

New Year, New Term at Unity School

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The Christmas Tree and Crib Festival was a huge success—see page 1

Arundel C of E Primary School won the trophy for the best decorated tree.

Below: U3A Ukuleles entertain with Christmas songs



Some of the new Grade 3 students enjoying lunch in the open air.



Students from the University of La Rochelle arrive.

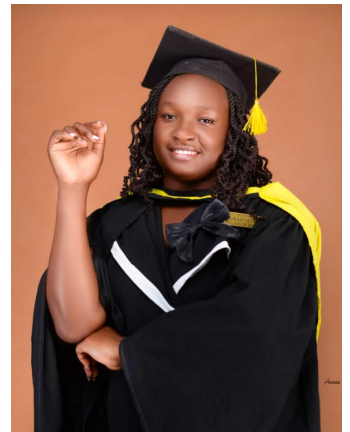
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Our fundraising this year will support the lunchtime feeding programme. Recent increases in the cost of food are causing serious problems for many families.



Success at University for a former student.
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Dates for your diary

Thursday March 13th 7.00pm

Curry Night at Monsoon's Restaurant, Rustington, Buffet style supper. Tickets £25 available from Karyn 07949 460366

5th April 10.00am—1.00pm Sale of Everything at Rustington Methodist Church

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Christmas Fundraising at Littlehampton United Church.

Two weekends in December saw the church full of festivities, The first was our own Christmas Tree and Crib Festival and sale of Christmas Goods. This was followed by two concerts given by the Edwin James Festival Choir.



The Prayer Tree (in front of the Unity display board) eventually had pictures of every member of staff at Unity School. (It also lit up!)

Contributors included three schools: Arundel C of E , Broadwater C of E and River Beach, Edwin James Festival Choir, St Joseph's Convent, Arun Care, Trefoil Guild, U3A (a tree plus their Ukulele group) and Turning Tides.

The Trustees are grateful to The Edwin James Festival Choir who came to lead our Carol Singing on Friday evening by the light of the decorated Christmas Trees. A week later they presented their Winter Wonderland Concert at Littlehampton United Church and donated £500 towards our work in Mombasa.



New School Year at Unity School

2025 saw the latest phase of the restructuring of school age groups. For the first time students, who were Grade 8 in 2024, progressed into Grade 9 (instead of moving onto secondary schools.) Grades 7,8 and 9 form Unity Lower Secondary School.

Right: Mr Robert with Grade 9 students in one the newest classrooms.

Below: Grade 8 students hard at work on their first day back.



Luca with PP2 in one of the older classrooms

From Nina, Juliette and Luca: *"On our side everything is going well. We joined the school this Monday and we are already in love with it. The teachers are adorable, the students are always smiling and despite a certain lack of material, they are invested and they learn really quickly!"*

Students from France, Nina, Juliette and Luca joined on Monday 13th. Leane and Louna are expected next week.

These five students are part of a larger group of 25 students from La Rochelle who are working in various schools around Mombasa.

Below: Grade 3 students look pleased to be back in school after their Summer break.

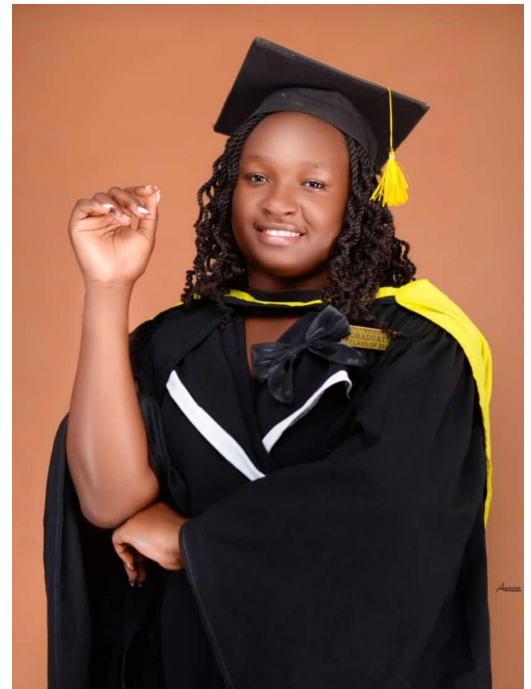


More University success

Damaris Adhiambo graduated on 19th of Dec 2024 from Moi University in Eldoret. Damaris achieved second class honours as a Bachelor of Education in Maths and Physics.

Damaris was an orphan who was taken in by her aunt, but her aunt lived in a single room with her own children. Consequently Unity School took her into the orphanage. She was the best student in her year when taking the Kenyan Certificate of Primary Education.

Damaris was sponsored into Secondary School, where she continued to excel. This gave her an opportunity to take a place at Moi University. Damaris is grateful to the charity for helping her. We all wish her well in whatever she chooses to do next.



Food, Glorious Food!

Students learn best when they are well nourished and healthy. These are the reasons why we put so much effort into maintaining the feeding and medical programmes.

Since the covid pandemic the cost of food has risen enormously; at the same time parental income has shrunk. The Feeding programme is more important than ever, which is why we will be focusing our fundraising, this year, to maintain this project.

Left: Grade 1 line up ready to collect their lunch.

Right: Grade 9 also waiting for lunch.



Fundraising Events:

13th March—Curry Night

21st February and 28th March 9.00am—3.00pm Charity Market, Littlehampton

5th April—Sale of Everything, Rustington Methodist Church 10.00am—1.00pm

19th July—Broadwater Carnival.

26th and 27th July Worthing Lions Sea Front Fair.—to be confirmed.

If you can help at any of our events, please phone Karyn 07949 460366

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