

Newsletter



SUMMER 1, 2024

We've come to the end of another busy half term at Unicorn. A special mention for our Year 6 pupils who completed their Reading, Grammar and Maths SATs last week. After all their hard work they were incredibly focused on their approach to the tests on the day but also very supportive of each other.

At this time of year, with so many evening, overnight and weekend events happening, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff for giving up their time to ensure we are able to offer these special activities that the children get so much out of.

Enjoy reading through all the contributions from the children about what they have been doing.

Miss V Elvines

Events Calendar

Tuesday 6th June	Y6 TfL Workshop
Wed 5th June	Y3 Trip Bignor Roman Villa
Friday 7 th June	3B Assembly
Wednesday 12th June	Y6 MET Police visit
Friday 14 th June	5B Assembly
Monday 17th June	R & Y6 Health Screening
Friday 21 st June	RB Assembly
Friday 21 st June	Y6 Graduoke
Friday 21 st June	FUN Quiz Night
Monday 24th— Tuesday 25th June	Y4 Camp
Thursday 27th June	Y1 Trip Minnis Bay
Friday 28 th June	RY Assembly
Sat 29th June	FUN Summer Fair
Monday 1st July	Sports Day
Friday 5th – Monday 8th July	Y6 Residential
Friday 12 th Jul	Pupil Parliament Assembly

All events are subject to change and cancellation.



Term Dates

Summer 2024

Half term 27th—31st May

Monday 3rd June—Wednesday 24th July

Autumn 2024

Monday 2nd September—Friday 18th October

Half term 21st Oct—1st Nov

Monday 4th November—Friday 20th December

Spring 2025

Monday 6th January—Friday 14th February

Half term 17th—21st February

Monday 24th February—Friday 4th April

Summer 2025

Tuesday 22nd April—Friday 23rd May

Half term 26th May—2nd June

Tuesday 3rd June—Wednesday 23rd July

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

Staff inset days fall outside of these dates.



Well done to all of the children for taking part in the **TCS Mini Marathon**. All pupils were invited to walk, wheel or run **2.6 miles** across a week in April. Not only was it fun, but many pupils also recognised the benefits of running to their physical and mental health.

“My heart is beating so fast, it’s pumping oxygen around my body” **Rome, Reception**

“Running with my friends makes me feel good” **Samuel, Reception**

"When you do the mini, marathon, you get tired but when you're finished, you feel proud of yourself" **Remi, Year 2**



Samuel followed in his dad's footsteps and completed the Mini London Marathon in April. What a fantastic achievement Samuel!

Gemma, Y5, and her partner, represented London at the gymnastics inter regional finals in Southampton this month where they were placed with a silver medal. They did amazingly well and London placed third overall out of all the regions.



RANKING QUALIFICATIONS		
GRADE 3 - MIXED PAIR - COMBINED		
1	HIGGINS Robbie MACBRIDE Phoenix Scotland	25.750
2	MATTHEWS Gemma SMITH James London	25.550 GAP: 0.200
3	FARLEY Liam SOPER Darcey South	25.000 GAP: 0.750
4	DINEEN Alexa LEIGH Caleb North West	24.750 GAP: 1.000
5	KING Emily MEAGER Tay South West	23.650 GAP: 2.100



Ten year 6&5 boys attended Bromley Primary Schools’ Dynamo Cricket tournament this week. The children played fantastically well. Despite the rain we all had a fun time. Well done boys and thank you to Mr Tudor.

The [Online Safety Parents’ Session](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1KpPX_FT40IKfkBK3QupZTqwe11uUlimP) which was offered this half term, can be watched following this link: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1KpPX_FT40IKfkBK3QupZTqwe11uUlimP

We hope you found it informative.



Well done to **Henry** for a successful run in Oliver at the Churchill Theatre this month, playing the role of Dodger.

He is really enjoying the new challenge and he even then went on to audition for the West End version of Oliver; getting right through to the final round.





Leeson House



Avon Heath
Country Park



Monkey World



**Dorset 2024
Year 5 Residential**



Studland Bay



Dorset - an amazing experience

Leesons house was a very nice place to stay! It looked amazing and was so fun to explore. The food was great and it was interesting to learn about all the history.

We went to the beach and spent so much time having lots of fun; we built sand models and looked at pretty seashells. It was really interesting and we even saw real bits of bomb from history. It was great!

We also went to Monkey World which was so fun! All the monkeys were adorable and it was so interesting to learn all about monkeys and Monkey World's fantastic history. It was an amazing day and we really enjoyed it!

Overall, Dorset was such a fun trip and definitely one of the best.

Frida V, 5B

I loved the Monkey World playground because it was so massive and had tonnes of things to do! -Naomi

I liked seeing the orangutans in Monkey World and I loved seeing the baby capuchin. -Lola

I really liked the monkey nets but I didn't enjoy losing my shoe! - Mollie

At Leesons House, I really enjoyed the orienteering and finding the different codes. -Chandni

I loved playing football with my friends at Leesons House. - Oliver

Being able to spend time in our dorms and I really loved the coach too!- Rose

I loved the coach journey as we were able to sit with friends and watch movies- Lyla

I enjoyed spending time with my friends in my dorm- Alba

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I loved Monkey World and having free time at Leesons House to play ping-ping and pool with my friends. - Lucas

Our year got to go on the coolest trip ever!

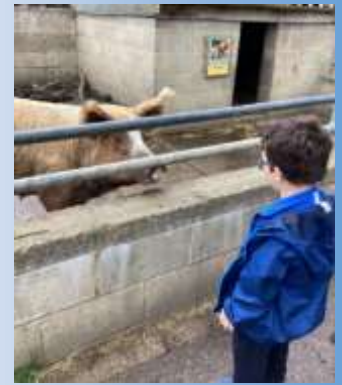
In Dorset we stayed at Leesons House; when we were there, we got to sleep in dorms with our friends and did loads of fun activities too!

On the second day we got to go to Monkey World. We learnt all about the different monkeys, primates and apes. We also got to go to the gift shop.


Third and final day we went to the beach! We saw Old Harry Rocks and got to get a piece of exploded bomb from World War 2.

After all of my trips in this school so far, the best has to be Dorset!


Lottie M, 5B



Reception had a wonderful time on our first school trip to Godstone Farm. We fed donkeys, pigs and ducks and learnt so much about the different animals. A BIG thank you to all of the grown-ups who came with us to help.




Godstone Farm
Discover • Explore • Play



Our first trip to Godstone Farm

We went on the coach to Godstone farm. Then we fed the ducks. Then we had lunch. Then we went to the playground.



By Isabel S



Summer Music Concert



On Thursday 23rd May, we held the Unicorn Summer Music Concert. The Years 3-6 Choir performed along with some very talented musicians across Years 1-6, on drums, guitar, violin, double bass, piano, recorder, flute and vocals. It was a lovely evening celebrating the hard work and talent we have in school. A big thank you to Miss Liston for all of her hard work and thank you to Miss Harris, Miss Brazier, Mrs Moss, Mrs Ruck and Mrs Bull for giving up their time to help with the concert. Well done to everyone who participated! We would also like to thank Yin Nga and her family for donating their piano to the school. The performers enjoyed using it during the concert.



Well done to our pianists who took their grades this term.

Alexander Y—Y6—Grade 1 Merit

Conall S—Y6—Grade 1—Pass

Alexander I—Y6—Grade 2 Pass

Theo R, Y5, also passed his Grade 1 in drums. Well done!

Music lessons available at Unicorn include piano, guitar, saxophone, clarinet and drums.

Details can be found on the unicorn website of how to apply to BYMT. Forms can be returned to the office this term in preparation for September.



We have had a busy half term in the Art Room!



Year 1 have been inspired by Paul Klee - focussing on line and shape creating wonderful sculptural works, printed pieces and amazing chalked artworks on the playground. Lots of fun year 1!



Year 2 have been looking at printing with sponges to create a value of colour. They considered Vincent Van Gogh's use of tint and shades, creating their own vase of flowers - beautiful work Year 2!

Year 3 have been working on creating perspective by using size, position and a horizon line. Introducing a textural element into their work using oil pastels in the style of the works of American Folk artist Horace Pippin. Fantastic work Year 3.

Year 4 explored Pop Art by creating their own Pop Art portraits. They used watercolour techniques of 'wet on wet' and wet on dry' to make their amazing portraits wonderfully individual. They are now focussing on creating perspective by using layering.



Year 5 have been investigating the amazing Friedrich Hunderwasser's buildings and paintings - they have created, amongst other work, the most beautiful relief prints based on self-designed buildings inspired by his work.



Year 6 have excelled themselves by producing pictures based on Impressionist artists using two forms of printing - one mono-print using tin foil and one stencil print using gel-plates - beautiful work year 6.

On Friday the 17th May 2024, **Year Three** had an amazing time at The Unicorn Sleepover! We bounced, we ran and we let our creative juices flow with the t-shirt painting and creature making. Most of us had an hour or two of sleep and learnt the art of stuffing the sleeping bag back in to its bag. The children had a great time with their peers and still found the energy to have an early morning playtime before going home. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the adults who gave up their Friday night/ Saturday morning to make this event a success. We would also like to thank those who have shared such positive feedback from their children, it makes it that much more special.

Many thanks from the Year 3 Team

