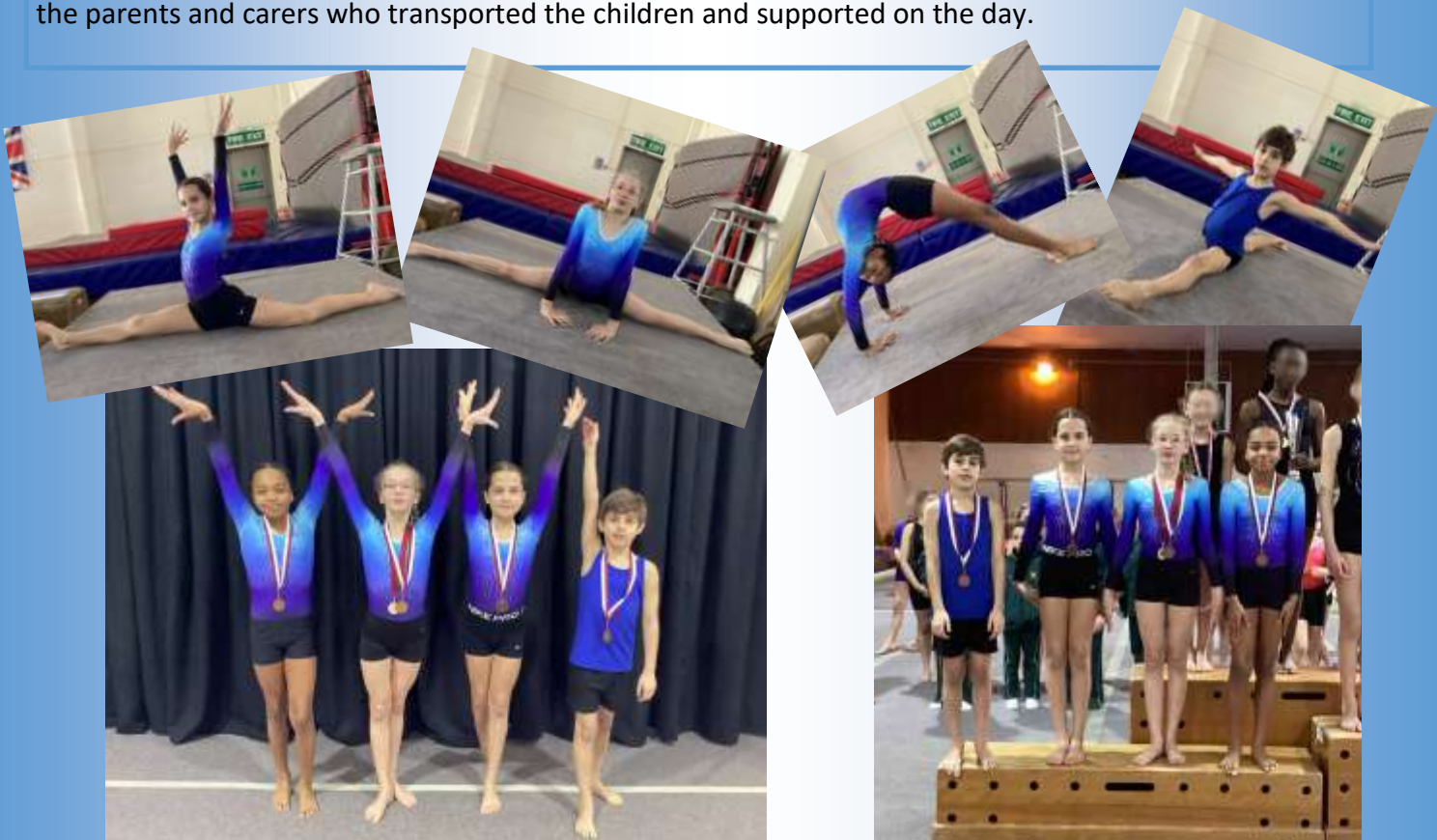
On the day, the morning kicked off with the lower KS2 competition, with the Unicorn squad starting on the vault. Despite the nerves, all four girls executed their vaults superbly. Next, were the body management and floor sequences, and all four performed pristine routines.

Unfortunately, the Year 4 girls did not achieve a podium place, although they very much deserved to!

In the afternoon, it was the upper KS2 gymnasts time to compete. Once again, the squad all performed flawless vaults and routines.

Congratulations to **Gemma**, who won **gold** for the highest individual score in the body management routine. A huge well done to the whole squad, who achieved **3rd place** as a team, out of 15 schools!

Miss Letchford was extremely proud of everyone who took part, the hard work definitely paid off! The children were a credit to Unicorn and their support for one another was lovely to see. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who transported the children and supported on the day.





What an incredible morning we had at the **Year 3 & 4 Cross Country Championships** on a bitterly cold Saturday in March! Twenty-four children represented Unicorn and for many of our runners, this was their first cross country race.

We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and completed the difficult 1.7km course, with many children achieving their own personal goals. Well done for preparing before the race and showing discipline and perseverance throughout. Although it is not just about the number on the card at the end, we have to say a huge well done to **Harriet**, who achieved **11th place**, **Winnie**, who achieved **28th place** and **Jaxton**, who achieved **27th place** in their races. With over 450 runners in each race, we think you'll agree that these are all fantastic achievements.

If a school has five or more participants in a race, they qualify for a team score. We are delighted to announce that the Year 3 boys' team came 10th out of 42 teams and the Year 4 girls' team came 15th out of 40.

Full results are available here <https://www.bpscca.co.uk/>

Thank you to Mrs Moss, Miss Pulling and Miss Elvines for assisting Miss Letchford on the day and to all of the parents and carers for transporting and supporting the children.



This week, some of our younger children followed in their big sibling's footsteps by taking part in the **KS1 Easter Bunny Run** at St Peters and St Pauls Primary School.

Eight children were chosen to represent Unicorn in this fun, 800m run. Miss Lomas and Mrs Moss were impressed by the children's attitude and stamina on the day. Everyone had a great time and Unicorn came away with some fantastic results. A huge well done to everyone who took part and thank you to the parents and carers who transported and supported the children.

Year 1 Boys

Louis M 8th place
Samuel 12th place

Year 2 Boys

William 4th place
Louis B 14th place

Year 1 Girls

Sylvie 7th place
Harriet 8th place

Year 2 Girls

Josie 14th place
Maddie 20th place



Break the Rules Day...



Everyone had fun, including the staff!



Year 2 Forest School

Seesaw making



Pond dipping and Geography field work to find out the speed at the river at different points.



Den building (just in time for the hail to arrive)



Art @ Unicorn



Year 1 have been learning about Henri Matisse, organic and geometric shapes, creating lovely collages "painting with scissors"

Year 2 have been looking Henri Rousseau, they completed research about the artist and learnt how to create different expression, and use water colour paints. Fabulous job Year 2!



Year 3 have been exploring collagraph printing, they researched the life and works of Lois Mailou Jones and William Morris, creating wonderful repeating patterns.



Year 4 have been learning all about Pop Art, and the importance of line. We undertook a monoprint technique and produced amazing pop art self portraits.



Year 5 – Year 5 have completed a major printing project looking at the incredible architect Friedrich Hundertwasser and his crazy buildings. We also made pop up building landscapes and 3D houses!

Year 6 have been completed their one-point perspective work with amazing results. We have moved onto looking at three inspirational modern artists and are producing exceptional 3D sculptures or 3D relief work based on their styles. Our key words are 'Construct – Destruct – Reconstruct'!



World Book Day 2025



Year 6 happily reading with Reception.



Year 2 dressed as their favourite characters—can you guess who?



Year 4 & 2 reading together in the sunshine.



Year 6 World War Two

First we left school to go to Eden Park train station and departed at Clock House. We were first collected by the billeting officers at Beckenham Baptist Church. We were split into a few groups such as Montgomery and Churchill. Half the class did baking and the other did sewing. Half went through there was a fake bombing alarm, so we got under cover and the air raid passed over us. After there was a quiz about history. And finally there was an act which was really funny.

We left the church and went back to Clockhouse train station to get back to school.

We really enjoyed the day! For me (Ted) the best part was the cooking—we made carrot cookies! By Ted and Chandni



Year 1



On Friday 7th March we went on our school trip to **Leeds Castle**. We had a tour of the castle, dressed up as different characters from the story 'The Swan Princess'. We had a fantastic day! We even got to ride the land train to and from the coach!



Learning about the monkeys and how they live and how their life has improved, so grateful for all I've learnt in Dorset.

Everything at Leeson House was amazing! Elodie

Dorset has the best beach! Isla M



I loved the free time, buying the gemstones and the singing. Safi

Loved the crazy monkeys and being like a monkey with my friends. Annabel



All the teachers were fun, kind and helpful! I loved going to Monkey World and learning about Bart and Oshine. Harry

Award winning hash browns for breakfast every morning! Andrew, Alissa, Brody, Seb, Cienna, and probably more!



Thank you for giving up your time to take us to Dorset. I had a great time. I really liked Monkey World. Poppy

Y5 Residential Trip to Dorset

Night orienteering was the best! Molly

My favourite part was telling scary stories before bed and making sculptures of Old Harry Rocks on the beach. Stephanos

I can't pick one highlight—my top 3 were night time games, Monkey world and the last 30 minutes on the coach ride with the radio. Danny



Thank you for a great trip—the workshop was my favourite. Enid

The **Reception** classes have been reading a book called 'Yucky Worms' by Vivian French. We received a letter from an unappreciated worm, asking us to find out all about worms and spread the word that 'worms are wonderful'! We have been busy using information books and using the children's search engine, Kiddle, to find information. We were also lucky to have a visit, once again, from Evie's mum, who works with worms at the Natural History Museum. She told us lots of interesting facts and brought along some worms for us to handle. We used all of that information to write our own class books about worms, just look at some of our amazing writing!



Year 2 puppets

Year 2 have been busy on their DT projects the last few weeks. We have designed and made our own puppets. We joined pieces of fabric together by sewing and we decorated them with different coloured pieces of felt.

