



Martin News

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The newsletter for the Martin School community

Attendance Awards

Winners of this week's class awards:

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| Year 1 & Year 2: | 2EB with 99.5% |
| Year 3 & Year 4: | 3JL with 97.6% |
| Year 5 & Year 6: | 6LC with 98.3% |

Thought for the month

What is the difference between right and wrong?



On Thursday, it was the children in 4TH's turn to perform their class assembly and they told us about their learning in almost every subject in the curriculum! They spoke, sang and acted with such confidence and it was a very enjoyable show—well done 4TH!

On 27th January, Holocaust Memorial Day remembered the six million Jewish people and the many others who died during the Second World War. If you wish to discuss this with your child there are some useful resources on the BBC Bitesize website at: www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zdngf82.

We have a number of class trips coming up this term and I thought it would be useful to remind parents and carers about expectations for those who are kind enough to help on the visits. The Parent/Carer Agreement is attached to this newsletter; please remember that it clearly states that parents/carers must not take photographs or videos on trips.

Finally, I am pleased to let you know that we will be launching a new version of our website on Monday. It can still be found at the same address—martinprimary.org.uk but you might need to refresh your browser in order to access the new content. Have a lovely weekend. **Ziz Chater**

World Book Day

Save the date!
6th March

We have lots of special events planned for World Book day including a reading breakfast for parents and carers.

See [page 2](#) for more details.....



This week's winners

★ Gold Stars ★

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| 1BT - Eesa | 4CP - Saul |
| 1CM - Amber | 4SK - whole class |
| 1LK - Theo | 4TH - Kimora |
| 2CF - Mollie | 5AE - Eden |
| 2EB - Liam F | 5GB - Evan |
| 2OD - Imogen | 5SR - Ankush |
| 3LR - Aaloka | 6BG - Sorcha |
| 3JL - Niharika | 6LC - Chloe |
| 3RT - Mehran | 6WW - Marveh |

Rights Respecting



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|--------------|------------------|
| 1BT - Alex | 4CP - Gabriel |
| 1CM - Meghna | 4SK - Leo |
| 1LK - Troy | 4TH - Elaisa |
| 2CF - Noor | 5AE - Lilianrose |
| 2EB - Doga | 5GB - Marielle |
| 2OD - Noah K | 5SR - Sai |
| 3LR - Diego | 6BG - Elvi |
| 3JL - Shahan | 6LC - Romi |
| 3RT - Elif | 6WW - Aarush |

Reader of the week



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| 1BT - Siyana | 4SK - Lila |
| 1LK - Camilla | 4TH - Veer |
| 2CF - Nora | 5AE - Mason |
| 2EB - Akram | 5GB - Miguel |
| 2OD - Lucas | 5SR - Laila |
| 3LR - Yonas | 6BG - Rotem |
| 3JL - Zayn | 6LC - Ivy |
| 3RT - Peggy | 6WW - Sophie |
| 4CP - Bella | |



Secret Superstar awards

Emilia in 2EB, Mohamed in 4CP
and Sherry in 5SR

'Go All In' for World Book Day 5th March 2026 - in the National Year of Reading 2026

We are very excited to let you know about the special events we have planned for World Book Day this year especially as it is the National Year of Reading.

Parents and carers please join us for 'Breakfast and a Book' on Thursday 5th March from 8.50-9.30am

Share breakfast with your child and their friends before sharing the magic of reading... more details to follow.



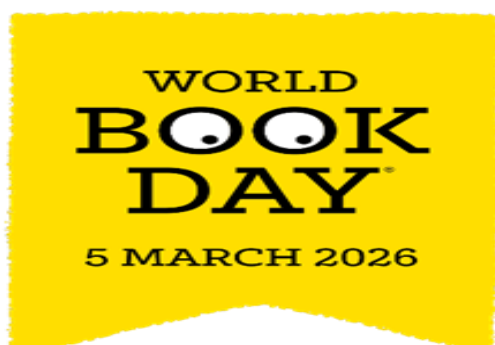
Costume catwalk

Children can dress up as a favourite character from a story book or favourite fact from a non-fiction book.



Book share with your class

Please bring in a book for your class that you would love to share with them for World Book Day. Children can bring in their book in to class the week of World Book Day from Monday 2nd March



Postcards from India

Last year, during International Day, Year 6 wrote postcards to the children in Tryamboli School in India. This week, they were delivered to the school in person by Jane Conway, a past parent and governor of our school who has supported Traymboli for many years.

As you may remember, we have had a link with Tryamboli School since 2017 and in this time, we have raised money for phonics resources, created a large wall hanging which is displayed in the school, created a sign for their library and carried out various activities both at our school and in Tryamboli. It is lovely to see how the postcards, made in our school classrooms in East Finchley, have travelled all the way to the classrooms in India!

Miss Glackin



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

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 18h 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



Monday 2nd February
Thursday 5th February

Friday 6th February

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

4TH visit to the British Museum

4CP Class Assembly @ 9am

4SK visit to the British Museum

More about Martin Meeting @ 9am—how to access support for
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

Monday 9th March
Tuesday 10th March

Wednesday 11th March
Thursday 12th March

Friday 13th March

Monday 16th 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)

2CF Trip to Alexandra Palace

2EB Trip to Alexandra Palace

Barnet Dance Festival

5SR Class Assembly @ 9am

2OD Trip to Alexandra Palace

4SK Trip to the Golden Hinde

4CP Trip to the Golden Hinde

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

4TH Trip to the Golden Hinde

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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