



Martin News

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The newsletter for the Martin School community

Attendance Awards

Winners of this week's class awards:

Year 1 & Year 2: 2CF with 99.0%
Year 3 & Year 4: 3LR with 99.1%
Year 5 & Year 6: 6WW with 99.2%

Thought for the month

What is the difference between right and wrong?



This morning, the first parent/carer forum took place and it was great to see so many class representatives in attendance. We discussed a range of issues which I will summarise in next week's newsletter. Thank you so much to those who attended—it was a very positive and constructive session.

Please remember that the children are not allowed to use the Jungle Gym, the outdoor gym or any other playground apparatus before or after school. This equipment can be used only when there is appropriate supervision by school staff and this is not available at those times. Thank you for your support.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Ziz Chater

Appointments

Please remember that non-urgent medical appointments with, for example, opticians and dentists, should be arranged at times outside school hours. If this is not possible, please inform the office by email at the earliest possible opportunity and attach the relevant text confirmation of the appointment from the NHS or similar. Please also remember that your child **must** be signed out at the office and signed in again when you return them.

Thank you for your co-operation

This week's winners

★ Gold Stars ★

1BT - Kento 4CP - Jaiden
1CM - Daniel 4SK - Kayla
1LK - Emilia 4TH - Anni
2CF - Jack 5AE - Alice
2EB - Arham 5GB - Louis
2OD - Thea 5SR - Daniel
3LR - Zeyneb 6BG - Thomas
3JL - Lilou 6LC - Selina
3RT - India 6WW - Shareefa

Rights Respecting



1BT - Olivia 4CP - Ricky
1CM - Aidan 4SK - Jasper
1LK - Dhanvi 4TH - Amelia
2CF - Noor 5AE - Hiba
2EB - Joel 5GB - Aryah
2OD - Jordan 5SR - Ankush
3LR - Mia 6BG - Elvi
3JL - Arwa 6LC - Massi
3RT - Lia 6WW - Husam

Reader of the week



1LK - Emin 4TH - Ruby
2CF - Melisa 5AE - Deniz
2EB - Luca 5GB - Uday
2OD - Joel 5SR - Milo
3LR - Juno 6BG - Luis
3JL - Nina 6LC - Ella
3RT - Andrew 6WW - Isabella
4CP - Camilla
4SK - Abdul



Secret Superstar awards

Enzo in 1LK, Lois in 3JL and

Melek in 6BG

More About Martin Meetings

Join us from 9am in the portakabin

Friday 6th February -
How to access support for your
child & the role of our Learning
Mentors

Meet our amazing Learning Mentors and find out about the fantastic work they do to support children in school. We will also look at the places/ people children can go to for help and support in school.



Future meetings coming up -

Google Classroom/ Arbor - information about accessing both Google classroom and the Arbor app at home

Test anxiety - find out about strategies to support your child at home if they are feeling anxious about exams or school work.

Maths - find out about our maths curriculum at Martin Primary School

Eco-Council - hear from our wonderful Eco council about the work they do in school and the local environment

More About Martin Meetings take place every other Friday morning and cover a wide range of topics such as school information, strategies to support your children at home, children sharing their experiences and curriculum information. They take place at 9am on the given dates and are held in the portacabin on the field (unless stated otherwise). **Miss Glackin**

Music News

Our choirs started back this week. Please remember that there you do not need to sign your child up for the choir; all children from Year 3 upwards can come along.

Year 5&6 Choir

Choir practices take place at 8.20am every Wednesday in the Dining Hall.

Year 3&4 Choir

Choir practices take place at 8.20am every Thursday in the Music Room.

If anyone speaks fluent Korean, please contact me via the school office as I would appreciate help with a song. Thank you!

Mrs Brais



Winter Wear Wednesday—next week!

We are collecting good quality hats, scarves and gloves suitable to be worn by either children or adults to support the Asylum Seeker drop-in. Please bring your outer winter wear donations to school on **Wednesday 21st January**. Thank you for your support.

Winter Wear Wednesday

We will be collecting good quality hats, scarves and gloves for all ages for the Asylum Seeker drop-in



Please bring items in on
Wednesday 21st January and
put in the boxes at the top and
bottom gates

East Finchley Library Information

Tote Bag Workshop



Join us at East Finchley for a Tote Bag Workshop hosted by Lyla Quinn-Harris. Children will design and decorate their own tote bags inspired by the theme Light and Flight. Using fabric pens and embellishments, they'll create colourful designs featuring butterflies, birds, stars, and skies. Each child will leave with a unique, personalised bag to take home.

Suitable for ages 6-11 years old

This is a free event. Please scan QR code to book your place:



East Finchley Library
Saturday 14 February
10-11am



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SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 to
Friday 27th March 2026

Half term

Monday 16th February to
Friday 20th February 2026
school closed Monday 5th January
(staff training)

SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 to
Monday 20th July 2026

Half term

Monday 25th May to
Friday 29th May 2026
school closed Monday 1st June, Monday 20th
July (staff training) & Monday 4th May
(bank holiday)

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Tuesday 1st September 2026 to
Friday 18th December 2026

Half term

Monday 26th October to
Friday 30th October 2026
school closed Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd
September
(staff training)

Dates for your diary



Wednesday 21st January
Thursday 22nd January
Friday 23rd January

w/c 26th January
Thursday 29th January
Friday 30th January
Monday 2nd February
Thursday 5th February

Friday 6th February

Monday 9th February
Thursday 12th February
Friday 13th February

Winter Wear Wednesday

4SK Class Assembly @ 9am

More about Martin Meeting @ 9am—how to access support for
your child & the role of the Learning Mentors
ILP meetings for relevant parents/carers

4TH Class Assembly @ 9am

Reception parent/carer reading workshop @ 9am

4TH visit to the British Museum

4CP Class Assembly @ 9am

4SK visit to the British Museum

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your child & the role of the Learning Mentors

4CP visit to the British Museum

6BG visit to the Ragged School Museum

6WW visit to the Ragged School Museum

6LC visit to the Ragged School Museum

Year 1 parent/carers reading workshop @ 9am

16th February to 20th February inclusive: school closed for half term holiday

Wednesday 25th February
Friday 27th February
Tuesday 3rd March &
Thursday 5th March
Wednesday 4th March
Thursday 5th March

Tuesday 10th March
Wednesday 11th March
Friday 13th March
Tuesday 24th March
Wednesday 25th March

5SR Forest School starts

More about Martin Meeting @ 9am—Maths
Parent/teacher consultations 4pm—7pm

5AE Class Assembly @ 9am

World Book Day

Online safety talk with Nova Eden (on Teams@ 7.30pm)

Barnet Dance Festival

5SR Class Assembly @ 9am

Yr 6 SATs Meeting for parents/carers @ 9am & 1pm on Teams

Spring Concert @ 6.30pm

5GB Class Assembly @ 9am

Friday 27th March

End of Spring Term @ 2pm

Additional dates can be found on our website at: <https://www.martinprimary.org.uk/diary/>

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