



# 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 99.1%
Year 3 & Year 4:	3LR with 97.1%
Year 5 & Year 6:	5GB with 98.0%

## Thought for the month

Would you rather have wings or fins?



This week, 4CP told us all about their learning so far this year in their class assembly and performed with great confidence and enjoyment. Well done 4CP!

As you know, one of the actions from the recent Parent/Carer forum was to arrange dates for future meetings targeted at specific phases. We have now arranged the dates as follows:

**9am Friday 27th February**—parents/carers of children in Years 5 & 6

**9am Friday 1st May**—parents/carers of children in Years 3 & 4

**9am Friday 5th June**—parents/carers of children in Years 1 & 2

**9am Friday 19th June**—parents/carers of children in Nursery and Reception

We are very keen to receive your feedback and hope that as many of you can attend as possible.

Have a lovely weekend. **Ziz Chater**

## Language of the month

February's language of the month is **Chinese**



## This week's winners

### ★ Gold Stars ★

1BT - Yaniss	4CP - Ricky
1CM - Lorenzo	4SK - Ailsa
1LK - Rowyn	4TH - whole class
2CF - Mohammed	5AE - Emma
2EB - Dorsa	5GB - Annie
2OD - Sammi	5SR - whole class
3LR - Leo	6BG - Gemma
3JL - Ethan	6LC - Kyra
3RT - Zara	6WW - Daya

### Rights Respecting



1BT - Pfeiffer	4CP - Edie
1CM - Juniper	4SK - Matar
1LK - Joanie	4TH - Raphael
2CF - Polina	5AE - Mason
2EB - Emilia	5GB - Alice
2OD - Ori	5SR - Imala
3LR - Sara	6BG - Elvi
3JL - Lily	6LC - George
3RT - Zara	6WW - Leo

### Reader of the week



1BT - Emi	4SK - Yusuf
1LK - Marty	4TH - Eliza
2CF - Amelia & Sebby	5AE - Flora
2EB - Lina	5GB - Louis
2OD - Kaiya	5SR - Hector
3LR - Adonis	6BG - Agatha & James
3JL - Sylvie	6LC - Inigo
3RT - Celia	6WW - Sophie
4CP - Muhammad	



## Secret Superstar awards

Aaron in 2CF, Tania in 3RT  
and Ibrahim 6WW

# Reading News

## reading support & reading for pleasure

As part of the **National Year of Reading** this year we would like to share with you the different activities in school that support reading and our Reading for Pleasure culture.

- Phonics for early readers
- Teaching a range of reading strategies
- Guided reading using a range of quality texts
- Daily independent reading
- Focused reading activities linked to literacy skills
- Reading across the curriculum
- Class stories
- Library time in our newly-stocked school library
- Visiting authors/poets/storytellers
- Reader of the Week celebrated
- Drama and oracy lessons
- Reading scrapbooks where children share their favourite book
- 15 Minute Reading Programme for emerging readers
- Weekly Volunteer Reading Sessions for older children



### Volunteer Reading Sessions

Our amazing Reading Volunteers read once a week with three or four children from years 3-6, in 1-1 sessions, to help develop a love of reading and boost comprehension and fluency skills. They are given training and continued support. Children and adults alike enjoy this special guided reading time and teachers report improved confidence in class as well as an improvement in reading progress.



**The 15 Minutes Reading Programme** is a reading and spelling programme that supports emerging readers in years 1 and 2, where it's most needed. The programme uses Teaching Assistants and volunteers who are all trained and supported throughout. They work with individual children for about 20-25 minutes (it's only 15 minutes at the start of the programme when the books are shorter!), two or three times a week.



It works because it's systematic and carefully structured, with small steps between each stage and a continuous revision of learning. Children really enjoy it, progress well and develop a newfound confidence as well as developing vital reading skills. **If you would like to volunteer for this please email Cathy Neale via the office email.**

**Next week** - tips to support reading at home just in time for half term.

**The English Team**



# Sports News

## Football

### Pokemon Tournament

Last week the girls football team went to the Pokemon Tournament and represented Barnet. There were 7 teams in total. All the teams were made up of the best girls in London, we were one of them.

As we progressed we got better and better. We came 5th out of seven teams. We won 2 games out of seven (the 7th was an extra game for fun). Our first game was quite fun, although as we arrived the pressure built up inside us. Over all we had loads of fun! By Ivy Y6



### Quarter final cup match vs Osidge

On the 28th of January, the Martin girls football team went to Osidge Primary School to play Team Osidge.

It was a tough game on a muddy field but we managed to win 3-1 and progress to the semi-finals. The team scored 3 goals, Mala who scored two amazing shots and got us the lead and Hannah finished it off.

By Emma and Sophie Y6

## Netball

### Match vs Holy Trinity

On Thursday the 22nd of January 2026 Martin Primary's netball team were lucky enough to win a netball match against Holy Trinity. The score was 9-1 to us. The players included Alex, Elvi, Cindy, Samuel, Massi, Assya, Gus and Sophie who are all brilliant netball players!

We all are very grateful for the spectators that came to support us and cheer us on. All the players are also thankful to have such a fantastic coach, Somayeh.

By Alex and Elvi Y6



## 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



Monday 9th February  
Tuesday 10th February  
Thursday 12th February  
Friday 13th February

**6BG** visit to the Ragged School Museum  
Safer Internet Day  
**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

**5SR** Forest School starts  
**Year 5/6** Parent/Carer Forum @ 9am  
Parent/teacher consultations 4pm—7pm

Monday 9th March  
Tuesday 10th March

**5AE** Class Assembly @ 9am  
**World Book Day**  
**Online safety talk with Nova Eden (on Teams@ 7.30pm)**

Wednesday 11th March  
Thursday 12th March

**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

Friday 13th March

Monday 16th March  
Tuesday 24th March  
Wednesday 25th March  
Thursday 26th March

**4TH** Trip to the Golden Hinde  
Spring Concert @ 6.30pm  
**5GB** Class Assembly @ 9am  
**4CP & 4SK** Clarinet & Trumpet Assembly for parents & carers  
@ 9.05

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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