



Martin News

The newsletter for the Martin School community

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Attendance Awards

Winners of this week's class awards:

Year 1 & Year 2:	1BT with 97.5%
Year 3 & Year 4:	3LR with 98.6%
Year 5 & Year 6:	5GB with 97.3%

Thought for the month

Would you rather have wings or fins?



I hope you all had a lovely half term break. It has been great to return to warmer weather and to enjoy some sunshine!

As you will have seen from recent communications, parent/carer consultations are taking place next week so please make sure that you have booked an appointment with your child's teacher. If you are having any difficulties making an appointment, please contact the school office.

World Book Day is next Thursday and the English team have planned lots of exciting activities to celebrate our love of reading (see page 2). We are particularly looking forward to seeing the children's amazing costumes!

Finally, please remember that we have arranged another opportunity for you to listen to Nova Eden's presentation about Parenting in the Digital World. This will take place **remotely** over Teams at 7.30pm on Thursday 5th March. The link is <https://teams.microsoft.com/join/33853256385068?p=trklpNspTootqLaV6>. Nova's talk includes very useful information for all parents and carers so please do attend if you can. **Ziz Chater**

Happy Chinese New Year to all our families celebrating at this time



This week's winners

★ Gold Stars ★

1BT - Hamza	4CP - Camilla
1CM - Darcie	4SK - Parsa
1LK - Camilla	4TH - Eliza
2CF - Kiera	5AE - Alexandra
2EB - Akram	5GB - Noah
2OD - Liam	5SR - Aliza
3LR - Cleo	6BG - Eva
3JL - Iris	6LC - Casra
3RT - Scarlet	6WW - Sophie

Rights Respecting



1BT - Siyana	4CP - Simon
1CM - Angelo	4SK - Grace
1LK - Elio	4TH - Xiu Ping
2CF - Polina	5AE - Alisha
2EB - Luca	5GB - Nondas
2OD - Viktoriia	5SR - Mohamed
3LR - Isabella	6BG - Rahim
3JL - Nina	6LC - Mala
3RT - Amira	6WW - Poppy

Reader of the week



1BT - Elodie	4CP - Adar
1CM - Leila	4TH - Elise
1LK - Troy	6BG - Fatima
2CF - Adam	6LC - Stelios
2EB - Lois	6WW - Carla
2OD - Noah K	
3LR - Mia	
3JL - Martina	
3RT - Elif	



Secret Superstar awards

Noah K in 2OD, Almira in 3LR
and Zara in 6LC



'Go All In' for World Book Day

5th March 2026

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
5 MARCH 2026

Parents and carers share a book in class

Please join us on World Book Day **Thursday 5th March from 9 - 9.30am** to share the magic of reading with your child and their friends in class



Bring a book into class

Children are invited to bring in a book that they would love to share with their class for World Book Day. Children can bring their book in to class from Monday 2nd March.

Costume catwalk

Don't forget children can dress up as a favourite character from a story book or favourite fact from a non-fiction book for our Costume Catwalk. We're looking forward to seeing all their wonderful costumes!



The English Team

Awesome Author visit

Before the half term break, the children in Year 3 had an inspiring visit from author and illustrator duo Jon Lock & Nich Angell. The children explored Greek myths through the fun graphic novel *Tiny Hercules*, took part in a draw-along and got plenty of tips for aspiring comic creators.

Cathy Neale



"I liked it because they were super funny. It (the graphic novel) looked super animated. I learnt about Greek history and how to draw a strong cartoon character."

Haroon, Year 3

You can buy the book from the local Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop

<https://www.childrensbookshoplondon.com/product-page/tiny-hercules>



Cross Country Competition

On a very wet and muddy Thursday before half term, our Cross Country team took part in race 2 of the borough's running events held at Oak Hill Park.

The conditions were extremely wet and hard going for all the runners over the 1500m course. All our runners completed the course and were very proud of themselves. The atmosphere with all the spectators around the course makes it another exciting event in the BPSS calendar.

A BIG WELL DONE TO : our running team

Andrew, Ailsa, Phoebe, Amiyah-Rose, Therapon, Robin, Manel, Sherry, Marielle, Aryah, Milo, Kaito, Casra, Samuel, Luis, Kota, Alex, Lilja

Samuel 3rd place: Year 6 Boys Race
Kota 1st place: Participation race
Luis 2nd place: Participation Race

Great running in muddy puddles!

Miss Adams



Community News

Holiday Activities for Children Eligible for Benefits-Related Free School Meals – PLUS Positive Activities for ALL Barnet Children

Barnet's **BACE Holidays (HAF)** programme offers free holiday activities and healthy meals for children and young people who are eligible for **benefit-related Free School Meals** every Spring, Summer and Winter Holidays. Look out for your e-voucher code if eligible: <https://barnetyouth.uk/baceholidays>



In addition, Barnet's **Positive Activities** programme provides low cost and free sessions, in term times and holidays, for any child or young person who lives in Barnet or attends a Barnet school, regardless of eligibility. Activities include sports, arts, youth clubs, music, outdoor adventures and more.



Explore all activities here: <https://barnetyouth.uk/Positive-Activities>

A vibrant, colorful poster for Barnet Youth Spring 2026. The background is a mix of bright pink, orange, and yellow with abstract brushstrokes and patterns. In the center, there are silhouettes of a person performing a high kick in martial arts and a person boxing. In the bottom left, there is a silhouette of a person operating a professional video camera. The text 'Barnet Youth' is written in large white letters at the top, with 'Spring 2026' below it. On the right side, there are four main activity categories listed in white text: 'Free Spring Camps and Activities' (with subtext 'Fun, Food & Friendship!'), 'Boxing, Martial Arts, Video and Media Workshops', 'Family Spring Fest' (with subtext 'Activities, Food, Entertainment & Stalls'), and 'Volunteering' (with subtext 'Become a Parent Volunteer & sign up today'). A QR code is located in the bottom left corner, and the website 'barnetyouth.uk' is written below it. At the bottom of the poster, there is a light blue banner with the text 'Caring for people, our places and the planet' and 'BACE Holidays: Fully funded by the Department for Education'.



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



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 17th March
Wednesday 18th March
Tuesday 24th March
Wednesday 25th March
Thursday 26th March

Friday 27th March

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

3JL Trip to the British Museum

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

3LR Trip to the British Museum

3RT Trip to the British Museum

Spring Concert @ 6.30pm

5GB Class Assembly @ 9am

4CP & 4SK Clarinet & Trumpet Assembly for parents & carers
@ 9.05

Parent & Carer Maths Calculation Workshop @ 7.30pm

End of Spring Term @ 2pm

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

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